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MEDIA RELEASE

CP Champion Wins Scholarship Award

The Centre for Cerebral Palsy is pleased to announce that 17-year-old Swan Valley resident, Andrew, is the worthy recipient of 2009's Joseph Michell Scholarship.

Andrew will be presented with his scholarship at a ceremony held at the UWA Watersports Complex at 6pm on Thursday 5th March 2009.

The Scholarship is named in honour of The Centre's late founder, Joseph Michell. He highly regarded the benefits of a good education and as a result the Scholarship helps school leavers with cerebral palsy to pursue their educational ambitions beyond secondary school.

Andrew recently graduated from Swan Christian College and has been accepted into Swan TAFE's Diploma of Business Administration in Marketing course. He hopes to use this as a platform to enter university in 2011 to study Human Resources and Psychology at Edith Cowan University.

He says, "One of my long term goals is to be able to provide advice and direction to disadvantaged young people, particularly those with disabilities."

Andrew, who spends most of his day in an electric wheelchair, is grateful for the support he has received from The Centre over the last 15 years, as his pension does not cover his expenses. "The Scholarship will make it possible for me to be a little more self-sufficient," he says.

To contribute to the Joseph Michell Scholarship Fund that provides scholarship opportunities for students like Andrew please visit www.tccp.com.au to make a donation or contact Kathy Kane on 9443 0228.

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Photo opportunity:

Joseph Michell Scholarship Award Ceremony
UWA Watersports Complex, Car Park 23, Hackett Drive, Crawley, Western Australia
Thursday 5th March 2009
6.00 – 7.30pm

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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.*