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MEDIA RELEASE

Bright New Outlook for Deserving Adults

On Wednesday 7 May and Thursday 8 May 2008, over 40 staff from insurance company GIO/Vero will volunteer their time to transform the garden and outdoor entertaining area of The Centre for Cerebral Palsy's Boronia Respite home in Coolbinia.

GIO/Vero staff will once again swap their computers for two days in the garden, rolling up their sleeves for the second time in 12 months to help rejuvenate The Centre's only adult respite facility accessed by 65 people with cerebral palsy and other physical disabilities aged 25-60+ each week. The much needed makeover will give the respite home a fresh new look including extended paved areas, colourful shade sails and a vibrant new garden. With the help and generosity of local business and community groups a brand new computer has also been purchased for the deserving adults who access respite care.

At present, the limited outdoor area at the Boronia Respite facility, situated on site at The Sir David Brand Centre in Coolbinia, is under utilised due to a lack of space and shade. This renovation will provide clients with a secure and inviting outdoor retreat during their stay at Boronia. Furthermore, with new paving to be laid down and shade sails installed, the pergola area will allow clients and visiting friends and family to interact more freely in a safe and stimulating environment.

Sheree Hewson from GIO/Vero says "There has been an overwhelming response from staff members in volunteering their time out of their busy work schedules to be involved in this project".

The Centre for Cerebral Palsy's Fundraising Manager Kathy Kane said that "Corporate philanthropy not only benefits our clients and their families but it also has great benefits for the company involved and their employees.

This support is a win win situation for everyone involved and helps to improve the quality of life and independence of those living with cerebral palsy in our community", she said.

The Centre for Cerebral Palsy would like to acknowledge the contribution its Corporate Partners, local businesses and community groups, including GIO/Vero, Lions Club of Morley, Bunnings, Atlantis Brick Paving, Solver Paints and Sail City have made to the Boronia makeover. A special mention goes to Fran Bourke, a client of The Centre who accesses respite care at Boronia on a regular basis. Together with friends, family and www.everydayhero.com, Fran helped to raise much needed funds as part of The Centre's Wheelie Big Rock Challenge, with all money raised going to the makeover.

These funds, together with those received from the local community and The Centre's Corporate Partners make this makeover possible.

To find out how you and your organisation can be involved in a Corporate Makeover for The Centre for Cerebral Palsy, contact Kathy Kane on 9443 0228 or visit www.tccp.com.au to download the growing Corporate Needs List.

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Photo Opportunity

GIO/Vero Staff undertaking the makeover with clients of The Centre

Date: Wednesday 7 May, Thursday 8 May 2008

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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.*