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At St Merkorious Charity, we feed the poor in order to relieve them of the misery that builds up when hunger consumes every waking moment with thoughts of desperation and futility. Our feeding program opens the way for people to realise that they are not forgotten, and that someone cares enough to visit them, talk to them, and support them in their time of need.

DASCO BBQ Lunch

On June 15th 2017, the staff of St Merkorious Charity organised a BBQ lunch in honor of DASCO. A special thank you to Mr Daniel Nicolas, Director of DASCO Australia Pty Ltd. His ongoing commitment has enabled us to expand our workload by granting us the opportunity to access a larger premises. We would also like to thank all the tradesmen, individuals and volunteers who have donated their time and effort in renovating the new premises.



Official Grand Opening, Monday August 7th 2017.

St Merkorious Charity Centre Strathfield South was officially opened by *The Hon. Raymond Craig Williams, M.P. NSW Minister for Multiculturalism and Minister for Disability Services* on Monday August 7th 2017. Thank you to all who attended the evening, and, special guests, Mayor of Burwood, John Faker and Jodi McKay MP - Member for Strathfield, Bishop Robert Rabbat of Melkite Church Sydney and Father Angelos Fouad - Priest of St Mary and St Merkorious Coptic Orthodox Church in Rhodes.

Thank you to all who donated food, dessert and event services on the night, including, **Gift of Bread** who donated all the bread for the mini sandwiches. **Dessert Hub** who donated the cake and 100 dessert cups. **I love Sushi** who donated eight trays of mixed sushi. **See Sweet Patisserie** who donated four boxes of mixed sweets, **Samir Abla Sweets** who donated two trays of mixed sweets, **BYUS** who donated signs to be hung at our new premises, **Kebouski** who donated two trays of hammous and 100 pieces of finger foods. **Encore Event Services** who provided us with a photographer and DJ, free of cost. *We appreciate the compassion and generosity you have demonstrated through your work.*

Fairfield Service (August 2016-2017)

Each week we provide a free community meal in Fairfield Community Hall. Free haircuts are provided by our wonderful volunteers, along with free coffee, tea and biscuits. Soon after, a free delicious meal - cooked at our Centre in Strathfield is served. Pre-loved clothes, soft background music, interaction with the community, raffle draws and prizes are all a part of the day.

If you would like to donate secondhand clothing, furniture and electronics or volunteer for the day, please contact the office on (02) 9799 9954.

