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SILVER CHAIN NURSING EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2010

Silver Chain celebrates International Nurses' Day, May 12, by acknowledging the dedicated nurses who play an integral role in providing community care to more than 40,000 people throughout Western Australia.

The Silver Chain Nursing Excellence Awards formally recognise that excellence in nursing is demonstrated through the level and application of clinical skill, the continued focus on client's wellbeing, the willingness to be an effective team member and the pursuit of and dedication to lifelong learning.

"Nominations for The Silver Chain Nursing Excellence Awards were received for 14 highly skilled and compassionate nurses from different backgrounds and Silver Chain centres across Western Australia," Silver Chain Chief Executive Officer, Mr Chris McGowan, said.

"These nurses are representative of the many hardworking Silver Chain staff dedicated to increasing the community's capacity to maximise its health and wellbeing through the provision of quality services. They reflect the high standard of community care which Silver Chain provides and I would like to acknowledge and thank them for their significant contributions to WA's health system.

Congratulations to this year's winner, Kathie Day, a Clinical Nurse at Silver Chain's Peel Base. Ms Day has been with Silver Chain since 1986 and has worked in nine centres throughout Western Australia.

"I have always found it a great privilege to visit clients and their families in their own homes, many of whom are living and dealing with extraordinary circumstances each day," said Ms Day.

"Working for Silver Chain means I am continually provided with training opportunities, hands-on experience and kept up-to-date with the latest developments and technologies. They give me the autonomy to use and continually develop my nursing skills and expertise in the community and I love it. I look forward to facing many more challenges with Silver Chain."

Silver Chain nurses are nominated for the Award by their clients, fellow staff members, General Practitioners and the community. Candidates will be recognised by Nurses and Midwives Board of WA (NMBWA) Director of Registrations and Policy, Heather Gillett, at a formal ceremony at Silver Chain House, Osborne Park, later today.

"Congratulations all candidates on their nomination and happy International Nurses Day," Mr McGowan concluded.

For more information on The Silver Chain Nursing Excellence Awards, visit www.silverchain.org.au.

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