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### AMY JONES IS THE WINNER OF 2011 CARING IN THE COMMUNITY AWARD

Seventeen year old Amy Jones from Australind has been awarded the 'Caring in the Community Award' for providing voluntary care to her community as part of the 2011 Young People Who Care Awards.

Ms Jones' nominator, Mr John Hammett, noted that Amy is a fine example of a young person who cares about others and who has demonstrated maturity beyond her years.

"Amy volunteers approximately two days per week within the therapy and dementia departments at Bethanie Fields, an aged care facility in Eaton, providing assistance with occupational therapy and physiotherapy programs for residents. She also helps to organise various social events and activities and all whilst achieving excellent results at school.

"Furthermore, Amy has volunteered at Parkfield Primary School since 2005 organising costumes and props for a dance group, 'Boys in Boots and Jive'.

Mr Chris McGowan, Silver Chain's Chief Executive Officer, presented Miss Jones with the Caring in the Community Award and noted she is an amazing young woman who will go far.

"Amy is a wonderful example of a driven, hardworking and generous person and is a very deserving winner of the 2011 Caring in the Community Award. We wish her all the best with her future endeavours," said Mr McGowan.

The Young People Who Care Awards recognise exceptional young Western Australians aged between 10 and 18 years, who provide voluntary care to others. Other finalists for the 'Caring in the Community Award' were Dana Laurens (Kalgan), Megan Whisler (Pinjarra), Paulo Velho (Mount Pleasant), and Samuel Landro (East Fremantle).

The Awards ceremony will be held at the Aboriginal Peoples Gallery, Parliament House on December 9, 2011.

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