

Murphy Pipe and Civil gets into community spirit

Chinchilla's Spiritus Social Services Youth Support Co-ordinator Program and local youth throughout the Western Downs region will benefit from a community initiative driven by Murphy Pipe and Civil's gas field work crews.

Over the past few months, Murphy Pipe and Civil's employees working on Kenya's gas gathering projects, dug deep in an effort to raise money for the local Spiritus Youth Support Coordinator Program, so it could provide valuable support and guidance services and development programs to support youth in need.

Murphy Pipe and Civil construction crew member Dave Nyssen said he was pleased he and his work colleagues could assist the local organisation which tirelessly dedicated a great deal of effort to help the community's younger generation.

"Spiritus do amazing work for local youth and usually on a shoestring budget, so our work crews were more than happy to pitch in to lend a helping hand," Mr Nyssen said.

"We live and work here in Chinchilla and this is a chance to give something back to the community in appreciation of the hospitality we have all been shown since arriving in town," he said.

Murphy Pipe and Civil Director Tom Dermody said the employee initiative was a great idea and the financial assistance to Spiritus would no doubt assist them in helping some of the young people in the community that needed support.

"This type of community support is a true reflection of the kind of people we employ at Murphy Pipe and Civil, and in recognition of their efforts to help their host community the company has matched employee donations to further boost the financial support to a total of \$6000," Mr Dermody said.

"Murphy Pipe and Civil has a strong sense of social responsibility and this employee initiative aligns very well with our company's overarching goal of being part of the communities where we operate," he said.

Spiritus Youth Support Co-ordinator Jennie Downham said Murphy Pipe and Civil's cheque for \$6000 would go a long way in helping young people successfully overcome some of life's challenges.

"The Spiritus' Youth Support Coordinator Program offers a range of support mechanisms that are designed to assist young people - whether it be transitioning them from school to work, providing essential household items for those forced to live out of home, or providing tutorial services for students wanting to advance academically but need guidance and counselling," Ms Downham said.

"Young people are our future but some face many challenges, so it's vital that we as a community do what we can to give them the tools and assistance they need to take charge of their lives and be all they can be," she said.

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