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## Stars shine for San Miguel

**Stars of Western Sydney will be honoured at an exclusive business lunch aimed at raising money for the San Miguel Family Centre on Friday March 5, in Homebush.**

Author Thomas Keneally, newsreader Chris Bath, child advocate Barbara Holborow OAM, Brother Brian Berg and Olympian Dani Samuels will be attending the *Celebrate the West* event saluting their achievements as champions of the West.

San Miguel Family Centre Manager Sue Eastwood says Celebrate the West is an opportunity to recognise the success of local heroes.

"The event gives our champions a chance to share their stories and inspire others to strive for excellence.

"It is also a great opportunity to help those less fortunate than yourself, with proceeds of the event going to the San Miguel Family Centre."

San Miguel Family Centre is a family crisis refuge in North Richmond that has been in operation for almost 30 years. It provides short-term accommodation for families experiencing homelessness.

Professional staff support and assist families in adjusting back into community life; programs also offer advice on setting budgets, seeking accommodation, parenting skills, welfare support and social services support.

Ms Eastwood said the event will also recognise the work of the late John Slattery for the outstanding contribution he made to San Miguel.

"John's wife Pam will accept the award on behalf of her husband who made a number of key donations to San Miguel," Ms Eastwood said.

Event patron Bryan Brown will act as master of ceremonies and Diesel will provide entertainment.

"There will be Live and Silent Auctions, helmed by comedian Vince Sorrenti, and an exclusive raffle to raise funds for San Miguel," Ms Eastwood said.

"There are still a few tickets available and I am urging people to come along and be inspired by our champions and experience a superb lunch, fantastic entertainment as well as support the local community."

"This is a unique event that celebrates the success of the Greater West and brings together people from different walks of life for a wonderful cause."

**For more information about the tickets please contact Sue Eastwood on 0407959479.**

San Miguel Family Centre is a service of BoysTown.

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