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Media Release

ACCF announced annual funding recipients and the 2024 Chinese New Year celebration dinner

Sydney, 14th December 2023 – The Australian Chinese Charity Foundation (ACCF) is delighted to share two significant announcements during a media conference held on Thursday. The announcements include the unveiling of the successful recipients of ACCF's 2024 Funds and Grants, as well as details regarding the Annual ACCF & NSW Chinese Community New Year Celebration Dinner.

2023 ACCF Funds and Grants

ACCF's Funds & Grants Assessment Committee assesses and distributes ACCF's funds through three funding streams:

1. Emergency Assistance Fund supporting individuals in serious hardship with cash payment of up to \$1500 per eligible case.
2. Partnership program supporting projects that make a significant impact to contribute to a fair and equitable society. Projects may be paid for two or more years.
3. Community Projects Grant supporting initiatives that aim to improve the wellbeing of groups of people and the community.

The theme for our Community Projects grant this year is Homelessness, noting the extraordinary challenges faced by many.

"We received a strong number of expressions of interest including interstate and regional. After thoughtful consideration and assessment according to our criteria, 15 of these applications were successfully approved, awarding a total amount of \$138,550." stated Ms Cecilia Tsai, Chair of the Funds and Grants Assessment Committee.

Successful projects have demonstrated their compassion and ability to provide essential support and services to individuals experiencing homelessness or are at risk of becoming homeless.

"ACCF appreciates their efforts to address the increasingly severe homeless issues. With this funding, we hope the projects can deliver assistance to those in need to regain control of their lives."

All projects will be delivered in 2024 and will end in December 2024. A ceremonial cheque presentation will take place during ACCF's Annual Chinese New Year celebration banquet.

For more information about ACCF funds and grants, please contact Cecilia Tsai at Cecilia.tsai@accfnsw.org

Please find the complete list of successful recipients at the end of this media release.

2024 ACCF & NSW Chinese Community New Year Celebration Dinner

The Australian Chinese Charity Foundation (ACCF) is thrilled to unveil details of the annual ACCF & NSW Chinese Community New Year Celebration Dinner, set to take place on Friday, 16 February 2024, at the Eight Restaurant Haymarket, marking the festivities of the Year of the Dragon.

ACCF Chairman, Benjamin Chow AO, expressed that the Chinese New Year banquet transcends being solely an ACCF event. "It stands as an invitation to fellow Chinese community organizations to collectively usher in the new year, celebrating our community's cultural heritage and achievements," said Mr Chow.

Event Chair, Ms. Annie Tang JP "Welcome and thank you for taking the time to join us today for the official launch of ACCF 2024 Chinese New Year celebration dinner on Friday 16th 2024 to mark the year of Gold Dragon.

ACCF welcomes leaders and community members to join us with this fabulous occasion filled with luck and joy. Chinese New Year is a time to reflect on the year that has passed and spend time with family and friends as we welcome the coming year. It's also a time to forge closer ties between our communities with everyone coming together to enjoy the celebrations.

We would also like to express gratitude to the sponsors/donors for their generous support to make this annual event so successful.

A special note to the team of volunteers and our CNY organising committee members for their significant contribution to assist with our Chinese New Year celebration.

Regarding the CNY ticket information, featuring Bronze Tables priced at \$1200 per table of ten guests, Silver Tables at \$3000 (valued at \$1200 with a \$1800 donation), and Gold Tables at \$5000 (valued at \$1200 with a \$3800 donation).

For sponsorship and ticketing information, please contact:

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About ACCF:

Since its establishment in 1990, the Australian Chinese Charity Foundation Inc. (ACCF) has been a dynamic force in charitable endeavors. Over the past over 30 years, the Foundation has thrived through the generosity of Patrons, Trustees, Life and Ordinary Members, and the dedicated Management Committee and Council Board.

Notably, since 2017, ACCF has actively welcomed funding applications from non-profit and charitable organizations nationwide, expanding our reach and impact.

The financial strength of ACCF is built upon the contributions of Patrons and Trustees, forming the capital fund driving our charitable initiatives. We are grateful for the ongoing support that empowers us to make a positive difference in communities.

As ACCF continues its mission, we stand as a symbol of compassion, unity, and philanthropy, supported by a shared vision and commitment to serving those in need.

2023-24 Community Projects Grant recipients and projects

	Project	Organisation
1	The Fletcher Street Cottage: Bridging the Emergency Relief Funding Gap in Response to the Homelessness Crisis	Byron Community Centre Ltd (Formerly Byron Bay Community Association Inc)
2	W.I.S.E - Women, Informed, Supported, Empowered	Women Illawarra
3	"It's not just a haircut" Community Hair Project	Southlake Inc
4	Rhodes Homeless Outreach service	St Merkorious Charity
5	Restoring the dignity	Immigrant Women' Speakout
6	ACCESS Mentoring Program Scholarships	Women and Girl's Emergency Centre
7	1000 Safe Sleeps Crisis Accommodation	Westcare Community Services
8	Food Support of the Homeless Support Services and Drop-in Hubs	St Vincent de Paul Society NSW
9	New Starter	Metro Assist Ltd
10	Guest Comfort Project	Dignity
11	Elevating and Transforming a Life – Meals Plus Service	Parramatta Mission
12	Girlzone Outreach Program	Detour House
13	Essential Security upgrades for women and children experiencing DV	Weave Youth Community Services
14	Fire retardant sleeping bags for street sleeping homeless people	Backpack Bed for Homeless
15	Men2Home	Uniting (Men2Home)