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Sisters doing it for themselves, helping others

Andrew Priestley

MONA Vale counsellor Linda Beuzeville has been recognised for her work helping disadvantaged young people.

Ms Beuzeville is one of the recipients of the NSW Volunteer Team of the Year award.

She is one of six team leaders from around the state for the SISTER2sister program, which is run by the Life Changing Experiences Foundation.

The initiative provides "Big Sister" mentors for young women dealing with issues including abuse, neglect and family breakdown.

Ms Beuzeville said she wanted to lend a hand to others in need.

"(I) was driven by wanting to make a difference, to

help girls get on a different path to what they're on," she said.

"I get so much out of it. It's so rewarding."

As a team leader, Ms Beuzeville co-ordinates mentors and mentees around Sydney. She is the only award recipient from the northern beaches.

Her volunteering is on top of running her own counselling practice, and a construction company with her husband.

She said the award showed the value of service SISTER2sister provided.

"It was very rewarding to be recognised for the work we do," she said.

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- Provides "Big Sister" mentors to disadvantaged young women.
- Mentors work voluntarily with disadvantaged young women.
- The program has helped more than 275 young women over its nine-year life.
- To contact the program, or become a mentor, go to lifechangingexperiences.org.



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