

Email message received from the Christchurch Rotary Club Presidents:.

There are no words to sufficiently express the enormous sense of sadness and outrage regarding Friday's events and the immense impact this has had on the local Muslim communities in the areas of the Riccarton, Linwood-Woolston and Ferrymead clubs and on our wider community as a whole.

At an appropriate time in the near future we will seek to make contact directly with local leaders in the Muslim community to see how Rotarians can offer further support.

In the meantime, we can act now by making a significant donation to a Rotary fund that has been set up to support the victims of this devastating attack.

We are asking all clubs within our district to make a donation towards this fund, which will be made as a joint donation and message of support from all Rotarians in our district.

We also condemn in the strongest terms the base values and attitudes directed towards our migrant community who have just as many rights as we all do to live life free from violence and prejudice. Those values are a complete anathema to the values of Rotary.

Please support this appeal generously by making a donation to the account below.

Yours in Rotary

Shane Murdoch - **President, RC of Riccarton**
Theresa Shaugnessy - **President, RC of Linwood/Woolston**
Barbara Crooks - **President, RC of Ferrymead**

The account numbers for the fund being managed by the Riccarton Club is:

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Reference: Mosque Appeal

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