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Ruapehu District Council



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CHRISTCHURCH EARTHQUAKE MAYORAL RELIEF FUND APPEAL

Donations, large and small, are now being collected by the Ruapehu District Council in support for the earthquake victims of Christchurch.

Ruapehu District Council Mayor Sue Morris acknowledged that support for the victims of Christchurch's recent earthquake was overwhelming.

"The generosity from the community signifies the way that all New Zealanders come together in times of tragedy," she said.

"The Ruapehu District's contribution to the Christchurch Earthquake Mayoral Relief Fund Appeal is being co-ordinated at the Council office, Huia Street, Taumarunui."

"Collection boxes have been placed in all Council offices, libraries and visitor information centres."

"Also over 30 collection boxes are now being distributed amongst retailers and other organizations in Taumarunui, National Park, Ohakune, Raetihi, Waiouru, the Ohura Cosmopolitan Club and the Ruapehu Bulletin office in Ohakune."

Mayor Morris said that any retailer, school or community organization can set up collection boxes and submit donations to the Council office.

"All collection co-ordinators will receive a receipt for collected donations," she said.

"Donations close on Thursday 31 March 2011, with all monies being submitted to the Christchurch Earthquake Mayoral Relief Fund Appeal."

"For those citizens wishing to send words of support and sympathy to Christchurch residents, the Council has provided condolence books at its offices and libraries."

For more information about the Christchurch Earthquake Mayoral Relief Fund Appeal and the location of collection boxes please visit www.ruapehudc.govt.nz

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