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Kippa-Ring's Chameleon Regional Community Housing benefits from \$100,000 in Grants

The Governor of Queensland, Her Excellency, Ms Penelope Wensley AO in her capacity as Patron of the Lady Bowen Trust, today presented \$100,000 to seven organisations to assist Queenslanders who have experienced homelessness to make their life-changing move into secure accommodation and a more stable future.

Chameleon Regional Community Housing was one of the seven organisations to receive a grant at today's event. The organisation has received \$5,000 to put toward its Living Skills Program.

Chameleon Regional Community Housing provides crisis accommodation for homeless youths (aged 16 to 17 years) and accommodation to young homeless parents (aged 18 to 25 years with small children). The Living Skills program assists young families who are getting back on their feet by providing them with a 'care package' for their new home.

Carmel Riethmuller from Chameleon Regional Community Housing said she is excited the Lady Bowen Trust has recognised the work her and her team do for young Queenslanders in need.

"We're thrilled to receive this grant. It is a wonderful boost for our morale," Ms Riethmuller said.

"The grant money will go towards purchasing goods for our care packages for young families – toasters, pots and pans, cutlery sets, brooms, vacuum cleaners, mops and buckets – all the things you need when trying to establish yourself in a new home."

Darryl Secombe, Chair of the Board of Advice of the Lady Bowen Trust said he felt privileged to be able to support worthwhile charities, such as Chameleon Regional Community Housing, through his role.

"The Lady Bowen Trust partners with charities assisting Queenslanders experiencing homelessness," Mr Secombe said.

"We pride ourselves on helping these organisations provide practical support to Queenslanders in need, and help them transition to more stable housing arrangements.

"The grants announced today mean the Trust has now provided over \$280,000 since it was established in late 2006 to assist people experiencing homelessness throughout Queensland."



The Lady Bowen Trust was established to provide funds to service providers that are flexible and practical. Prior to the Trust being established, it was recognised that the factors contributing to homelessness were complex and varied, and people needed support that was tailored to their specific needs. The Lady Bowen Trust assists organisations to meet those varied needs, by providing funding for programs that complement the already crucial work they perform within the community.

Mr Secombe said the Trust has recognised the great work Chameleon Regional Community Housing does within the community and is proud to support the organisation.

“We are delighted to provide this support to Chameleon Regional Community Housing and its Living Skills Program,” Mr Secombe said.

“The Living Skills Program is an innovative approach to assisting youths in need, and we hope the grant will enable Chameleon Regional Community Housing to continue the great work it does.”

Other organisations to benefit from the Lady Bowen Trust’s 2010 grants include the 139 Club Inc, Mission Australia’s Roma House, Children of the Dreaming – Allawah, Families Plus – Lifeline Community Care, Red Cross and Brisbane Youth Service.

The Trust was launched in November 2006 by the Queensland Government, with funding provided by the former Queensland Department of Housing and the Residential Tenancies Authority, and is managed by the Public Trustee of Queensland.

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