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Press Release - Accreditation

It is with great pleasure that we announce that Chabad Youth has successfully completed the Australian Childhood Foundation Accreditation Program for Safeguarding Children and is now a **Safeguarding Children Accredited Organisation**. We are also proud that Chabad Youth is a pioneer in this field being one of the first Youth organisations of its kind and also one of the first Jewish-focused organisations to become accredited.

At Chabad Youth, we have a strong commitment to maintaining best practice standards for protecting children and young people from abuse and exploitation, which is why we decided to take part in this voluntary accreditation process. Child safety is of paramount importance at Chabad Youth.

Rabbi Moshe Kahn who drove the entire process proudly stated that *"the welfare of our children is of paramount importance and we, at Chabad youth are committed to safeguarding children and young people in our care ensuring that they feel and are safe at all times."*

In order to become accredited, Chabad Youth successfully met each of the elements in all (7) evidence-based standards that focus on building a protective organisation for children and young people. These are:

1. Commitment to safeguard children and young people
2. Personnel roles and conduct
3. Recruitment and screening
4. Personnel induction and training
5. Involving children and parents in safeguarding
6. Child abuse reports and allegations
7. Supporting and improving a child-safe culture

The auditors were exceptionally impressed with Chabad Youth's achievements in this area. Some of the comments included in the reports were that:

- Rabbi Moshe Kahn, Director of Chabad Youth, has taken a very active role in Child Protection matters. He acts not only as coordinator of all Child Protection matters but also drives the culture from the top.
- Rabbi Moshe Kahn is prepared to allocate sufficient resources to develop and implement the safeguarding policies and is a motivator and driver for the overall practice.
- There is a willingness amongst all people involved including parents, children and young people to speak about issues related to child safety and about Chabad Youth organisation, in general.

As a reflection of our strong commitment to child safety and protection, Chabad Youth is very focused on reducing the risks of abuse on children and young people by employees, volunteers and any "involved personnel" at Chabad Youth.

We gratefully acknowledge the generous support of the Jack and Robert Smorgon Families Foundation, who share our vision to protect children and young people from any form of abuse.

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Certificate of Accreditation

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This Certificate of Accreditation is awarded by
the Australian Childhood Foundation to:

Chabad Youth

11/04/2014

In recognition of it successfully meeting the Safeguarding Children standards
and committing itself as an organisation to the protection of children.

This Certificate of Accreditation is valid until

11/04/2017

Dr. Joe Tucci
CEO Australian Childhood Foundation

Certificate number: 2014_01

