

Feast of funds for Haiti



DELICIOUS DONATION: Top chefs Steven Snow, Greg Pieper, Philip Johnson and Tony Percuoco helped to raise \$20,000 for Haiti earthquake victims with a dinner at Salt.

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WHAT started as a personal donation of \$500 turned into \$20,000 when celebrated Salt chef Steven Snow called in a few friends.

The Fins Restaurant owner joined fellow top chefs from the Tweed and Gold Coast to put on a benefit dinner at his Bells Boulevard establishment to raise much-needed funds for Haiti earthquake relief.

Haiti was devastated by a catastrophic 7.0 magnitude earthquake in January.

"It's not going to change everything, but if it helps a bit that's all that matters," Mr Snow said.

"The benefit had such a fantastic response from the community, I feel so lucky to live in an area with such generous people."

Mr Snow said he had wanted to donate \$500 himself to the relief effort before his partner and restaurant manager Morgan Frazer convinced him to put on the benefit.

"It was a lot of hard work, but it was completely worth it," he said.

"The staff all gave their time on the night to make

sure it was a success. We couldn't have done it without them."

Mr Snow was joined on Monday, February 22 by chefs Greg Pieper from the Bamboo Restaurant and Lounge Bar, Philip Johnson from E'cco Bistro and Tony Percuoco from Ristorante Fellini.

They each created their signature dishes for 100 guests.

Mr Snow said the response to the night had been overwhelming.

"We could have had 500 guests with everyone who wanted to come along," Mr Snow said.

The night included an auction of donated memorabilia and collectibles and was hosted by ABC

Radio personality Simon Marnie.

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\$20,000 raised in one night for Haiti earthquake relief

Money raised on the night would be split between the Australian Red Cross and Doctors Without Borders.

In Haiti, as many as 230,000 people have died, an estimated 300,000 injured and a further million left homeless.

The earthquake and following aftershocks reduced the capital Port-au-Prince and surrounding areas to rubble.

To donate to the Red Cross Haiti appeal, call 1800 811 700.