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Wenona girls reach out to country kids

Royal Far West Children's Health Scheme received \$2300 from girls in Wenona's Ralston House to help give a needy country family a week of respite at Manly.

Royal Far West CEO Jann Kingston said she was delighted the Year 7 to 12 girls had chosen Royal Far West as the recipient of their fundraising efforts.

Royal Far West provides hostel-style accommodation to children and their families accessing specialist medical and allied health services at its Manly facility. Each January a week of respite is offered to a small group of families with a special needs child.

Ms Kingston said the money donated by Wenona would allow an extra family to enjoy a week of respite at the facility without incurring costs such as travel.

"The reality is time is tough in the country. Financially, socially and emotionally we know there are many families in need of a break," Ms Kingston said.

"All this need is magnified even further when parents have to deal with a child who may have specific health or developmental issues.

"We look forward to choosing a special family to enjoy this week at our Manly beachside facility.

"Not only with they have the benefits of a great location but they will be supported by our nursing and activities staff plus other families at the complex."

The funds were presented to Ms Kingston at a special assembly at Wenona's North Sydney campus on November 1, 2007.

Supplied picture: Royal Far West volunteer co-ordinator Narelle Turvey, Royal Far West CEO Jann Kingston, student Natalie Woodhill – Captain, Ralston House, student Alana Bushell - Vice Captain, Ralston House and Lynn Siebels – Wenona Teacher

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