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Chermside's Lifeline Community Care benefits from \$100,000 Grant Program

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.

Lifeline Community Care was one of the seven organisations to receive a grant at today's event. The organisation has received \$15,000 to put towards its Families Plus program.

Lifeline Community Care provides services to improve the lives of individuals and families by offering numerous services such as 24-hour crisis counselling, community disaster recovery, youth and children services, family support programs, financial first aid and disability services.

The Families Plus program is a recently established division of Lifeline Community Care and exists to provide families with the additional care and support required during tough times. Services offered by the program include women and children's refuge, intensive support services, out of home care and supported accommodation.

Libby Magnus from Lifeline Community Care is excited the Lady Bowen Trust has recognised the work she and her team do for Queensland families in need.

"We're thrilled to receive this grant. The funds the Lady Bowen Trust is providing have been a real boost to our Families Plus program," Ms Magnus said.

"With this grant money, we will be able to help and support our clients in taking that final step towards independent housing."

Darryl Seccombe, Chair of the Board of Advice of the Lady Bowen Trust said he felt privileged to be able to support worthwhile charities, such as Lifeline Community Care, through his role.

"The Lady Bowen Trust partners with charities assisting Queenslanders experiencing homelessness," Mr Seccombe 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 homeless were complex and varied, and people needed support that was tailored to their specific needs. The Lady Bowen Trust assists organisations to meet those

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varied needs, by providing funding for programs that complement the already crucial work they perform within the community.

Mr Seccombe said the Trust has recognised the great work Lifeline Community Care does within the community and is proud to support the organisation.

“We are delighted to provide this support to Lifeline Community Care and its Families Plus program,” Mr Seccombe said.

“The program is an important service for those in our community who are either at risk of becoming or already homeless, and we hope the grant will enable Lifeline Community Care to continue the great work it does.”

Other organisations to benefit from the Lady Bowen Trust’s 2010 grants include Mission Australia’s Roma House, Chameleon Regional Community Housing, Children of the Dreaming – Allawah, the 139 Club, 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.

For further information on the Lady Bowen Trust, please visit www.ladybowentrust.org.au or contact the Secretariat to the Lady Bowen Trust on 1800 081 698.

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