

Media Release

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Community work recognised in private business awards

St John of God Health Care was a finalist at the Business Review Weekly (BRW) ANZ Private Business Awards 2010 in the Excellence in Community Practices category.

Dr Michael Stanford, Group Chief Executive Officer of St John of God Health Care and Anne Russell-Brown, Group Director Social Outreach & Advocacy attended the awards ceremony at Melbourne's Grand Hyatt Hotel on Wednesday 25th August.

St John of God Health Care, a leading health care provider primarily known for its private hospitals and pathology services throughout Australia, New Zealand and the Asia Pacific region, were amongst a strong field of candidates.

Dr Stanford said that he was thrilled that the organisation's community work, through its Social Outreach & Advocacy services, had been recognised in this way.

"We are extremely proud of the work that our dedicated team of staff have achieved in this area, which involves many varied services reaching out to people experiencing disadvantage," said Dr Stanford.

The organisation dedicates 2% of its eligible revenue to operating sustainable SOA services and since the program's inception in 2002, over \$120M has been committed to helping people in areas of identified need.

St John of God Health Care's Social Outreach & Advocacy services include community mental health and alcohol and other drug initiatives in WA, Victoria and NSW; youth services in WA, Victoria and Christchurch, New Zealand; disability services in Victoria; and a significant international health program reaching out to our nearest neighbours. For more information, www.sjog.org.au/outreach

BRW is a leading business magazine examining the trends and opportunities shaping Australian business. The awards, held annually, have attracted more entries this year than in any other year of competition.

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