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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Local community organisations agree to amalgamate to increase support for those most vulnerable.**

Two local not-for-profit organisations have agreed to amalgamate. Althea (Althea Projects Inc) and TDCI (The Townsville Drop-in Centre Inc) are combining to better position themselves for the future.

Debra Miles, Althea President said “This amalgamation will give us strength and stability to continue to offer supports to the communities we serve. We have agreed to formally amalgamate as one organisation which will take effect in late May 2017”.

“We have been aware of each organisation’s contribution to the local community on many projects in the past and realised this move simply makes good sense” added TDCI President Karl Brasted.

Matthew Rogers, TDCI General Manager commented “The cultures and values of both organisations are very much aligned. This amalgamation will see us pull together formally as one team. Everyone has a role in the new organisation, with all staff retaining employment”.

“The amalgamated organisation will have 31 staff, with three locations; Aitkenvale, Railway Estate and the Townsville CBD. We will continue to offer services and build capacity in our local community and will consult with other communities where our services may be required” said Mandy Thompson, Althea CEO.

Althea and TDIC are not-for-profit organisations who support individuals, families and the broader community through a range of services including:

- Family support
- Respite and crisis accommodation for children
- Foster and kinship care services
- Emergency relief for people facing financial crisis
- Homelessness supports; and
- First Steps, a trial program for mothers and their new born babies in the Child Protection Sector across North Queensland.

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