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**MEDIA STATEMENT
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BETHESDA RAISES FUNDS FOR QLD FLOOD VICTIMS WITH THE HELP OF ALSTON

The staff at Bethesda Hospital have enthusiastically rallied to raise funds for the Queensland flood victims by holding a raffle with a well sought-after prize of an original framed print by cartoonist Dean Alston. Bethesda staff were even more moved by the plight of our fellow Australians when Joan Sheppard, Executive Manager, Clinical Services had to flee the rising waters, following her recent trip to visit family in Brisbane.

Describing the ordeal as “quite frightening”, Joan was glad to be on safe soil back in Perth after managing to reschedule her flight back to Perth following the evacuation of the family apartment in Brisbane. She fully supports the staff’s efforts in assisting with funds for the flood relief.

The 1st prize of a Dean Alston framed original was initially donated by Dean for our Palliative Care fundraiser late last year featuring fashion icon Donna Karan and international photographer Russell James. It was won by a staff member and donated back to Bethesda for another fund raiser.

Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased from the Bethesda Hospital reception at \$3 each or 2 for \$5. Bottles of wine donated to the hospital for its fundraising activities, comprise second and third prizes.



Above: Bethesda Hospital's Executive Manager, Clinical Services, Joan Sheppard with the original Alston cartoon, 1st prize in the raffle to raise funds for the Queensland floods.

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