

Media Release



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5,000 REASONS FOR YOUNG CARERS TO SMILE

On Friday 14th December 2007, Neil Patchett, General Manager of The Canberra Club, presented a cheque for \$5,000 to local charity Carers ACT, which will go towards supporting the ACT's estimated 11,500 Young Carers.

Young Carers are under the age of 25 and help look after someone in their family who has a chronic illness, disability, mental health issue or who is frail aged.

The funds were raised through a charity golf day and raffle, run by the Canberra Club.

"This is a great example of how the business sector in Canberra can give back to the community by helping those in need." said Neil Patchett, General Manager of The Canberra Club.

The responsibilities of Young Carers mean that they can fall behind at school and may miss out on things that other young people take for granted.

"The financial contribution from The Canberra Club's Charity Golf Day will go towards filling the gaps in funding for our existing Young Carers Program. It will help support more Young Carers through their education and provide them with some respite through social events." said Carers ACT CEO Dee McGrath.

Ricky Lai from Bing Lee in Belconnen, a major sponsor of the fundraising, said he was looking forward to helping raise even more money for Carers ACT and Young Carers next year.

Carers ACT is the only association solely responsible for Carers in the Territory, with a growing membership base of almost 2,000 family Carers. Carers ACT can provide quality information, resources, referrals, respite solutions, support groups, counselling, advocacy, and workshops to family Carers requesting support.

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