



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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# AHG supports Senses' fundraiser for 14th consecutive year

Australia's largest automotive retailer, Automotive Holdings Group Limited (AHG), has again thrown its corporate weight behind Senses Foundation's major fundraising event.

For the 14th consecutive year, AHG has generously come on board as the major sponsor of the Foundation's Charity Golf Day, to be held on Friday 6 May at the exclusive Lake Karrinyup Country Club.

This annual fundraiser generates vital income that enables Senses Foundation to provide services to people with disabilities, and in particular those who are deafblind. This is the most isolating disability of all, significantly affecting communication, socialisation, mobility and daily living.

AHG Managing Director Bronte Howson said the company was proud of its long-standing relationship with Senses Foundation.

"Senses Foundation is a great local charity that makes an enormous difference to the lives of many West Australians," said Mr Howson.

"Last year's golf day attracted 140 participants and raised \$110,000."

"I challenge WA's business community to get on board in 2011 and help us raise even more this year."

Senses' Chief Executive Officer Debbie Karasinski said the Foundation was grateful for AHG's continued support over the past 14 years.

"Without sponsorship from our generous corporate partners like AHG we simply would not be able to provide our services to as many people." she said.

"This year we also welcome on board LWP Property Group as our dinner sponsor and Downer as lunch sponsor."

Ms Karasinski said funds raised from this year's event will be directed into education, training and resources in specialist communication in regional and remote WA for people who are deafblind or have a vision impairment and additional disabilities, as well as their families, carers and service providers.





"There are more than 29,000 people living in Western Australia with a vision impairment and additional disabilities," she said.

"Of these, almost 12,000 live in regional WA, 5,000 in remote areas. More than 2,000 are both deaf and blind, which is the most isolating disability of all."

Registrations for this year's Senses Foundation Charity Golf Day are already being taken, but there is still plenty of room for additional teams.

The day will kick off with registrations at 10am followed by lunch then some healthy competition out on the course while enjoying premium cheese, beer and wine tasting.

Players will then have the opportunity to refresh themselves before being joined by their partners for a gourmet dinner and fine wines.

There will be live and silent auctions, so all donations from generous businesses are welcome.

To download a golf day information pack, or for more information on registration or becoming one of the Foundation's generous sponsors, visit <a href="www.sensesgolfday.com.au">www.sensesgolfday.com.au</a> or call Nichola Nugent on 9473 5472.

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## **About Senses Foundation**

Senses Foundation had its origins 110 years ago as the Royal WA Institute for the Blind, then amalgamated with the WA Deafblind Association in 2001 to become Senses Foundation Inc. The Foundation is a charitable, not for profit organisation providing disability support services to people of all ages throughout Western Australia. Its unique speciality is the provision of services to people who are deafblind.





## **About AHG**

Automotive Holdings Group Limited (ASX: AHE) is a diversified automotive retailing and logistics group with operations in every Australian mainland state and in New Zealand. The Company is Australia's largest automotive retailer, with its major operations in Western Australia, New South Wales and Queensland. AHG also operates the Prestige Hino truck dealership in Dandenong, Victoria – one of the largest in the country; as well as the Ferntree Gully Toyota dealership in Melbourne.

AHG operates logistics businesses throughout Australia through subsidiaries Rand Transport (transport and cold storage), AMCAP (motor parts and industrial supplies distribution), VSE, providing vehicle storage and engineering, Genuine Truck Bodies, which provides body building services to the truck industry and KTM Sportmotorcycles (motorcycle importation and distribution in Australia and New Zealand).