

Media Release

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A generous leader in Workplace Giving

South Western Sydney Local Health District is proud to announce it is a finalist in the 2017 Workplace Giving Excellence Awards in the Best Public Sector Program category.

The awards recognise the most outstanding Workplace Giving programs and performers in Australia across a range of different categories.

Almost a quarter of the District's staff make a regular \$1 per week donations towards funding sustainable projects to improve health outcomes for women and children in Ethiopia through the Barbara May Foundation.

Workplace Giving Steering Committee Chairperson, Tonina Harvey, said she was proud to see the District named as a finalist for the award.

"It's terrific to have so many District staff signed up to the Program and to see their generosity rewarded in this way," she said.

"Our registration figures of almost 25 per cent are even more impressive when you consider that less than five per cent of Australians choose to participate in workplace giving program in the corporate sector.

"While staff work to improve the health of the local community each day, their generosity through the Workplace Giving Program makes a real difference to the daily lives of others."

The Workplace Giving Program has assisted the Barbara May Foundation to build a 20-bed maternal hospital in Ethiopia and train birth attendants in villages to manage women in their pregnancies.

"The work being done by the Barbara May Foundation is truly inspiring," Ms Harvey said.

"It is impressive to hear how our contributions are making a huge difference for others. It is amazing what \$1 a week can achieve."

The Workplace Giving Award winners will be announced on November 2.