

# Local girls host charity dinner for Queensland flood victims

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The Bangladeshi youth of Campbelltown are coming together in support of those affected by the floods in Queensland. Probashi – a registered charity organisation comprised of young Bangladeshi girls - will be hosting a dinner and auction at the PCYC at Minto on Sunday 30 January 2011 as a charity effort to contribute towards the Queensland Premier's fund relief appeal.

Probashi is a charity organisation run by socially active females aged 16 and up who are deeply aware of social and current issues and actively work to address them. Born in 2001, Probashi is an organisation that arose from a collective need to better the lives of the disadvantaged in Bangladesh as well as Australia.

Probashi is an active participant in the cultural programs, festivals and fairs held in Sydney and holds stalls to raise funds for their dedicated projects including charity functions for the Red Cross, cancer council and clean up Australia day among other initiatives.

In the past Probashi has raised money for a cancer patient named Prapti and had a fundraising dinner for her. Probashi has sold chocolates and raised money for flood affected people in Bangladesh by finding the 20 most affected families in Nilfamaria north of Bangladesh and provided them with income generating items such as rickshaws, sewing machines etc.

Probashi's current focus is to help those affected by the Queensland floods. In a recent media statement Queensland Premier Anna Bligh confirmed that the death toll has now risen to 20. Queensland has endured an extraordinary and devastating event over the past weeks. People have lost their homes, they've lost their workplaces, they've lost their communities and tragically – a number of Queenslanders have lost their lives.

To help support our interstate neighbours, please come along to the dinner and auction to be held on 30 January 2011 at the PCYC in Minto where Probashi will aim to encourage people to donate directly on the day or through the purchasing of items on auction such as laptops and suits. The event has been

encouraged by the local MP Laurie Ferguson who sends his support and sympathies to the people of Queensland.

So come along for a nice evening out with the family, have dinner with your neighbours for a good cause and donate to help out the people of Queensland in their time of need.



Probashi members and their families at a fundraising dinner to raise money for 20 Bangladeshi girls requiring life saving operations.