



YOUNG PEOPLE WHO CARE

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YOUNG PEOPLE WHO CARE AWARDS RECOGNISE EXCEPTIONAL YOUTH

Nominations for are now open for the Young People Who Care Awards 2010 which recognise exceptional young Western Australians aged between 10 and 18 years, who provide voluntary care to others.

Featuring three categories and is jointly hosted by Silver Chain, Carers WA and Woodside Energy, the categories for The Young People Who Care Awards 2010 include the 'Caring in the Community Award'; 'Young Carer Award'; and 'Caring Together Award'.

Silver Chain's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Chris McGowan, says young people who provide voluntary care make a real difference to the lives of others and it is important to recognise the special work that they do in the community.

"Nominating someone for the Young People Who Care Awards enables us all to recognise the commitment it takes to be a carer and the significant, ongoing contribution these young people make to their families, friends and to our community," says Mr McGowan.

Carers WA Chief Executive Officer, Mr Paul Coates, notes that the awards are a prestigious and unique opportunity to recognise and acknowledge the 40,000 young carers in Western Australia who provide care and support to their loved ones.

"The Young People Who Care Awards raises awareness of a relatively unrecognised group in our community and highlights some of the challenges these young people face," says Mr Coates.

Award finalists will be invited to attend a special ceremony at Parliament House hosted by The Hon. Robyn McSweeney MLC, on Wednesday, 22 September 2010.

For more information, contact Silver Chain on (08) 9242 0242 or Carers WA on 1300 CARERS (1300 227 377). Alternatively, you can nominate a young carer online at www.youngpeoplewhocare.com.au.

The closing date for nominations is Friday, 20 August 2010.

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