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A WICKED CHRISTMAS GIFT TO COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

WICKED, in partnership with the City of Sydney, is giving a special Christmas gift tonight to many disadvantaged people in Sydney. Two hundred free tickets to tonight's performance have been distributed by the City of Sydney to 36 community non-profit organizations, including the Salvation Army Oasis Youth Support Network, the Wayside Chapel and YWCA Homeless Brokerage Program. The recipients will be able to enjoy the musical that Sydney has taken to its heart, something they could never have afforded for themselves.

The Salvation Army Oasis Youth Support Network expressed appreciation to WICKED and the City of Sydney for the opportunity provided to a group of disadvantaged and homeless young people who live in its inner city shelters to attend a performance of the hit musical. Captain Paul Moulds, Director of Oasis, said, "The importance of these type of opportunities should not be underestimated. Young homeless people often feel shut out of society and don't have access to the type of things most young people experience like holidays, Christmas dinners and trips to the theatre. This generous gift gives them the opportunity to experience these missing parts of their lives and helps make our job of reconnecting them to our community so much easier." Captain Moulds said, "The young people are so excited about going to the theatre. They are planning what to wear and looking forward to a new experience. This is a great Christmas gift for them."

WICKED Australia Co-Producer John Frost said Christmas is a joyful time for most people, but for some it can be lonely and depressing. "WICKED is not only a very entertaining show, but one with themes of the empowerment of outsiders and taking control of your own destiny. I'm sure the 200 people who have been given these tickets will enjoy their experience at the theatre, but I also hope they come away with the positive and encouraging messages it contains. I'd like to thank the City of Sydney for helping us spread some WICKED Christmas cheer throughout the community."

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