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MEDIA RELEASE

Our new home

The Centre for Cerebral Palsy will celebrate CP Awareness Week this year with the official opening of Rookwood Street Community Home in Mount Lawley on Tuesday 5 August, by The Minister of Housing and Works, The Hon Michelle Roberts MLA.

The Centre has owned the property in Rookwood Street for many years. With funding from the Department of Housing and Works, the five bedroom home has now been renovated to provide modern, spacious, wheelchair accessible accommodation. Four ladies who lived together in one of The Centre's Community Homes in Morley moved into Rookwood Street in June. A fifth resident will join them soon.

Rookwood Street Community Home is staffed 24 hours a day by carers like Glenda Maddison, who has worked with the ladies for eight years.

"The ladies were very excited to move into their new home" said Glenda. "The spacious, renovated and extended character home in prime Mount Lawley location will make a positive impact to their lifestyle and independence".

'Our New Home' is a booklet that has been compiled for the opening sharing the stories of the first four residents of Rookwood Street Community Home.

Cerebral Palsy Awareness Week runs nationally from 3-9 August. Judy Hogben, CEO for The Centre for Cerebral Palsy said "Our aim is to celebrate the achievements of people living with CP; raise awareness, understanding and acceptance of CP and provide a forum for people with CP to share insights and exchange ideas. Importantly the week is about bringing the WA community together through community and fundraising activities to ensure better lives for those living with CP."

There are many ways the community can support CP Awareness Week. For further information, please visit www.tccp.com.au.

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PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

The Official Opening of Rookwood Street Community Home during CP Awareness Week.

Venue: Rookwood Street Community Home, 29 Rookwood Street, Mount Lawley.

Date: Tuesday 5 August.

Time: 10:30am – 12noon.

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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.*