## RECORD BREAKING FUNDS RAISED BY WA BUSINESS MAN

Leading Perth business man, Andrew Chapman of Merchant Group has helped food rescue organisation, OzHarvest smash its fundraising record by raising over $302,500 at their annual CEO CookOff™ event in Sydney. Thanks to his incredible fundraising efforts over $2million was raised, which will allow OzHarvest to deliver four million meals to help feed vulnerable people across Australia.

Mr Chapman joined around 200 CEOs and corporate teams at the Royal Hall of Industries, as they cooked alongside 50 of Australia's favourite chefs to feed 1400 special guests from charity agencies, a five-star feast at Australia's largest pop-up restaurant last night.

The competitive nature of the industry bosses saw charity fundraising taken to a new level, but Merchant Group's Managing Director, Andrew Chapman topped the bill by a long way. "This is my seventh year at the CEO CookOff. It's a humbling and uplifting evening, where CEOs get to see the impact of their fundraising first hand.  Hearing the stories and understanding the journey that some people go through makes you realise it does not take much to slip through the cracks. It's a great reminder that those in a position to give, should," said Andrew.

An emotional Ronni Kahn, OzHarvest Founder and CEO was left speechless by the staggering amount of money raised for the cause.  "I'm simply blown away by the unbelievable efforts of the CEOs and teams, and especially Andrew (Chappy) Chapman, who threw himself into this event with fundraising gusto! His contribution alone will help provide over 600,000 meals to help people in need!" said Ronni.

WA's Sue Hutchins, Head Chef at Shadow Wine Bar and Dining in Perth, also flew in to support the event and said it was a privilege to serve a gourmet dinner to people who often don't know where their next meal is coming from.

The flagship fundraiser allows OzHarvest to rescue and redistribute more fresh food, helping to feed people in need at over 1300 charities across Australia. Over three million people experience food insecurity each year and many charities say they could take double the food to meet demand.

Donations can still be made to OzHarvest at www.ceocookoff.com.au.

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