



# YOUNG PEOPLE WHO CARE

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## MEDIA RELEASE

### JAKE DALE WINNER OF 2010 YOUNG CARER AWARD

Seventeen year old Morley teenager, Mr Jake Dale, has been awarded the 'Young Carer Award' as part of the 2010 Young People Who Care Awards, which is co-hosted by Silver Chain, Carers WA and Woodside Energy Limited.

Mr Dale is the full time carer for his mother who suffers from serious health issues and is unable to function independently. In addition, Jake maintains a very clean and organised home, prepares all meals, provides personal care, is responsible for the organisation of all financial affairs and is involved in the decision making regarding his mums medical treatment and hospitalisation

"Jake has provided care for her for five years and dedicates over sixty per cent of his time to caring and organising care for his mother and even Royal Perth Hospital has commended him on his level of care and involvement in his mother's life; he is a remarkable young man," said Mr Dale's nominator, Ms Julie Morton from John Forrest Senior High School.

Mr Michael Bowd, Silver Chain's Acting 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.

"Jake is a wonderful example to both his peers and the community. In addition to the care he provides for his mother, he is passing Year 12 and playing football at Colts level. His goal is to complete an Electrical Apprenticeship and buy a home to provide stability for himself and his mother," said Mr Bowd.

"There are many young people who provide voluntary care to others and it's important that we recognise the special role that they play; congratulations Jake," says Mr Bowd.

The Awards ceremony will be held at the Aboriginal Peoples Gallery, Parliament House on September 22, 2010.

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**Photographic Opportunities:** Jake Dale is available for photographic opportunities. Please contact Susanna Wolz to arrange a suitable time.

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