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Community partnership boasts healthy benefits for all

When a local Vietnamese community group recently partnered up with Fairfield Hospital to strengthen ties within the community, no one imagined the pairing would result in a whopping \$82,000 donation to the Hospital.

The money was raised at a sold-out dinner, which included authentic Vietnamese food and entertainment. Funds will be used to purchase an ultrasound machine for the Hospital's antenatal clinic.

Fairfield Hospital general manager Arnold Tammekand said the hospital was incredibly thankful to the group.

"Last year we held a Hospital open day, which many members of the local Vietnamese community attended," Mr Tammekand said.

"We got some great feedback from Vietnamese community members, who were very impressed with the work that we do at our Hospital.

"Getting the community involved and having their input in our services is very important to us, so we are pleased to have formed such a valuable partnership.

"We are thrilled with the incredible generosity of the Vietnamese community," he said.

SWSLHD Multicultural Health Worker Ms Hien Le said the community wanted to find a way to show their support.

"After our tour of the Hospital during Multicultural Health Week, local community members approached and asked me to organise fundraising for the Hospital.

"As a result, an organising committee was formed which includes numerous health, social and welfare workers, university students, community members and representatives from the Hospital," Ms Le said.

Dr Xuyen Thi Tran, a local Vietnamese GP, said she was happy to be part of such a healthy partnership.

"It is a great pleasure to work for and support the local Vietnamese community members to raise fund for Fairfield Hospital," said Dr Tran.