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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Careers in Disability Special Report)

A career within the disability sector is a highly rewarding profession. St Michaels Association has over 180 staff members across our Launceston and Devonport program areas. Our staff members come from diverse life experiences that enrich the lives of our participants.

For 32 years Chris Medcraft worked as a paper machine operator and team leader at Australian Paper on the North West Coast of Tasmania. In 2010 Chris' world changed when he was made redundant. Instead of allowing fear of the unknown to grip Chris, he decided to retrain in community service and disability support. "Through education and training, the world opened back up for me. Change wasn't easy, but it was so rewarding. I learned that you're never too old to learn new things and you're never too old for change", says Chris. Chris has worked with St Michaels at the Devonport campus for a year and in that time he has become an integral member of the team. He is also featured in TasTafe's new VET advertising campaign which encourages Tasmanians to retrain and upskill in their chosen profession.

Anaflor Moore, a support worker at St Michaels hails from the Philippines. Anaflor started her St Michaels career journey through work placement from the Migrant Resource Centre and St Michaels Training. She enjoys working with St Michaels' participants, particularly Anusa who is one of the organisation's youngest participants. "When I arrived in Australia 16 years ago I worked as a factory hand, but I wanted a change. I've always been interested in the disability sector, the time was right after my child was born to retrain", says Anaflor. Anaflor is being supported by St Michaels to further her training and she is currently completing her Certificate III in Individual Support (Disability) at St Michaels Training, a Registered Training Organisation (RTO). "The most rewarding aspect in my role as a support worker is seeing participants progress in developing their life skills, and knowing that my work helps them achieve their goals", Anaflor says.



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St Michaels Training has been offering accredited training for Tasmanians with a disability and the disability sector since 2003. Uniquely, St Michaels Training is the only Tasmanian Training Provider working exclusively in the disability sector. Conveniently located in the heart of Launceston's CBD, St Michaels Training offers blended learning opportunities, including traineeships, workplace-based skill sets and classroom-based training across the state. If you are interested in embarking on a rewarding career in the disability sector, please contact St Michaels Training by calling (03) 6333 2600 or visiting <https://stmichaelstraining.tas.edu.au/>

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