New Territory Service for Young People Living with Cancer

Young Territorians living with cancer have a new support service, with the official opening of CanTeen’s new office in Darwin.

Chief Minister Paul Henderson today met staff and members of CanTeen and officially opened the office in Woolner.

Mr Henderson said CanTeen did a magnificent job supporting young people who had cancer, had family members with cancer or had lost family members to cancer.

“This is a fantastic resource for these young people and their families – providing a network and a place to go where people understand what they’re going through,” Mr Henderson said.

“It allows them to make friends and provides them with an understanding place to go away from hospitals and other treatment centres.

“CanTeen also helps young people’s development, encouraging them to take leadership roles in the organisation.

“I congratulate CanTeen on their work and warmly welcome them to the Territory.

“The Northern Territory Government also has a strong focus on providing cancer services and we have just officially opened the new oncology unit at RDH with Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and Member for Solomon Damian Hale.”

Mr Henderson said CanTeen also provided camps and other programs for members, and the Northern Territory Government had provided funding of $17,000 for a camp in the Territory last year.

“Members of CanTeen in the Territory will now have even more dedicated support with this new office and an officer based in Darwin,” he said.

The number of CanTeen members in the Northern Territory stands at 25. The organisation has supported tens of thousands of young Australians over the last 25 years.

The organisation also plays a research and advocacy role in the area of services for young people living with cancer.

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