



Lord Mayor's Community Trust

Supporting Brisbane's Charities

More kids to get 'life' education

Brisbane's newest weapon against drug and alcohol addiction will be launched by Lady Mayoress Lisa Newman at a school in Brisbane's south west this Thursday.

Many more thousands of primary school children can now benefit from early drugs and alcohol education, thanks to the brand new Life Education mobile classroom.

The Lady Mayoress, who is Chair of the Lord Mayor's Community Trust, said non-profit organisation Life Education received a \$120,000 major gift donation from the Trust to purchase and maintain the van for three years.

"Life Education is a fantastic charity which works all over Brisbane and the south east visiting primary schools to help our children say no to drugs and alcohol," she said.

"It arranges classes and activities for the children within the mobile classroom on school premises, using a range of multimedia tools catered to the learning needs of kids of different ages."

Mrs Newman said the Trust worked with many charities that dealt with the after-effects of drug and alcohol misuse such as despair, isolation, and hopelessness.

"This charity is about early intervention – they believe prevention is better than cure and that's why we're really proud to be supporting them with a new classroom," she said

"Life Education works with over 750,000 students across the country and since 1979 has devised programs to help children develop the knowledge and skills to resist the pressure to participate in drug or alcohol-related situations."

The Lady Mayoress said each year the Lord Mayor's Community Trust allocated major grants to Brisbane's charities.

"The Trust focuses particularly on prevention and support services for people who were homeless, suffering mental illness, disability, or those with a history of substance abuse or history of trauma," she said.

"Our major grant giving program is all about seeking out smaller charities that are doing amazing work to directly help people in need, and committing to supporting them through the donation of major sums of money."

Launch of new Life Education mobile classroom

What: Life Education session in new van with Grade 4 students

Where: Corinda State School, 330 Cliveden Avenue, Corinda

When: Fri, July 31

Time: 11:40am

[Ends] July xx, 2009

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