

# Fashion and food fix for Famine

A group of entrepreneurial students sold retro clothes and toasties at Christchurch Easter Camp at Spencer Park to support the World Vision 40 Hour Famine.

Middleton Grange students Anna Button and Tamara Stevenson, both 17 ran the Op-Shop that provided a shopping spree for fashion-lovers, who splurged with a gilded conscience knowing their funds were supporting a great cause. At the end of the Easter weekend, the students had tallied over \$4500 that will support their school's Famine fundraising campaign this year.

Miss Button said she was "happy" with the amount raised and encouraged by the enthusiastic support they received from camp-goers.

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"People were willing to pay more when they saw what we were raising money for," she said.

Hungry campers were also nourished at the Toastie Shack, where former Middleton Grange student Michael Down promised to put "The Mostie in their Toastie." Their hard work also paid off, with the team raising almost \$4250 to go towards the Famine and provide basics for 1000 children living in Tanzania.

World Vision's Schools' representative Alice Banfield said the students committed their skills and creative flair for a great cause.

"I am inspired by the dedication and enthusiasm bursting from the Middleton Grange students.

The Op-shop and Toastie



**BARGAIN:** Op-Shop organisers Anna Button and Tamara Stevenson from Middleton Grange School.

Shack are a great example of a clever alternative to the traditional "no food" 40 Hour Famine," said Ms Banfield.

This year, World Vision is challenging New Zealand to "Raise the Stakes" and fundraise \$3 million through the Famine, which is being held from May 22 to 24.

The global food crisis means that the stakes are even higher for millions of children who are hungry and malnourished. Families are struggling to survive due to

the increase in global food prices and unable to provide the basics that growing children need.

The funds raised from the Famine will provide nutritious food to malnourished children and support many World Vision projects in developing nations. "Together with schools like Middleton Grange, we can make it possible for more children to realise their dreams and reach their full potential," added Ms Banfield. ■



**WE PUT THE MOSTIE IN YOUR TOASTIE:** The successful Toastie Shack run by former Middleton Grange student Michael Down.  
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