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NAPCAN Play Your Part Awards Western Australia

To: Lisa Glover, Mission Australia

For: The FACE Program

Name of Project:

FACE (Family & Friends; Alcohol and Other drugs; Community and Counselling; Education and Empowerment)

Organisation: Mission Australia

State: WA **Location:** Bunbury

Developed in 2006, The FACE program is an early intervention program for young people aged 10 - 15 who reside with a significant other who misuses alcohol or other drugs. It aims to stop the perpetuation of alcohol and other drug misuse in the family by providing young people with positive mentors, education, building self-esteem, protective behaviours, alternative recreational activities and life skill based activities.

FACE is a unique program as it gives young people the option to access assistance for their family situation, rather than waiting for the person who is misusing to access support for their addiction, which may never happen. The program offers one-on-one counselling and opportunities for young people to step out of their environment and access alternate recreational options. Young people have the opportunity to create beneficial memories through the activities carried out in the program. The activities include: fishing, swimming, surfing, cooking and hiking.

The program has shown great initiative in raising community awareness of the broader issues around the safety and wellbeing of children and young people by also providing drug and alcohol information workshop sessions in schools. By introducing harm minimisation strategies and promoting empowerment and freedom of choice by increasing decision making and refusal skills with regard to drugs and alcohol.

The FACE program has been evaluated and shown an increase in youth developing positive relationships with FACE mentors, self-worth enhancement, creation and meeting of goals, and improvement in relationships with friends and families.

NAPCAN is awarding 2013 Play Your Part Awards WA to Lisa Glover and Mission Australia for: their ongoing commitment to improving the outcomes for young people who reside with a significant other who misuses alcohol or drugs.

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