THE EBRAHIM PATEL/CRESCENTS OF BRISBANE SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

to Mr Farouk Adam by Dr Mustafa Ally on behalf of the Crescents of Brisbane Team

Each year since we started CresWalk in 2004 we have looked for someone in the community who has contributed selflessly and generously to make our lives in this state of Queensland just that bit better - someone who neither seeks nor even often gets praise and recognition for the work they do within the community.

This year the EBRAHIM PATEL/CRESCENTS OF BRISBANE SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD recognizes Mr Farouk Adam for his ever-willingness to support any worthy cause whether it is lending his UTE to pick up and drop something off, rounding up helpers, loaning equipment from his shop or rolling up his sleeves and giving a hand.

What is remarkable about all this is that Farouk does this unquestioningly and without hesitation. In all my time working with people I have rarely come across anyone with the kind of almost reflex action response that Farouk has, to any call for help or assistance. And best of all he does it with an endearing smile and always with his unique sense of humour.

Nothing, and I mean nothing, is too hard, or too difficult or too impossible for Farouk. I call him the CAN-DO man of the Muslim community.

But in addition to his generosity and kindness of spirit, Farouk is a tireless community leader who gets involved wherever he can. Amongst the long list of his involvement in community organizations Farouk has been a long-serving director and the current president of the Muslim Business Network. He is on the Kuraby Mosque and Madressah committees. He is also a member of the Rotary club where he always assists with fundraisers for good causes. Farouk is literally at the beck and call of most Muslim organizations in this area.

Do we need to say more about Farouk's contribution.....

Ladies and gentlemen, it gives me great pleasure to call on Mr Farouk Adam to accept the HAJE EBRAHIM PATEL/CRESCENTS OF BRISBANE SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD for 2011.