



YOUNG PEOPLE WHO CARE

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CHLOE PAYNE WINNER OF 2010 CARING IN THE COMMUNITY AWARD

Sixteen year old Chloe Payne from South Perth has been awarded the 'Caring in the Community Award' for providing voluntary care to her community as part of the 2010 Young People Who Care Awards.

For the past 15 months, Ms Payne has been actively involved in mentoring young people, assisting the Esther Foundation and volunteering for organisations including *Camp Breakaway* (an organisation that helps young children whose parents are in jail) and *Alta 1* which provides community development services to young West Australians.

Ms Payne's nominator, Ms Tina Damasco, Events and Marketing Manager at the Esther Foundation, noted that Chloe is a generous and selfless person who has impacted many people through her passion to help others in and around the community.

"During the year, Chloe volunteers at camps designed to assist young people in need and spends a minimum of 18 hours a week at the Esther Foundation helping to run scrap booking classes, mentoring at risk youth and raising money for different charities in Australia, Thailand and Africa," said Ms Damasco.

"Chloe speaks and performs at high schools and youth events throughout Perth with the "Fight Against Drugs" message, helps to run the Esther Dance Crew and also does gift wrapping for Charity Link."

Mr Michael Bowd, Silver Chain's Acting Chief Executive Officer, presented Ms Payne with the Caring in the Community Award and noted she is an amazing young woman who will go far.

"Not only does Chloe do all these wonderful things in the community, she also plays association lacrosse, does athletics, spends time with her family and has a part time job. She is a very deserving winner of the 2010 Caring in the Community Award and we wish her all the best with her future endeavours," said Mr Bowd.

The Young People Who Care Awards recognise exceptional young Western Australians aged between 10 and 18 years, who provide voluntary care to others. Other finalists for the 'Caring in the Community Award' were Adam Cornelius (Meadow Springs), Caryn Tan (Shelley), Georgia Johnstone (Gelorup), and Thomas Wedge (Cloverdale).

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

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