

Media Release

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Perth's Street Doctor is a finalist in Oprah's "Know a Hero" competition - \$100,000 up for grabs!

Perth Primary Care Network's StreetDoctor headed by Dr Inga Shea has been selected as one of 7 finalists for a promotion to win \$100,000. The competition showcases the work of individuals linked to charities with the winner announced on Oprah Winfrey's show - Tuesday 14th December at the Sydney Opera House.

Inga (38 years) spreads her working week between Perth's StreetDoctor and Derbarl Yerrigan Health Service. Inga's passion for homeless and marginalised populations has seen her volunteer at Equal Health Camps for the homeless in India, Johannesburg and Guatemala. More recently, Inga has worked for Broome Regional Aboriginal Medical Services in the Kimberley.

StreetDoctor attends several different locations around central Perth and the eastern suburbs (including *Passages*) providing homeless, marginalised and disadvantaged people with access to primary health care because access to a conventional general practice may not be possible for a number of reasons.

Merewyn Templeton, the StreetDoctor nurse who nominated Inga on Oprah's website said "To win this amazing prize would mean we could buy a new van! Wow that would make such a difference to us all as our present van is old and in desperate need of repair."

Voting is via Facebook – www.facebook.com/americanexpressaustralia - and the individual is Dr Inga Shea. Details of Perth Primary Care Network's Street Doctor programme is available at: <http://ppcn.org.au/street-doctor/>

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