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IPAA QUEENSLAND LEADS THE WAY TO HELP KIDS UNDER COVER

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The Institute of Public Administration Australia (IPAA) Queensland has ramped up its fundraising efforts to support local charity *Kids Under Cover* in light of this week's City News article.

The organisation announced *Kids Under Cover* as its chosen charity for 2009 back in February and is working harder than ever to raise more than \$10,000 by the end of the year.

IPAA Queensland CEO Peter Rumph said the Institute's staff and clients were working tirelessly to help out the charity which is at risk of closure.

"As a not for profit organisation ourselves, we know how hard it is to secure grants and funds and we will be going above and beyond to help *Kids Under Cover*."

"We have raised more than \$5,000 this year for the charity and are inventing new ways to fundraise including entering a number of teams into the Bridge to Brisbane fun run this year," he said.

Mr Rumph is putting the call out to other organisations, be they from the private, public or not for profit sectors, to match IPAA Queensland's donation of \$10,000.

"Even if only three organisations pledge at least \$10,000 to *Kids Under Cover* our efforts will provide a two-bedroom bungalow worth \$45,000 to a family in need," he said.

Kids Under Cover State Manager Glenda Haig is delighted with IPAA Queensland's efforts this year and has attended a number of their *iQ* Events to sell raffle tickets with the staff.

"In this economic climate, spare funds are few and far between and the support from IPAA Queensland shows how even a small organisation can go the extra mile for others," she said.

Mr Rumph said without the support of IPAA Queensland's members, their 20 staff, and those who attend the range of public sector focused events, their efforts to help *Kids Under Cover* would be diminished.

IPAA Queensland is the peak professional body for the public sector in Queensland and represents the interests of more than 270,000 public professionals across all tiers of government.

To donate to *Kids Under Cover* phone 3221 2537 or visit www.kuc.org.au

PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

WHAT: Ms Glenda Haig and the staff from IPAA Queensland banding together for *Kids Under Cover*

DATE: As required

INTERVIEW OPPS: Mr Peter Rumph, CEO *IPAA Queensland*

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