

Golf Day to support homeless families

UnitingCare West will hold its annual Fundraising Golf Day at Royal Perth Golf Club today to raise \$70,000 towards a new Family Homelessness Service - the first in Perth.

Through the new service, families will have a safe place to cook dinner, do their laundry and bathe. At the same time, parents will get support with accessing accommodation and employment, while their children can play and do their homework.

"On average, we see 10 families seeking assistance each month from UnitingCare West's homeless services centre in East Perth. In some circumstances we are only able to provide emergency accommodation – the family will have a place to stay for two nights, but then they'll be back on the street again" says Sue Ash, CEO, UnitingCare West.

The families seeking help from UnitingCare West are often rejected from private rentals due to unemployment or low income.

120 golfers from over 14 organisations across Perth will take to the green and put their skills to the test in an Ambrose style competition.

"We would like to sincerely thank the sponsors for the day – Willis, Macquarie Private Wealth, Serco and Downings Legal" says Sue Ash.

UnitingCare West is a community services agency that supports thousands of people each year. UCW's clients include those in the community experiencing financial hardship, domestic violence, child abuse, mental health issues and disability to name a few.

UnitingCare West is part of a network of 400 agencies that make up UnitingCare Australia.

--End of Media Release--

For a quote please contact Sue Ash directly on 0411 723 394.

For more information please contact:

Vicky Arnold

Marketing and Advancement Manager

Phone: 9355 9115

Email: vicky.arnold@unitingcarewest.org.au