



## Te Korowai Aroha Response to the Ōtautahi-Christchurch Earthquake

Tēnā tātau e te whānau o Te Korowai Aroha o Aotearoa. Ka nui te aroha ki te āhutanga o Rūaumoko ki Ōtautahi. Tangihia te parekura, te tini kua riro. Haere koutou, whakangaro atu rā.

We have all been affected by the devastating earthquake that has struck Ōtautahi. People have chosen to support in many ways. We have kaiwhakaruruhau who live in Christchurch and others who have gone down to Christchurch to help. Kia Kaha koutou. Our aroha is with you all at this time.

Te Korowai Aroha like many other whānau/hapū/iwi and Māori organisations has sent a koha to support those who are helping, in particular our Māori whānau who in many instances may not even appear on the radar if it wasn't for Marae and Hapū/Iwi/Māori organisations helping them out.

**Relationship Services have also contacted us to ask if we would send out a pānui to all of our networks. They are seeking Māori who are experienced counsellors-kaimahi in the area of trauma and crisis, who would be prepared to be a part of the following:**

**Go down to Ōtautahi and support the recovery by being a part of a counselling in trauma and crisis team, OR**

**Be prepared to be a part of a phone line team for those who need trauma or crisis counselling.**

**If you are interested and need more information then please contact Rihi Te Nana:**

**[RihiT@relationships.org.nz](mailto:RihiT@relationships.org.nz)**

In the coming weeks and months there may be more calls for those who are a part of Te Korowai Aroha to support whānau in Ōtautahi. If this is the case we will send further pānui to you.

Anei tōku mihi ki a koutou i tēnei wā.

Whetūrangī Walsh-Tapiata

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