

Bigwigs are big-hearted

MORE than 340 of the city's movers and shakers put their hands in their pockets to the tune of more than \$301,000 for the Salvo's Red Shield Appeal during a breakfast yesterday.

The breakfast, hosted by Hickey Lawyer's boss Tony Hickey, drew the city's business community together to raise funds for the Gold Coast's 4000 homeless.

Pivotal Homes' Michael Irwin was the largest donor at yesterday's breakfast at Crown Plaza, chipping in \$40,000. The Reuben Peleman Benevolent Foundation's Don Knight, Judah Moses and Gerald Moses and Gary Gleeson raised \$25,000, along with Adco Constructions' Judy Brinsmead and Bob Hill and Bob Ell from Leda Group.

Soheil and Sahba Abedian from Sunland Group donated a further \$25,000, while Sullivan Group's Phil Sullivan handed over \$10,000.

The number of homeless on the Gold Coast has grown by 1000 in the last year to 4000, with 1600 of those roughing it. The remainder live in supported accommodation, including the Salvation Army's two precincts, while 39 per cent live in overcrowded dwellings.

"(Yesterday's) commitment shows there is growing support for the business community on the Gold Coast to support charity," Mr Hickey said.