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MontroseAccess history project to chart 75 fascinating years

MontroseAccess has been awarded a grant from the State Government's Q150 Community Funding Program to commission a history project in celebration of the organisation's diamond anniversary.

The \$10,000 grant, which marks the State's 150th birthday in 2009, will enable MontroseAccess to engage an historian to research and write a book about the organisation's colourful 75-year history of supporting young Queenslanders with disabilities.

MontroseAccess has been a part of the Queensland community since 1933 – at which time the organisation was established as The Queensland Society for Crippled Children to provide institutionalised care for children with polio.

From the original premises at Taringa, which many Brisbane locals remember as Montrose Home, to the current sites at Corinda, Pine Rivers, and the Gold and Sunshine Coasts, MontroseAccess has expanded over the years to reflect the growing need for holistic disability care within the community.

"This project will uncover and restore decades of valuable history, which will serve as a wonderful resource for both the local community and the Disability sector," said MontroseAccess CEO Darrel Bourke. "We know that there are hundreds of past clients and staff out there who have fascinating and quirky stories to share."

Respected Brisbane historian, Helen Gregory, who has published similar local history projects within the not-for-profit sector, will write the book, which is expected to be completed in mid-2009.

MontroseAccess welcomes input from past and present clients, supporters, neighbours and staff, in the form of photographs, anecdotes and memorabilia. If you would like to be involved in the project, please register your interest with MontroseAccess on (07) 3379 9200.

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