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**CHARITY GALA EVENT RAISES \$130,000**

The Property Industry Foundation (PIF) has raised \$130,000 from its annual gala event held last Friday 22 August.

More than 500 property industry players attended the event at the AJC Pavilion, Royal Racecourse in Randwick.

PIF Chairman Brendan Crotty said the unique fundraising event raised money for community programs targeting 'at risk' youth and facilitating employment and self-responsibility.

"This year, funds raised will go to The Exodus Foundation, to assist in the development of its Centre of Education Excellence in Ashfield," he said.

The Exodus Foundation was established by Reverend Bill Crews in Ashfield in 1986 to assist homeless and abandoned youth, and other people in need.

Today the Exodus Foundation runs the Loaves & Fishes Free Restaurant which serves up to 400 meals to the needy every day.

The Foundation also operates a Tutorial Centre to educate children who have fallen through the cracks in the mainstream education system as well as a free dental and medical clinic.

Furthermore, help and support services including social workers, chaplaincy, counselling, and food parcel assistance are offered through Exodus.

"PIF has assisted many worthy charities since its inception in 1996," Mr Crotty said.

The gala event is PIF's third fundraising activity this year, following the Yachting Regatta in March and National Hard Hat Day in June.

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