



GirlGuidingNZ

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Christchurch girls escape earthquakes

More than 120 Christchurch Guides, Rangers and leaders have smiles on their faces after receiving support from the GirlGuiding New Zealand Foundation to escape the earthquakes to attend next week's Guiding jamboree in Rotorua.

Donations were received from friends and supporters across the country enabling the Foundation to provide over \$23,000 to Christchurch girls to have fun times at the Tui 12 Jamboree.

"Using some additional funding, the Foundation distributed nearly \$33,000. We are just thrilled at this response and because of that generosity, girls who may not have been able to attend can now do so and have the opportunity to create lifetime memories," says Sonia Faulkner, National President of GirlGuiding NZ.

Of the Christchurch girls and leaders who have received grants to attend the Jamboree, 10 girls were fully subsidised to attend jamboree, the fees were paid for 11 of GirlGuiding NZ's voluntary leaders and seven other leaders received more than \$200 towards their costs.

One of the Guides who received assistance said: "Thank you so much to everyone who made it possible for me to go to Jamboree. Two great things happened to me on this day. Mum gets to stay out of hospital for another few weeks if she stays well, and she doesn't have to worry about finding the money for camp. And I get to go on this amazing camp."

More than 2000 girls aged 10 to 18, including 250 from the Canterbury area, will descend on Rotorua this Saturday (14 January) to experience what GirlGuiding is all about at Tui 12. Held at Tui Ridge near Rotorua the jamboree runs for a week ending on Friday 20 January. A further 500 leaders and parents takes the total to over 2500 people at Tui Ridge.

"Jamboree is such a special time for everyone," says Sonia Faulkner. "It is a fantastic opportunity for the girls to experience new adventures, make friends and have plenty of fun."

"We can't plan for the weather, but fingers crossed it will be dry and warm. One thing we do know is we will all be prepared for new adventures," says Sonia.

For more information about Tui 12, visit GirlGuiding NZ's website at www.girlguidingnz.org.nz.

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Photo Caption:

Jenna Martin-Mckenzie (Northcote Girl Guides) and Saraya Martin-Mckenzie (Redwood Rangers), pictured with their little sister Isla who is a Northcote Pippin and will be visiting them in Rotorua. This is Saraya's 2nd jamboree and Jenna's first and they are expecting lots of fun and excitement as they try new things and meet new people.