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\$869,000 scholarship program to help with COVID

Gold Coast, Queensland – A private \$869,000 scholarship program has been launched to support those who have lost their jobs due to the ongoing COVID crisis.

Six hundred seats with a 50% funded scholarship are available to those who have lost their jobs and wish to obtain the TAE40116 *Certificate IV in Training and Assessment*, allowing them to transition into a trainer and assessor role.

The scholarship is provided by Plenty Training, a private Registered Training Organisation (RTO), and is administered by the non-profit foundation Pay It Forward Scholarships (www.pifs.org.au).

“This is a massive program that will help struggling Australians, many of whom have spent their lives helping others,” said Carl Mocnik, the Managing Director of both entities. “Almost everyone possesses skills and knowledge that they can share with others, which helps to make the world a better place and offers significant personal rewards. And trainers qualified with the TAE40116 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment are currently in high demand throughout Australia.”

Pay It Forward Scholarships is a non-profit foundation that fosters and administers a \$2M scholarship network program that helps people who have been impacted by events beyond their control. Scholarships are available in courses that can lead to a new career and options in life. Courses are delivered via many pathways including face-to-face and online.

In return, scholarship recipients must agree to help three other people in a significant manner within a year of completing their course. That is, to ‘pay it forward’. Carl Mocnik said: “I was inspired to use this powerful concept by Ms. Catherine Ryan Hyde’s book ‘Pay it Forward’, from which the Kevin Spacey / Helen Hunt movie was made. I am proud to say that Catherine fully supports the foundation and kindly agreed to become our patron.”



Ms. Catherine Ryan Hyde, author of the book “Pay it Forward”,
and patron of the Pay It Forward Scholarship foundation

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About Plenty Training: Plenty Training (www.plenty.edu.au) works with everyday Australians who have a wealth of knowledge and experience and who want to share their gift with the world. Over the past decade, Plenty Training has helped more than 30,000 everyday Australians discover and benefit from their untapped potential. They also work with some of Australia’s most well-known companies who recognise and value the asset of their people’s experience.

About PIFS: Pay It Forward Scholarships (www.pifs.org.au) is a registered charity that enables people who have been impacted by events beyond their control to attend vocational training courses that are delivered by members of Australia’s 4,000+ nationally registered vocational colleges and other private training organisations. Scholarships are targeted at people who need a helping hand to make a change in their lives by obtaining a qualification that leads to new career options.