

### Thank you for taking part in Operation Refugee

It was a tremendous effort by the 73 people who took on the challenge and hundreds of supporters who together have already given \$38,872 to keep hope alive for Syrian refugees. The New Zealand Government has said it will match 'dollar for dollar' donations to the Syria Appeal.

#### Comments from Participants

*"It was hard but I got so much support and was super encouraged. I was proud of myself after it."*

*"I learned that toasted chickpeas with a bit of Moroccan seasoning makes a great snack."*

*"It helped me identify with refugees but I found it hard to ask for money."*

*"Great idea. Enjoyed and humbled by the experience."*

**To find out our plans for next year, email [cws@cws.org.nz](mailto:cws@cws.org.nz)**

The money will go to the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees in Jordan and Lebanon. They will decide what is most needed. Thanks to our sponsors: CSC Buying Group, Marcus Thomas Design, Ziera Shoes, Life FM, Courier Post, Bidvest Group and chef Grant Allen, costs were minimal.

In the month of June DSPR Jordan distributed 2,645 food parcels for 15,870 people during Ramadan—this food supplemented UN rations that were not sufficient. In the same month they held 7 workshops teaching 280 women about infections. Next month the mothers want follow up training on personal hygiene and birth spacing. 120 women learned to make jam and 1,080 children and their mothers shared the evening *Iftar* meal, part of the celebration of Ramadan. Volunteers distributed clothes they collected to 320 families.

DSPR Lebanon is running vital education programmes and distributes food vouchers to those in need.

Your contribution will directly support Syrian refugees with food and clothing, healthcare, vocational training and schooling.

