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A juicy festive season for Sydney's special children

The NSW Farmers' Association will donate 5000 apples to a Sydney Christmas party tomorrow for seriously ill, disabled and disadvantaged children.

NSW Farmers' Association Horticultural Committee Chair Peter Darley says the donation to the 2008 Sydney Special Children's Christmas Party is a way for the Association to give back to the community and make a difference in the lives of seriously ill and disadvantaged children.

"We are very honoured to have been asked to be part of the Special Children's Christmas party and we are delighted to donate 5000 apples to these children," Mr Darley said.

The Association has long advocated healthy eating by school aged children and with the percentage of overweight and obese children increasing, Mr Darley believes it is important to promote healthy, fresh food.

"Nutrition is so important for our children, and fruit is affordable, available and convenient as a snack," Mr Darley said.

"We believe it is very important that Australian children are introduced to quality fresh fruit to help ensure they appreciate good nutrition in the future," Mr Darley said.

The Sydney Special Children's Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday 10 December and all funds raised from the party will benefit Down Syndrome NSW. The NSW Farmers' Association Apple and Pear Growers Working Group will be on hand to help distribute the apples.

Date: Wednesday 10 December, 2008

Location: Sydney Showground, Sydney Olympic Park, Homebush

Time: 10am to 2pm

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