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AWARD WINNING CHARITY

MontroseAccess has been recognised for their outstanding work with children and young adults with physical disabilities at the 2007 Minister's Awards for Excellence in Workforce Development and by the Queensland Outdoor Recreation Federation.

The 2007 Minister's Awards for Excellence in Workforce Development were announced at a presentation dinner in Brisbane on 24 October 2007.

The Minister's Awards recognise non-government organisations in the community and disability service sectors. The award ceremony highlights the important work that these organisations do within the community to build the capacity of their workers and continuously improve services for clients.

MontroseAccess was overwhelmed to receive two awards in the categories of (Open and Regional) Collaborative Achievement (in conjunction with Parent Project Australia) and Sector Recognition.

The Collaborative Award recognises organisations that combine resources, ideas and energy to provide more efficient and effective workforce development practices.

MontroseAccess and Parent Project Australia were joint winners of this award for their outstanding ability to work together to host the "Turning the Tide Conference" in October 2006. The purpose of the conference was to educate health professionals, families and clients who are affected by Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. Held over four days, the conference featured international speakers, workshops, displays and information sessions for clients, families and health professionals.

MontroseAccess was also the recipient of the Sector Recognition award for which organisations nominate their peer organisations within the sector.

"The staff who come to work at MontroseAccess are community minded for both their clients, the families and our own workforce community - our staff retention is testament to this as over 20% choose to stay long-term with the organisation," said Martha Saw, Marketing Manger.

On Friday 26 October 2007, the achievements of members of the outdoor community were recognised recently at the 2007 Queensland Outdoor Recreation (QORF) Awards held at Victoria Park Function Venue at Herston. MontroseAccess received the Recreation Training Queensland Award for Fostering Training and Professional Development.

"Through the ongoing support of MontroseAccess and several grants, Recreation Officers have developed new skills and knowledge in outdoor recreation. With these skills we have revamped and expanded the outdoor recreation opportunities we provide clients, by developing specifically adapted and modified activities and programs. These expanded opportunities for our clients would not be possible



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without the training and skill development that MontroseAccess encourages and supports it's staff to undertake”.

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Deb Robins (Parent Project Australia), Helen Posselt (MontroseAccess) receive their awards for Collaborative Achievement.



Winners of the QORF awards.