Lord Mayor's Community Trust

Supporting Brisbane's Charities

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Lady Mayoress Gala Ball to raise funds for Brisbane youth in need

BRISBANE Lady Mayoress Lisa Newman will tonight launch the 2007 Youth in Need Campaign at the third annual Lady Mayoress Gala Ball fundraiser.

The campaign will aim to raise $200,000 for front line services that offer support and care for Brisbane's youth in need.

Mrs Newman said there were over 5,000 homeless people in Brisbane, and 109 of these were children sleeping rough on inner city streets.

"It is heartbreaking to see children who have suffered abuse, neglect or trauma at home and in turn think it is safer to live on our streets," Mrs Newman said.

"Mental illness, abuse, trauma, drug and alcohol addiction are the primary reasons for young people to leave their homes."

The Youth in Need Campaign will consist of fundraising from an Australian Army Band Brisbane gold coin donation concert, the Lady Mayoress Gala Ball, and various corporate initiatives.

The Lord Mayor's Community Trust has nominated five projects to benefit from the Campaign:

- The Centre for Young People, The Learning and Development Centre
- BABI, Bayside Adolescent Boarding Inc
- ADAWS – Adolescent Drug and Alcohol Withdrawal Service
- Southside Education Service
- The Abused Child Trust

"The Trustees and myself are dedicated to financially supporting these and other dedicated organisations around the city who provide solutions and front line services for the city's youth in need," Mrs Newman said.

Tonight's Gala Ball is supported by major sponsor World Travel Professionals and Travelscene American Express. Other sponsors include Tiffany & Co., Bollinger Champagne, Zupps Lotus, Henschke, Coriole, Castlemaine Perkins XXXX and 612 ABC Brisbane.

LADY MAYORESS GALA BALL FUNDRAISER DETAILS

WHEN: **FRIDAY, 11 MAY 2007**
TIME: **7.30PM**
WHERE: **MAIN AUDITORIUM, GROUND FLOOR, CITY HALL**

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