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Angels at Work for The Housing Connection

Today, the Chatswood based community organisation The Housing Connection (THC), launched their inaugural Christmas Card Drive as part of a newly created fundraising initiative to help increase services and improve opportunities for clients, as well as involve clients in creative activities.

The winning design that features an Angel poised on a gum tree branch, was created by THC client Melissa Davis during an art competition workshop held at THC.

THC has been an integral member of the north shore community for 20 years providing essential services for residents with intellectual disabilities including; supported living, skills development and community integration programs, with a particular focus on providing clients with equal rights and opportunities in all areas of life.

With ever increasing requests for this valuable support, in an effort to extend services THC (which is largely funded by the Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care), has developed strategic fundraising activities beginning with the launch of the Christmas Card Drive.

'While our very talented Clients can produce some amazing artwork, it's the actual production of the cards we find challenging. Without the generosity and support of local businesses like Kwik Kopy Chatswood who kindly offered to print the cards without charge, activities such as this would be beyond our reach,' said THC's General Manager Steve Bailey.

'Kwik Kopy Chatswood is managed by young business partners the Bannerman brothers, Andrew and Alastair who were delighted to support such a worthwhile cause.

'We were introduced to the project by my mother who has been involved with The Housing Connection for more than 10 years. We have tremendous respect for Mum and the wonderful work of The Housing Connection so when she asked if it was something we might do, naturally we wanted to help,' Shop Manager Andrew Bannerman said.

Steve Bailey praised Kwik Kopy's positive contribution to support THC's community services.

'We are very proud of the connection we share with businesses in our local community and extremely grateful to Kwik Kopy for helping us to make a difference in the lives of people living with disabilities,' Mr Bailey said.

This Christmas, please make a difference to people in our local community by purchasing your Christmas Cards from The Housing Connection or making a tax deductible donation.

Cards can be purchased from The Housing Connection.

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