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OzHarvest Canberra - A 'Food For Thought' Fundraising Dinner

OzHarvest Canberra, Canberra's only food rescue charity, will once again be hosting a fundraising dinner and charity auction to raise funds for its ongoing operation. The annual Food for Thought dinner and auction will be held at the Restaurant@CIT in Reid on Wednesday 9 June commencing at 6.30 pm, and will be attended by over 160 OzHarvest Canberra supporters from across the community.

OzHarvest Canberra is proud of the fact that it can deliver a nutritional meal to agencies that provide food to the disadvantaged of our community for only \$1.00. With the evening's fundraising goal set at \$20,000, the proceeds of the dinner and auction will enable OzHarvest Canberra to deliver 20,000 meals to members of our community in need.

Guests at the dinner will enjoy a meal prepared and served by hospitality students of CIT. A highlight of the evening will be the charity auction, with a vast range of treasures up for grabs including a week of luxury in Port Douglas, a private tour of the National Portrait Gallery and pampering and dining experiences. Also on the list of auction items is a one-hour training session with ACT Brumbies coach Andy Friend, which is sure to attract some competitive bidding.

The Macquarie Group will feature highly in the evening's activities when it presents its cheque to OzHarvest Canberra for \$20,000 in honour of its *Macquarie Edge Pledge*. The Pledge was the result of a joint association between the CA Technologies Brumbies and OzHarvest Canberra with Macquarie Group promising to donate \$500.00 for every try scored by the Brumbies in the 2010, Super 14 Season. With the Brumbies' season total haul of 40 tries, Macquarie Group's Steve Johnston will be delighted to hand over the \$20,000 cheque to this worthy charity.

OzHarvest Canberra continues to rescue excess food from food retailers, restaurants, event caterers, manufacturers, institutions and corporate offices and delivers it, free of charge, to shelters, refuges and charities that support men, women and children who are disadvantaged in the Canberra community.

The delivery of food by OzHarvest Canberra enables recipient charities to redirect funds originally budgeted for food to other programs such as education, training and rehabilitation.

Such a simple and effective way of making a real contribution to people who need it.

Interview opportunity

Media will have the opportunity to interview:

Maureen Cane, CEO, Communities@Work

Steve Johnston, Head of the Canberra office of Macquarie Group Limited

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