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SA's OLDEST CHARITY GROUP WELCOMES NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE

CanDo Group Charities has appointed Judy Curran as Chief Executive for CanDo4Kids (Townsend House Inc.) and Deaf CanDo (the Royal South Australian Deaf Society Inc.) – South Australia's two oldest registered charities.

Ms Curran brings more than 15 years experience in the not-for-profit sector to the role including Deputy Executive Director of the Australian Red Cross SA Division and the past seven years as Chief Executive of **scosa**, the Spastic Centres of South Australia.

CanDo Group Charities Chairman Ms Christine Molitor said the Board is confident Judy's senior leadership experience in disability services and the private sector will enable her to make a significant contribution to CanDo Group.

"This experience combined with her passion, professionalism and strategic abilities means Ms Curran will be a perfect fit for the organisation," Ms Molitor said.

Ms Curran holds a Master of Business Administration, a Bachelor of Business (Marketing), is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management and the Australian Marketing Institute and Graduate Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Ms Curran also won the South Australian 2007 Telstra Business Women of the Year award in the Community Services category.

Ms Curran said CanDo Group's reputation for delivering exceptional service to children and adults and providing essential support to families, along with its diverse business portfolio that includes lifestyle retirement estates and audiology services, provides a sound foundation on which to build future services and the businesses that support them.

"CanDo4Kids and Deaf CanDo both have a long and proud history in providing disability support and allied health and I am excited by an opportunity to build on the legacy with which I have been entrusted," she said.

"Strategic development and partnerships will play a vital role in the future growth of this diverse organisation," Ms Curran said.

CanDo Group Charities is the parent body of CanDo4Kids and Deaf CanDo. CanDo Group management administers both organisations ensuring operating efficiencies and maximizing services to the community.

CanDo4Kids, established in 1874 as Townsend House, is South Australia's oldest registered charity and is the principle provider of allied health and disability support services to children and young adults who are Deaf, Blind or sensory impaired.

Deaf CanDo, established in 1891 as the Royal South Australian Society for the Deaf, is the State's second-oldest registered charity and provides South Australia's Deaf community with a range of services and programs such as advocacy, interpreting support, development of specialised programs, access to general community services, professional support, guidance and more.

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