

**MEDIA RELEASE****Youth Work Student returns from second International Work Experience Program assisting rural Indian Village**

Gemma Brooking has returned from Hyderabad, India where she was a valuable part of the CHARLTON BROWN® Foundation's Global Linkages Program.

Gemma, who is currently studying a Diploma of Youth Work, used the skills she has learnt during her studies to help vulnerable communities in Hyderabad improve their health by implementing a sanitation and hygiene training program.

The CHARLTON BROWN® Foundation offers educational scholarships to CHARLTON BROWN® students, enabling them to participate in the life-changing practical placement experience that is the Global Linkages Program.

Gemma said that with both journeys in India her eyes were opened to a world incomprehensible to her Western mind.

"Global Linkages has opened my eyes' I have a greater appreciation for my life and education and have a deeper understanding of the beautiful Indian culture,

"During my time in India I've become a more compassionate, understanding and stronger person; attributes that will compliment my skillset and make me a better Youth worker," said Gemma.

CHARLTON BROWN® Children's Services Trainer and Global Linkages India team leader, Carmel Harrison, said that Gemma was able to apply the knowledge she has gained through her studies, to real situations whilst working with the Rural Economic and Educational Development Society (REEDS) to support vulnerable Indian communities.

"Gemma and the Global Linkages team worked closely with REEDS, in order to educate trainers and provide support and donations to rural communities that REEDS assists," said Carmel.

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