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AWARDS TO RECOGNISE COMMITMENT TO WELLBEING AND DEVELOPMENT OF TASMANIAN CHILDREN

The Tasmanian Early Years Foundation will present three achievement awards this year. CEO Rebecca Moles said the foundation's vision was to build a healthy, happy and positive future for Tasmanian children.

"The awards recognise individuals in the community who assist young children and their families to achieve this vision through leadership, dedication and professional commitment," she said.

There are three award categories:

- **Community Award** - For an individual who has demonstrated a high level of commitment to the wellbeing, development and learning of children from birth to six years and their families (supported by Fullers Bookshop).
- **Professional Award** - For an individual early years professional working in the government, non-government or community sector. The award recognises a significant contribution to the early education and care sector (supported by LHMU).
- **Inspirational Champion for the Early Years Award** - For an individual has been an inspirational champion to the wellbeing, development and learning of Tasmanian children from birth to six years and their families.

Ms Moles said it was very important that individuals working with and assisting young children and their families, were recognised for their efforts in this very important area.

"The Tasmanian Early Years Foundation promotes the wellbeing, development and learning of children from birth to six years," she said.

"These awards are just one of the ways in which we work to raise awareness of the importance of nurturing and supporting the early years of childhood.

The awards are open now and close on Friday 1 October 2010. Awards will be announced on 30 October 2010.

Nomination packages and terms and conditions are available from the Foundation on telephone 6232 7468 or for more information visit www.earlyyears.org.au

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