



Media Release

LOCAL RESIDENT AWARDED FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTION

10 March 2009, Sydney: Naremburn resident Matthew Rady has been recognised as a 2008 Fundraiser of the Year for his philanthropic support of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), The Smith Family and Starlight Children's Foundation Australia. He will receive a prize donation of \$A10,000 to benefit his charity partners.

Recognised by his employer, Macquarie Group and its philanthropic arm, the Macquarie Group Foundation, the annual Macquarie Staff Community Awards program acknowledges the outstanding community contributions of its staff, as well as the organisations they serve.

Matthew has been awarded the Fundraiser of the Year Award, which is given to an individual for their innovative and successful fundraising efforts for not-for-profits.

Last year, Matthew contributed to JDRF by organising 60 Macquarie Staff members to participate in the inaugural Spin to Cure Diabetes event that raised over \$A60,000. He also took part in the 'Around the Bay In A Day' event to raise money for the Smith Family and lead his cycling team from Macquarie in the 'Goulburn to Citi Charity Ride' which raised \$A45,000 for the Starlight Children's Foundation. The Macquarie Group Foundation matched Matthew's funds raised for all initiatives.

JDRF CEO Mike Wilson is very grateful for Matthew's time and commends his tireless dedication.

"For four years now, I have seen Matthew's incredible effectiveness in generating support and interest for our cause through a range of large and professional fundraising events such as the Ride and Spin to Cure Diabetes. It has been very valuable to have Matthew as a strong advocate inside Macquarie and we are grateful for his ongoing support of JDRF," Mr Wilson said.

The \$10,000 donated by Matt to JDRF will go towards Australia's best and most promising type 1 diabetes research, complementing the support already provided by the Macquarie Group Foundation and Macquarie staff around the country.

Julie White, Head of the Macquarie Group Foundation, said the Foundation places great importance on supporting the community efforts of its staff.

“The contribution of Macquarie Group staff – as volunteers, fundraisers, board members of not-for-profit organisations and pro bono service providers – continues to grow from strength to strength, significantly enhancing Macquarie’s overall community effort.

“We are very proud of this year’s record number nominees for the Macquarie Staff Community Awards and I would like to congratulate Matthew on his efforts and the contribution he has made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.”

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EDITOR’S NOTES

Macquarie Group Foundation

The Macquarie Group Foundation – the philanthropic arm of Macquarie Group – has been providing support to community programs for more than 35 years. In the last year, the Macquarie Group Foundation, together with Macquarie Group staff efforts, contributed more than \$23 million to over 800 community organisations around the world.

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

There are 140,000 Australians with type 1 diabetes and with five new cases every day, Australia has one of the highest rates in the world. The number of Australian children being diagnosed with this disease is increasing by 3% every year.

Typically striking young people, type 1 diabetes destroys the ability to produce insulin, which is vital for life. It requires an essential daily regime of multiple injections or continuous infusion of insulin through a pump, as well as 6 – 8 finger-prick blood tests.

Type 1 diabetes is associated with a significantly increased risk of serious health complications. It is an autoimmune disease caused by a complex mixture of genetic and environmental factors. Type 1 diabetes is not caused by an unhealthy diet or lifestyle.

The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation is the world’s largest not-for-profit supporter of diabetes research and has invested over \$1.6 billion since inception in 1970. The mission of JDRF is constant: to find a cure for diabetes and its complications through the support of research.