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**PAUL LYNCH MP
MINISTER FOR AGEING
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South-West Visit Program reaches out to those in need

Minister for Ageing and Disability Services Paul Lynch today launched a new program to reach out to isolated people in South-West Sydney.

Mr Lynch launched the South-West Visit Program at Sisters of Charity Outreach in Miller as part of Seniors Week 2009.

Sisters of Charity Outreach received a NSW Government grant to help establish the service, Mr Lynch said.

“This is a vital service for our community. The Visit service offers support to people who are frail, aged, socially isolated and people with disabilities,” he said.

“The program provides in-home respite for carers and companionship to the isolated and people with disabilities,” Mr Lynch said.

“The Sisters of Charity Outreach work extremely hard to support people most in need,” he said.

“While the focus on Seniors Week has largely been directed at the achievements of older people, we must remember that many older people are frail and unfortunately, many are isolated in their own communities,” Mr Lynch said.

“The NSW Government is proud to support the Sisters of Charity Outreach South-West Visit Program,” he said.

“It will reach more frail and isolated older people and those with disabilities, to provide the care and support they deserve,” Mr Lynch said.

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