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NSW hotels, all heart

NSW hotels will show that they are all heart as they unite with business and community leaders this Wednesday 7 May to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for the St Vincent de Paul Society's homeless services.

The Hotels Have Hearts events have so far raised more than \$2.4 million dollars for the St Vincent de Paul Society homeless services.

Money raised through the events has made an enormous difference having funded the Matthew Talbot Hostel homereach service; the refurbishment of the Activity Centre; and a training kitchen, computer lab and art studio to help people begin their journey back into the community. Funds have also supported the refurbishment of the rooftop recreation and garden space at Vincentian House, a service for women and families, making it an inviting outdoor space where children can play and mums and dads can relax.

This year's Hotels Have Hearts Gala dinner will be held on Wednesday 7 May 2014 at the Hilton Sydney and will feature keynote addresses by Sir William Deane AC KBE (Patron for Matthew Talbot Homeless Services), AHA (NSW) President Scott Leach and former client Constance, who will share her personal struggle with homelessness.

MC for the night is Vince Sorrenti and an array of great auction and raffle items will be up for grabs including a helicopter, lunch and golf package for eight at the Packer family's private golf course, Ellerston; an ultimate luxury Tahitian getaway; and a smorgasbord of packages to some of Australia's and New Zealand's top horse racing events.

Beverley Kerr, President of Matthew Talbot Homeless Services said, "The total gift of Hotels Have Hearts amounts to much more than just financial support — it builds skills and confidence, keeps families together, provides comfort and a safe environment for people to heal, and allows people experiencing or at risk of homelessness to break the cycle once and for all."

What: Hotels have Hearts Gala Dinner

When: Wednesday 7 May 2014 from 6pm

Where: Hilton Sydney, 488 George Street, Sydney

Who: Sir William Deane AC KBE, The Hon. Troy Grant, Minister for Gaming, Vince Sorrenti and Ray Hadley

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