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Fortitude Valley's Brisbane Youth Service 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.

Brisbane Youth Service's Turn a Life program was one of the seven organisations to receive a grant at today's event. The organisation provides a range of services for homeless and disadvantaged youths aged between 12 and 25 years.

The Turn a Life Program, which provides a one-off payment to clients to enable them to purchase something which will enrich their lives and help them make a fresh start, has been awarded \$15,000 from the Lady Bowen Trust.

Richard Langford from Brisbane Youth Service said he is excited the Lady Bowen Trust has recognised the work he and his team do for young Queenslanders in need.

"We're thrilled to receive this grant. It is a wonderful boost for our morale and our Turn a Life program," Mr Langford said.

"The grant money will go towards helping our clients make significant, positive changes and decisions that will help turn their lives around."

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 Brisbane Youth Service, 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 that 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 Seccombe said the Trust has recognised the great work Brisbane Youth Service does within the community and is proud to support the organisation.

“We are delighted to provide this support to Brisbane Youth Service and its Turn a Life program,” Mr Seccombe said.

“The Turn a Life program is an innovative approach to assisting youths in need, and we hope the grant will enable Brisbane Youth Services to help many more young Queenslanders in the future.”

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

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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