



Media Release

Bethesda Hospital sponsors vital event for State Youth Games

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Bethesda Hospital is providing vital funding towards a new initiative of the State Youth Games (SYG), which is being held in Bunbury this weekend.

Run by Youth Vision, the youth department of the Churches of Christ, SYG is a Christian team sporting event for young adults between the ages of 16 and 28 years. The event is held annually in Bunbury on the WA Day long weekend and has been going since 1987. This year 21 teams from various Christian Churches around the state will be taking part in this fantastic showcase of team sports – there will be 1000 participants and volunteers taking part.

Sports include basketball, badminton, bocce, soccer, darts, table tennis, volleyball, squash and ten pin bowling to name a few.

The Claremont based hospital are sponsoring the Compassion *Water for Life* Half Court Challenge, where a member from each of the 21 teams will take turns to shoot half-court basketball shots for 10 minutes. Compassion, who is an international Christian child development and child advocacy ministry who works in partnership with local churches, have developed a water filter system that can turn muddy, contaminated water from a lake or river into safe drinkable water. These filters cost \$75 each and provide enough water for a family.

For each successful shot during the Half Court Challenge, Bethesda Hospital will donate \$15 towards Compassion's *Water for Life* initiative (5 shots = 1 filter), and they are hoping to raise enough funds to purchase several water filters.

Chief Executive Officer of Bethesda Hospital, Ms Yasmin Naglazas said that 'we are delighted to be involved in the State Youth Games, and providing sponsorship and awareness of such a vital service in developing countries'.

'Our hospital has had a close affiliation with the Churches of Christ since the early 1940's and it is important to us to keep this connection strong through this sponsorship arrangement.

Bethesda is an independent 88-bed hospital in Claremont, which has been providing outstanding care and service to the Western Australian community for nearly 70 years.

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