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Darwin Airport helps CanTeen support young people in the Northern Territory

Australia, 26 May 2009 - Darwin International Airport is generously supporting CanTeen, The Australian Organisation for Young People Living with Cancer, by funding the first ever Regional Programs Officer for CanTeen in the Northern Territory. This much needed position, starting in July this year, is vital in giving support to young Territorians living with cancer.

This kind support by Darwin International Airport will allow the current 21 Northern Territory Members, and any future Members, to receive assistance by CanTeen in their own state, rather than having to travel to South Australia, which was previously the case. This position helps eliminate the disadvantage experienced by Northern Territory Members, as they are now able to receive support much closer to home.

The Regional Programs Officer will open the doors to the new Darwin office in July in conjunction with CanTeen's Darwin based Winter Camp. The Programs Officer will organise programs specifically for Territory Members, provide support to these young people living with cancer and spread the word about CanTeen to health professionals and potential new Members.

Ian Kew, the Chief Executive Officer of Darwin International Airport, said, "Darwin International Airport is delighted to be a supporter of CanTeen and to facilitate the employment of the first ever Regional Programs Officer for the Darwin Area. We look forward to a rewarding association with CanTeen during 2009/2010, and assisting young people who have been affected by cancer in the Northern Territory."

Northern Territory Bereaved Offspring Member, Kate (20 years old), can foresee the benefits of this position to her and other Members. "Having a staff member up here will help to get new Members and spread the word about CanTeen around to schools, hospitals and the community. It will be great to have someone right on our doorstep that we can go to for help about this stuff," Kate said.

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“There will be so much more hands-on support provided to the Northern Territory Members and to any new ones. We will also be able to have more recreation days and camps, allowing us some relaxation time, away from the world of hospitals and sickness!

“It is because of businesses like Darwin International Airport, that charities like CanTeen can continue to make a difference,” Kate said.

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- **CanTeen Northern Territory Members - Recreational Day**
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About CanTeen - The Australian Organisation for Young People Living with Cancer

CanTeen is the Australian Organisation for Young People Living with Cancer. CanTeen's Members are young people (12-24 year-olds) living with cancer, including cancer patients, brothers or sisters of cancer patients and young people with a parent or primary care giver with cancer. CanTeen provides Members with a place where they can simply be young people - away from the adult dominated environment of cancer hospitals and treatment regimes. Through its camps and programs, CanTeen encourages its Members to get involved, make friends and have fun! In the words of our Members, the most effective form of support is from other young people in a similar situation - who have "been there, done that". For more information, please visit

www.canteen.org.au