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MEDIA RELEASE

PTA Pretty up Community Home for CP Week

On Wednesday 22 July, six volunteers from the Perth Transport Authority's Charitable & Donations Committee will swap their suits for spades and paintbrushes as they make over Somers Street, one of The Centre for Cerebral Palsy's Community Homes in Belmont.

PTA's hardworking volunteers will makeover the garden areas in readiness for National Cerebral Palsy Week which will be held 2-8 August, 2009.

Somers Street is a group home that provides supported accommodation for four adults aged between 42 and 64 through The Centre's Individual People Programme which provides adults with greater independence and the opportunity to make lifelong friendships with their housemates.

"The Centre spends over \$10 million each year to provide accommodation, care and basic maintenance for its 12 community homes. Unfortunately this funding does not extend to the special things that make a house a home. Which is why PTA's kind offer to makeover Somers Street and bring colour and joy to our four residents in readiness for CP Week celebrations makes such a difference", says Kathy Kane, Business Development Manager at The Centre for Cerebral Palsy

"We strongly believe in making a meaningful difference to lives of people in need. Just one of the ways we do this is through our volunteering programme - actively helping to develop society and improve the health and wellbeing of underprivileged Australians" says Lynda Gray, Community Relations Officer from the PTA.

If you are interested in including The Centre in your workplace Community Service Programme please contact Kathy Kane on (08) 9443 0228.

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Photo opportunity: PTA volunteers making over the garden at Somers Street.

Date: Wednesday 22 July

Time: 11.30am

Address: 16 Somers Street Belmont

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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.*