

An invitation to partner with CCR

You can become involved with CCR

- by praying for us
- by sending a team of tradespeople to Christchurch for a week. CCR can billet and provide meals, transport and some tools.

Contact Bob Henderson at St Ambrose, Aranui, ph. (03) 388-6699 if you have a team who are able to come to Christchurch to join the work of CCR

- by donating money

The money will be used to cover the costs of the CCR work, such as building materials and administrative costs. You can donate by cheque to: *St Christopher's—Christchurch Community Response*, and post it to St Christopher's Church, 244 Avonhead Rd, Avonhead, Christchurch 8042,

or by electronic banking to:

St Christopher's Anglican Church

ANZ Riccarton Branch, Account number

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Christchurch Community Response...

...is a partnership between

St Ambrose, Aranui

**St Andrew's, North New
Brighton**

St Faith's, New Brighton

St Luke's, South Brighton

**Church of The Saviour
(COTS), Blockhouse Bay**

St Christopher's, Avonhead

**The Anglican Diocese of
Christchurch**

Grace Vineyard, New Brighton

and you?

Christchurch Community Response



*Keeping people safe and
secure in their homes*

working out of
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Aranui
Christchurch

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Christchurch Community Response

Christchurch Community Response (CCR) is a church partnership which is evolving to minister to the needs of the eastern suburbs communities in Christchurch that were badly affected in the earthquakes of 4 September 2010 and 22 February 2011.

CCR provides teams of skilled trades people to do free minor home repairs, especially those repairs which make homes safe, secure and weather-tight. They also offer access to food support and time to sit, listen and chat. At the heart of the work done by the CCR teams is a desire to walk alongside the communities of the eastern suburbs to restore their confidence to feel safe and secure physically and emotionally.

How did CCR come about?

In early March, a group of trades and business people with a variety of skills from Church of The Saviour (COTS) in Blockhouse Bay, Auckland felt God's call to take time off work and travel to Christchurch for a week to assist with the recovery.

Working with local Christchurch churches a team of door-knockers and tradespeople set to work in the eastern suburbs visiting

homes, identifying needs and carrying out repairs.

After just over a week, more than 100 homes had some minor repairs completed, such as unsticking doors and windows, securing or removing chimneys, weather-proofing roofs etc. There were also many opportunities to provide comfort and a compassionate ear to residents who had been traumatized. It was this aspect of the work that touched the team deeply. They describe some of their experiences below.

“As we entered the eastern suburbs we were overcome by the scenes of ruin that had occurred to buildings and infrastructure, but more importantly the way that many people's lives have been so severely affected emotionally.....

.....God is amazing. He provided the team with just the right giftings and talents that were required. He brought other tradespeople to our team to work with us. He met our needs of transport, tools and finances. He is at work in the local churches bringing unity. He lead us to pray for people. People were just so open to receive prayer and were deeply touched by His



The 1st CCR team—from COTS

Holy Spirit as we shared the love of Jesus with them. The team have many stories to share about how lives were changed as we offered them the hope that we have in Jesus.”

Where to from here?

There is still a lot of need in the eastern suburbs of Christchurch—many streets have not yet been door-knocked and streets that already have been surveyed will need to be surveyed again as more and more residents return to their homes. A well-organized administrative structure has been set-up for the ministry and there is on-going liaison with other local community and government organisations to ensure good communication and avoid duplication.