



MEDIA RELEASE

Dinner in Manila

Peter, a Year 12 student from Ocean Reef, and the Manila Restaurant in Cannington are promising A Night to Remember with a Grand Dinner in Manila.

Dinner in Manila is one of Peter's Challenges he has set himself where he hopes to raise \$1,000 for The Centre for Cerebral Palsy's Wheelie Big Challenge by March 2010. The Wheelie Big Challenge is a fun event designed to Champion people and assist them to raise funds for special projects at The Centre.

Peter relies on his power wheelchair to get him around but this doesn't stop this dynamic young man who recently won a 'Citizenship Award' at Belridge Senior High School for his outstanding work in the community.

Peter's special project is The Centre's Young Adult Respite Home, a project that is close to his heart.

The Young Adult Respite Home provides a unique service for young adults like Peter aged between 18-25 years. The Home gives young people the chance to spend time away from home with their peers and develop lifelong friendships, the only service of its kind in Perth.

Peter says "I love spending time with people my own age, it is great to catch up with friends and have a break away from home. It also gives my mum a well earned rest which is important to us both."

Ms Kathy Kane, Manager, Business Development from The Centre says "It costs The Centre over ½ million dollars each year to maintain the Young Adult Respite Home which is why we encourage people to get behind Peter's Dinner in Manila." She adds, "It's always rewarding to work with enthusiastic people like Peter who are thankful for the services they receive and want to give back."

Dinner in Manila will be held on Thursday 12 November at the Manila Restaurant in Cannington. For more information contact Samantha Thiele on 9443 0276 or samantha.thiele@tccp.com.au.

If you are unable to attend in person but would like to support Peter in spirit, you can purchase virtual tickets by donating online at www.wheeliebigchallenge.com.au and follow the link to [Peter's webpage](#). There is also the facility to leave a message to say "sorry I couldn't attend the Dinner in person but will be their in spirit."

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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.*