



Mikayla Willis and Jaimee Rossiter with Cotswold School's fundraising mural.

Mikayla makes stellar effort for ChCh

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One 11-year-old has raised \$751 for her city.

Mikayla Willis organised a fundraising mufti-day for Cotswold School, after seeing the devastation caused by February's earthquake and wanting to help.

Mikayla sought advice from a local artist, and painted a 4x2 metre mural of the landscape of Christchurch which students could put their donations on.

Students arrived in red and black to the mufti day and donated a gold coin to the cause. Once children donated they were given a sticker, designed by Mikayla, to show their support for the rebuild of Christchurch.

All the money raised was given to the Christchurch Mayoral Fund to help

rebuild the city.

Mikayla said the day was a great success. "Lots of children arrived and I started to hand out stickers to those who put their coin on the coin trail. Some children even bought notes. The time went really quickly because there were so many people there. I felt happy and amazed," she said.

Mikayla thanked all her fellow classmates and teachers for donating money and supporting her idea.

Cotswold teacher Anna Douglas said: "Mikayla's efforts are outstanding. She has shown compassion for her city, initiative, motivation and organisation. We are proud to have a student like Mikayla at our school. She is showing true citizenship."