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## Community Group provides for St John

St John (NSW) will accept a generous donation of \$41,000, presented by The Lions Club of Sydney Chinese Inc. and raised at their Charity Ball 2007 held on 31 March this year.

The funds and donations raised at the Ball will go toward the purchase of life-saving equipment for the many St John Divisions in and around Sydney.

St John Ambulance Australia (NSW) Commissioner Warren Glenny said, "We are honoured that the Sydney Chinese Lions have chosen us to be the benefactor of the Ball. Their support and generosity will mean that our volunteers can continue to provide first aid at community events and continue in the tradition of helping the sick and those who are in distress."

St John volunteers provide over 160,000 hours of first aid duty each year in NSW. They treat approximately 31,000 casualties each year and spend over 90,000 hours refreshing their training and advancing their first aid and advanced life support skills.

Over the past 12 years the Lions Club of Sydney Chinese has raised over \$150,000 in aid of various charity organisations including Westmead Children's Hospital, the Fred Hollows Foundation and the Australian Red Cross.

"These achievements come as a result of dedication and hard work of all the members. On top of this, the support given by political leaders, the Consulate General of People's Republic of China, fellow Lions, sponsors and the community at large has been vital." Said Lions Club President, Anthony Cheung.

For more information on the ball please visit [www.sydchineselions.org.au](http://www.sydchineselions.org.au) or to find out more about St John Ambulance Australia (NSW) please contact 1300 360 455 or visit [www.stjohnnsw.com.au](http://www.stjohnnsw.com.au) for further information.

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**MEDIA OPPORTUNITY: A press conference will be held Tuesday, 29 May 2007 at 12 noon, Zilver Restaurant, Level 1, Cnr Pitt and Hay Streets, Chinatown where St John (NSW) will be presented with the proceeds from the Charity Ball.**

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