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THANK YOU TO THE HUNDREDS OF VOLUNTEERS WHO HELP THOSE WITH ASTHMA

The Asthma Foundation of WA extends their thanks to the many hundred volunteers who dedicate their time on a daily, monthly and in some cases on an event-basis to help the 220,000+ Western Australians who are diagnosed with asthma.

The Foundation recognises the efforts and contributions of the wonderful team of volunteers throughout the entire year, but with National Volunteers Week this week, it is special cause for thanks.

Foundation CEO Mr John Gummer says "We have a wonderful team of committed men and women who volunteer for a variety of reasons. Our volunteers range in age and background. We would be at a loss without them. Quite remarkably we have some volunteers who have been with us for over 20 years and even as long as 40 years".

According to Volunteering Australia, an incredible 5.4 million people volunteer every year to make Australia a better place and during National Volunteer Week this week the Foundation will highlight the work of its wonderful volunteers.

"The Foundation's volunteers work in various roles, including administration, recreational programs, and fundraising and awareness events. A prime example of the amazing volunteer commitment was for the Freeway Bike Hike for Asthma held in March when over 300 dedicated volunteers lined the Freeway and the start and finish lines to assist the participants in their fundraising bike ride", Mr Gummer said.

The Asthma Foundation of WA is a community based, not-for-profit organisation that provides asthma education and training and helps to reduce the number of asthma-related deaths in the community.

The Foundation is currently approaching its annual Donations Appeal and the community is encouraged to get behind the wonderful work that is done throughout WA. To make a donation or for more information about the Asthma Foundation of WA and the services for the community please visit www.asthmawa.org.au.

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