

WINTER 2008

National Volunteer Week 12-18 May 2008

All the staff at United Way WA, on behalf of all our Community Partners, thank all our volunteers who have given their time to us over the years. It is people like you who enable us, and all the other charitable organisations you support, to do the valuable work we do in our community.

First Class Constable Sarah Matthews, Subiaco PCYC Centre Manager, says "Subiaco PCYC would like to extend a special thank you this year to United Way and its 'Community Care Program'. This has provided us with so many dedicated volunteers contributing to the success of our specialised program, Sportslink. This unique initiative aims to improve the quality of life of children with disabilities through Sport, developing their skills and confidence. We are very fortunate to have these regular, committed volunteers who assist with these distinctive and rewarding classes"

United Way celebrated National Volunteer Week by running two volunteering projects: the Sportslink program at Subiaco PCYC, with volunteers from Freehills;

and a garden makeover for the Balga Detached Youth Work Project with volunteers from Zurich Financial Services.

The theme for this year's National Volunteer Week is "Volunteers Change our World". And you do!

Thank you.



Staff from Zurich Financial Services and Balga Detached Youth Work Project celebrate after a successful (and exhausting) volunteering experience.

United Way Philanthropist of the Year 2008

Janet Holmes à Court, one of Australia's most recognised and respected business women, is well known not only for her leadership at one of the country's largest private companies, but also her significant philanthropic contributions.

A major donor to the arts, conservation, peace causes and local community groups, Mrs Holmes à Court believes greater participation leads to a fuller life. In October this year, United Way will honour Mrs Holmes à Court as the United Way Philanthropist of the Year 2008.

Traditionally held as a black-tie event for the recipient and other high profile West Australians, United Way has decided to make the 2008 event a celebration for all to attend.

Whilst Mrs Holmes à Court will be publicly awarded for her philanthropic deeds, the evening will be a

celebration of the generosity and commitment of our corporate partners in supporting those in need in our community.

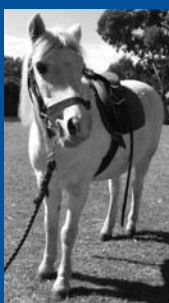
We invite all those who are involved in our giving and volunteering programs, from participating staff members to the corporate champions, CEOs, and Board and Committee volunteers. Previous recipients of the Philanthropist Award will also be invited to attend.

The Philanthropist of the Year Dinner is being held on 15 October 2008 at "Friends Restaurant". Watch this space for updates.



Photo courtesy of Frances Andrijich

Penny the Horse



Hi, my name is Penny. I am a Grey Welsh Pony. I live at the Riding for the Disabled stables at Carine and am being sponsored for a year by Zurich Financial Services.

I was born on 11 November 1989 and my birth name was Penley Fantasy, however everyone at the RDA just calls me Penny (it's not such a mouthful).

I have been with the Carine RDA since May 1999. One of my favourite riders is Sascha who is eight years old. I love to see how much better Sascha is getting at balancing on me. I have heard my helpers saying that this really helps her walking as well, so that makes me feel like I'm doing a good job. She gives me a big hug every week to say thanks.

I had to see the dentist this week and needed a little bit of filing done. Thanks Zurich for keeping me in tip top condition for my important job.

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The Good Guys Doing Better!

The Good Guys program with United Way is locked in for the coming financial year - more causes will be involved and more funding has been committed.

The management of the program being provided through United Way WA has paved the way for a unique formula that has provided each store the opportunity to give back to their local communities while contributing to a nationally managed program.

This month the program will see the total funds collected reach \$1million. This major milestone will kick start the up and coming yearly program – which is set out to support a further three charities – bringing the total to five throughout WA.

The Good Guys have committed \$60,000 to continue their state-wide support of the School Volunteer Program – they will also continue encouraging staff to participate in corporate volunteering by becoming mentors for this program.

The PMH Megazone has received new play equipment and the play area is open for a longer period because of the funding provided through The Good Guys.

While Foodbank, a new partner for metro stores, with a commitment of \$33,000, is set out to benefit through the School Breakfast Program and the renovation of their education kitchen.

Regional stores have branched out and decided to go local. Bunbury has selected the Val Lishman Health Research Foundation as a recipient of their funding. The store will help Val Lishman tackle inherited cholesterol issues for people in the South West.

Geraldton has committed to a well recognised local charity, Fusion, with proceeds going towards Geraldton's new Community Supported Residential Units for people with mental illness and a local low cost accommodation facility run by Fusion.

We are experiencing a period of growth for the program and a lot of success is being achieved – for both the Good Guys and their cause partners. The flexibility of this national program is accounting for the optimistic future that lies ahead.



Kennards Supporting Their Local Community

United Way thanks Kennards Hire for the tremendous support they give United Way during Corporate Volunteering events. We have been fortunate to receive friendly helpful service and fantastic equipment to use from the Kennards staff, who are doing their bit to help their local communities.



Staff from Frucor present a cheque to Uni Camp for Kids

United Way / AmCham Golf Day

The American Chamber of Commerce in Australia (AmCham) will be holding its annual Corporate Golf Tournament and Awards Dinner on Friday 17 October 2008 at the Joondalup Resort.

All proceeds from the raffle and auction will go to United Way. Please see attached flyer.

Community Partner Profile: Balga Detached Youth Work Project Inc.

Balga Detached Youth Work Project has only recently joined United Way's list of Community Partners, and has already seen the benefits that such a partnership can bring. They have been the lucky recipients of some office furniture from Alcoa's second round of donations, and a volunteering project during National Volunteer Week.

But who are they?

Balga Detached Youth Work Project Inc (BDYWP) is a non profit, charitable, community based organisation which has been operating since 1978.

BDYWP offers advocacy, referral and support to young people aged 12-25 years who are homeless, at risk of homelessness or in alternative education programs and has successfully provided a range of Youth Work services to high risk young people who need support and guidance to reach their potential.

BDYWP aims to provide a range of adequate and appropriate mechanisms of service delivery to support and resource young people in developing wholeness within their lives through participation in families and their community.

A recent initiative of BDYWP is the Workskills Training Program. The Workskills Training Program is an intensive lifeskills and work readiness program which focuses upon engaging at-risk young people into a productive day program in order to improve their levels of employability.

For more information on BDYWP you can email bdywp@iimetro.com.au (they do not currently have a website).

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