



Prime Minister

Message for 'The Ultimate Midwinter Christmas Celebration'

I would like to thank The Mad Butcher Suburban Newspapers Community Trust for organising the Ultimate Midwinter Christmas Celebration to support the Christchurch Earthquake Appeal.

The recovery and rebuilding effort in Christchurch is underway, and it is going to be a long-term project for the Government, community groups and the people of Christchurch and New Zealand. That's why I launched the Christchurch Earthquake Appeal, which is the official, global fundraiser for the recovery effort in the city and the Canterbury region.

The Ultimate Midwinter Christmas Celebration is your chance to help support Christchurch and Cantabrians as they rebuild their city. This will be a superb evening of entertainment, capped off with All Blacks coach Graham Henry as special guest speaker, and it will be a truly memorable occasion.

I'm sorry I won't be able to be there in person, but I know it will be a great evening and one which will make a difference for the people of Christchurch. I hope you can make it - any contribution, large or small, will be greatly appreciated.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Key".

Rt Hon John Key
Prime Minister