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NSW HOTELS CONTINUE TO SHARE THEIR HEARTS WITH THE HOMELESS

The much anticipated Hotels Have Hearts Gala Dinner in aid of St Vincent de Paul Society NSW will take place once again at the Hilton in Sydney on 10 May 2016.

Founded in 2001 by a group of generous hoteliers who wanted to do more to help Sydney's homeless, Hotels Have Hearts is one of NSW's premier hospitality industry fundraising events, supported by the Australian Hotels Association (AHA).

Since inception, the Hotels Have Hearts event has raised in excess of \$3million to support people experiencing homelessness and disadvantage including a record breaking \$500,000 in 2014.

Money raised through Hotels Have Hearts has made an enormous difference having funded various Vinnies services including 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 parents can relax.

Attended annually by Patron, Sir William Deane and emceed by Vince Sorrenti, the event promises to be another not to be missed night.

Beverley Kerr, President of St Vincent de Paul Society Support 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."

The 2016 Hotels Have Hearts Gala Dinner will be held on Tuesday 10 May from 6pm at the Hilton Sydney. Tickets are limited with bookings to the event now available. For more information or to purchase tickets or a table of 10 visit the Hotels Have Hearts website at www.hotelshavehearts.com.

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HOW HOTELS HAVE HEARTS HAS HELPED THE HOMELESS

Year	Raised	Funded	Detail
2001	\$250,000	Mission Australia	
2002	\$250,000	Homereach Service (\$250,000)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Precursor to today's Community Support Team. Enabled program launch and funding of two caseworker positions, created to provide support to clients who had been housed following a crisis accommodation period.
2004	\$330,000	Matthew Talbot Hostel Clinic (\$330,000)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enabled the Matthew Talbot Hostel Clinic to gain accreditation as a health service and increase their range of services, medical consultation rooms and equipment, allowing clients to be discharged early from hospital and to accommodate sick clients rather than admitting them to hospital.
2006	\$320,000	Matthew Talbot Hostel Clinic (\$320,000)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significantly contributed to the increased range of services offered at the Matthew Talbot Hostel Clinic and partial refurbishment.
2007	\$390,000	Matthew Talbot Hostel Activity Room (\$390,000)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Precursor to today's Ozanam Learning Centre, funding allowed the hostel to refurbish the Activity Centre, providing a training kitchen, computer lab, art studio and other engagement strategies for clients to begin their journey back into the community.
2009	\$403,934	Vincentian House Rooftop Garden & KEEP Program (\$403,000)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enabled the Society to refurbish the rooftop recreation and garden space of the women's and families service, Vincentian House. This is now a popular, inviting outdoor space where children can play, families can have a barbecue, and people can relax in fresh air and sunshine and take the time to reconnect as a family. Also contributed to the running of the KEEP Program, an education program that aims to support children experiencing homelessness.
2010	\$308,000	Ozanam Learning Centre Activities Program (\$300,000)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The activities program at the OLC including the music studio, art program and TAFE cost over \$500,000 per year to run. The HHH event significantly contributed to these programs.
2012	\$461,632	Sydney Night Patrol (\$30,000) Vincentian House KEEP & case working (\$430,000)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funds provide crucial funding to Sydney Night Patrol, a services that provides nourishing food, a hot drink and a listening ear to people living on the streets. Funding also contributed to the running costs of KEEP including the school holiday program that treats children experiencing homelessness to fun outings including the cinema, zoo, rock-climbing. Funding also contributed to the case management team that provides support to families and single women as they navigate their way through their homelessness experience.
2014	\$506,615	Sydney Night Patrol (\$30,000) OLC Education Program (\$30,000) Support Services Case Management Program (\$440,000)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding is still being allocated from 2014 event but will support: Continuing running of Sydney Night Patrol. Continuing running of the OLC TAFE Program to support funding received from Perpetual Foundation. Crucial funding to support the roll out of Vinnies new service delivery model that sees mobile case workers visit and support people wherever they are located, in a homeless service, on the streets or at home where they may be at risk of homelessness. The model aims to focus on prevention as much as intervention and will support people for up to two years. The model is developed in line with the State Government's 'Going Home, Staying Home'.
TOTAL	\$3,220,181		