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**FLIGHT CENTRE RESPONDS TO CHRISTCHURCH EARTHQUAKE**

Flight Centre has pledged \$1 million through the Red Cross to help those affected by the Christchurch earthquake.

The company, which opened its first New Zealand store in 1987 in Christchurch, will also create an internal fund to support its own people in the city as they rebuild after Tuesday's tragic events.

Flight Centre spokesperson Maree Hansen said while all staff members were safe, all Christchurch stores were affected by the earthquake.

She said the company and its people were determined to contribute proactively to the relief efforts.

"While we were very fortunate that no one was injured in our stores, the reality is that this tragedy has touched our people and our customers," Ms Hansen said.

"We're banding together as a company and as 'Flighties' to provide support - both to the broader Christchurch community and to our own people."

Whilst Flight Centre has been busy helping personal travellers rearrange their travel as a result of the earthquake, Ms Hansen stressed the company's corporate travel businesses are also fully operational.

"FCm Travel Solutions and Corporate Traveller have pulled additional resources in around the country to ensure there is still 24-7 assistance for the business community.

"Obviously airports and flights are busy and we're here to ensure everyone gets to where they need to be."

Flight Centre is providing its affected staff members with access to financial advisors and external counsellors during this difficult period.

"We know the donations will make a difference, however support services are also vital to our people at this time," Ms Hansen said.

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## **About Flight Centre**

Flight Centre (NZ) Ltd is New Zealand's largest travel agency, with approximately 900 staff in more than 200 retail stores and businesses nationwide.

Flight Centre consultants are travel experts and are selected for their vast product knowledge and their passion for travel. Flight Centre's global network allows consultants access to the widest travel product offering in the New Zealand, at the best value.

Brands in the New Zealand market operated by Flight Centre (NZ) Ltd include;

- Flight Centre
- Round the World
- Premium Travel
- FCm Travel Solutions
- Corporate Traveller
- Infinity Holidays
- Escape Holidays
- CiEvents
- Cruiseabout
- Itchy Feet Travel
- Student Flights
- Flight Centre Groups

The company has won the JRA Best Workplaces, large workplace category award for eight consecutive years. In addition and in recognition of Flight Centre's continued achievements in the JRA Best Workplaces Survey over the past eight years, Flight Centre is also a Five-Year League Award recipient.

Flight Centre Limited globally has almost 13,000 staff in 11 countries including Australia, New Zealand, the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, South Africa, Hong Kong, India and China

