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AWARDS SHINE A LIGHT ON COMMUNITY CHAMPION

For more than 16 years, Sarah Walker has worked as a tireless and passionate advocate for people in northern NSW affected by domestic and family violence and homelessness.

Last week [25 September], she was recognised on the national stage winning the 'Emerging Leader Award' at the *Third Sector Awards* held in Sydney.

Ms Walker, who works for not-for-profit Momentum Collective, has helped thousands of women, children and families rebuild their lives. She said she was humbled to be recognised by her peers and colleagues in the community services sector.

"Many people in our communities need a home, security, and support to lead productive, independent lives. I am committed to making positive changes for them," Ms Walker said.

Karen Murphy, CEO of Momentum Collective, congratulated Ms Walker on her award, commending her for her leadership and commitment to helping people feel safe and supported.

"Sarah is an innovator in the homelessness and domestic and family violence areas, creating unique programs that are focused on helping some of our most vulnerable people rebuild their lives and to safe and supported," Ms Murphy said.

"As well as leading seven organisations to provide the specialist homelessness services in northern NSW, Sarah also established the first district-wide 24/7 crisis response for women and children escaping domestic and family violence."

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