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Subject Disaster relief donation to assist Mayumarri rebuild after fire

nib foundation is helping Mayumarri's volunteer cottage rise from the ashes following the announcement of a \$35,000 disaster relief donation.

Mayumarri, a Hunter-based organisation that supports survivors of child abuse, has been calling for public support to help rebuild the centre's volunteer cottage after it was destroyed by fire in August.

The donation from nib foundation comes ahead of Mayumarri's Open Day on Sunday, 4 October at the centre's Quarrobolong property.

nib foundation Chairman, Mr Terry Lawler, said that he was delighted to have the opportunity to support such a valuable community organisation in its time of crisis.

"Supporting the health and wellbeing of people right across Australia was the ideal upon which the foundation was established, and is why we decided to lend our support to Mayumarri," Mr Lawler said.

"While the donation is outside our national and community grants programs, the nib foundation board was truly touched by the plight of the centre and is pleased to be able to provide this disaster relief donation.

"I hope that this, along with other community and corporate support, will assist Mayumarri in rebuilding the cottage as soon as possible to house the volunteers who play such an invaluable role in supporting child abuse survivors from the Hunter and interstate," he said.

Mayumarri CEO Liz Mullinar said the fire was a devastating blow for the charity as well as for its two volunteer carers who lost all their possessions.

"I am so thankful to nib foundation for this generous funding that will allow our volunteers to be able to continue to help young women who have been abused to heal from their trauma," Ms Mullinar said.

Mayumarri is hosting a free Open Day on Sunday October 4 from 10am to 4pm at its centre at 380 Coney Creek Road, Quarrobolong, near Cessnock to celebrate ten years of operation. There will be market stalls, a jumping castle, face painting and music as well as tours of the facilities and information about Mayumarri's work. For directions visit www.mayumarri.com.au

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About nib foundation

In 2008, nib health funds established the nib foundation – a not-for-profit charitable organisation that will support programs aimed at improving the health and well being of all Australians. The foundation is funded by a \$25 million donation from nib, which was raised through the issue of new shares at the time of listing nib on the Australian Securities Exchange in November 2007.

About Mayumarri

Mayumarri is a private healing centre offering unique, affordable programs to help survivors of child abuse and trauma to heal. The programs are run by survivors for survivors. Since it opened in the Hunter in 1999, Mayumarri has expanded its programs across Australia and it has assisted more than 3500 people.

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