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MEDIA RELEASE

\$165,000 gives CP a real lift

Member for Yokine, the Hon. Bob Kucera MLA will present local charity The Centre for Cerebral Palsy with a cheque for \$165,000 for vehicle modifications on Friday 20 June 2008.

The grant, provided by LotteryWest, will fund the installation of wheelchair lifts, and the adaptation of the vans' interiors to ensure safe and accessible vehicle transportation for people with disabilities who need to be transported in their wheelchairs.

The Centre's CEO Judy Hogben said, "We are very grateful for this grant from LotteryWest. The Centre's fleet of vans is a lifeline for more than 130 people living with CP and similar disabilities in WA, allowing them to get out and about and actively participate in their community".

Ivica attends The Centre's Opportunities programme three days a week, and doesn't know what he would do without the vans. "They make a big difference in so many ways to my life and to others living with CP," he said. "The van modifications allow me to attend Opportunities, visit friends and family, and participate in hobbies".

For more information on The Centre for Cerebral Palsy and the services it provides, visit www.tccp.com.au.

The cheque presentation will be held at Walcott Studio in Mount Lawley; one of The Centre's four Alternative to Employment Opportunities Studios, providing studio and community based activities to adults with CP and similar disabilities. Many of the clients who attend Opportunities are reliant on The Centre's fleet of vans to get there and back.

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PHOTO OPPORTUNITY: Bob Kucera assisting Ivica into a modified van, using a newly installed lift.

Date: Friday 20 June.

Time: 11 am – 12 noon.

Address: 140 Walcott Street, Mount Lawley.

For further information or to arrange a Photo Opportunity please contact:

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FACTS ABOUT CEREBRAL PALSY

- *CP is a permanent physical condition that affects movement.*
- *In Australia a child is born with CP every 18 hours.*
- *Australians under 18 are three times more likely to be diagnosed with cerebral palsy than cancer.*
- *There is no pre-birth test, no known cure and severity is on the increase.*
- *For most the cause of CP is unknown.*
- *CP is not a disease, it is not contagious.*
- *CP can be as mild as just a weakness in one hand ranging to almost complete lack of movement.*
- *Since 1951 The Cerebral Palsy Association has forged an enviable reputation as one of the leading disability service providers in WA. In line with the outstanding work we do in the area of CP management and support to those with disability, on 13 March 2007 we adopted a new name The Centre for Cerebral Palsy and colourful new logo.*