



# YOUNG PEOPLE WHO CARE

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### CLAYTON BINNS IS THE WINNER OF 2011 YOUNG CARER AWARD

Thirteen year old Maddington teenager, Mr Clayton Binns, has been awarded the 'Young Carer Award' as part of the 2011 Young People Who Care Awards, which is co-hosted by Silver Chain, Carers WA and Woodside Energy Limited.

Clayton is the eldest of three boys and he is the main carer of his father Paul. Paul is a single parent and had previously worked and supported his family until his diagnosis of Motor Neuron Disease (MND). Motor Neuron Disease is a terminal condition there is no effective treatment for this rapidly degenerative neurological condition.

Ms Karlene Jordan, Neurological Community Nurse to Clayton's father Paul, notes that Clayton is an inspirational young man.

"For the past three years, I have had the pleasure of working with people with rapidly degenerative conditions such as MND, and I have never met two brothers who care for their father the way some adults will not. Their love for Paul is unconditional and Clayton is an amazing young men," said Ms Jordon.

Mr Chris McGowan, Silver Chain's Chief Executive Officer, noted that the Young People Who Care Awards is an opportunity to recognise exceptional Western Australians aged 10 to 18 years, who provide voluntary care to in our community.

"There are many young people who provide voluntary care to others and it's important that we recognise the special role that they play. Clayton and his brother Jake are wonderful examples to both their peers and the community and we wish them much success for the future. Congratulations Clayton," says Mr McGowan.

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

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