

YMCA Emergency Response

Earthquakes in New Zealand & Japan

On February 22, a magnitude 6.3 earthquake hit Christchurch, NZ. Many were killed and extensive property damage occurred. Members, staff and volunteers of the YMCA of Christchurch were uninjured, but YMCA facilities were seriously affected.

Financial support will allow the Christchurch YMCA to make a real difference in the community among those who have been most affected by the quake. Funds raised will support both short-term needs and longer-term reconstruction and rehabilitation of the YMCA.



On March 11th an 8.9 magnitude earthquake, followed by a 10 metre tsunami and severe aftershocks hit Japan, killing thousands. The death toll is rising, thousands are still missing and nearly 500,000 are now homeless and living in shelters. The earthquake also caused damage to a nuclear power plant. A state of emergency has been declared and thousands have been ordered to evacuate.

The YMCA of Japan has formed a special task force to respond to the needs of the areas most affected by these disasters and offer emergency support.

YMCA Canada has made an immediate contribution of \$2,000 CDN to the New Zealand emergency appeal and \$4,000 CDN to Japan. Any donations from members will also be forwarded to support the cause.

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