

May 6, 2008

Youth worker joins the Who's Who

BoysTown youth worker Ruth Palmani has been named in the Who's Who of Australian Women and recognised as one of the nation's Six Outstanding Women by the National Ethnic and Multicultural Broadcast Council.

This follows the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) she was awarded last year.

Ms Palmani said she was very thankful for the awards which acknowledge her contribution to the Filipino community in South East Queensland.

"I have never expected anything in return for the work I do," she said.

"I like working with young people because you can really make a difference."

Since coming to Australia from the Philippines in 1991 Ms Palmani has worked in Logan with young people in a variety of roles across the education, employment, welfare and community services sectors.

She was also a radio presenter and panel operator on Radio 4EB's Filipino radio program, a consultant editor of resource booklet *Living and Working in Logan* and editor of several community newsletters.

"I became a youth worker with the organisation in 2006 because of our similar missions," Ms Palmani said.

"Before this I was a one man army but the support I receive from BoysTown staff is wonderful and inspirational."

The Who's Who of Australian Women is a publication that pays tribute to the many inspiring female leaders throughout Australia's history.

Ms Palmani will join almost 6,000 outstanding women from all walks of life in revealing the mentors that have driven her to success and offer advice for women wishing to follow in her footsteps.

International recognition has also followed her achievements; she has been honoured by her home province of Aklan in the Philippines by being named Outstanding Aklanon in the field of journalism.

"I believe we should always put 101% effort into everything we do," she said.

"There is no hindrance that will stop us from achieving great things in any field locally, nationally and internationally.

"I just keep on doing deeds that improve the lives of disadvantaged people, especially the young ones."

ENDS

Media Contact: Kristy Porter – 07 38671386 or 0434 077 439
Jessica Tatzenko – 07 38671248 or 0434 077 478