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Service for victims of crime a finalist in national community sector awards

A service providing support to victims of violent crime has been named one of five finalists in the Social Impact category of the 2013 HESTA Community Sector Awards.

Angelhands — based in Maylands, Western Australia — has been recognised for its work in advocating for the rights of people affected by violent crime, including murder and serious assault.

The Social Impact Award recognises an individual, organisation or network that has made an outstanding contribution to social justice in Australia, through policy development, advocacy, leadership or representation.

Deputy Director, Nicole Haberley said the organisation had been making a difference to the lives of people affected by violent crime for more than 10 years.

“We are really leading the way in providing innovative programs aimed at strengthening victims through advocacy and therapeutic means,” she said.

“Our services include counselling, small group therapy, the provision of role models for overcoming violent experiences, a rapid response to requests for services, and strategies to help people rejoin their communities.”

The judges commended Angelhands for supporting victims of crime and for their role in raising awareness of the impact crime has on people’s lives through the ‘Whose Face Do You See?’ project.

Ms Haberley and the other finalists will be flown to Adelaide to attend an awards dinner, where the winners will be announced during the Australian Council of Social Service National Conference on Monday, 25 March 2013.

A \$30,000 prize pool will be shared among the winners, courtesy of long-term HESTA awards sponsor, ME Bank. The Social Impact and Organisation Award winners will each receive a \$10,000 development grant. The Unsung Hero Award winner will receive a \$5,000 ME Bank *EveryDay* Transaction Account and a \$5,000 education grant.

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