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**SEALINK OFFERS “RELLIE RELIEF”
TO CHRISTCHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

Ferry company SeaLink recognises that sometime over the next few months many Christchurch residents will be looking for a break away from the mess, aftershocks and heartbreak of the earthquake.

“Our hearts go out to the people of Christchurch and we know that many Waiheke residents have relatives and friends who they would like to host for a break on the island” said Donna Gauci, general manager. For this reason SeaLink have decided to offer free travel to the loved ones of Waiheke people so they can come to the island for “time out”.

In a separate initiative SeaLink has donated funds to assist the many affected Christchurch family members of their own team, providing food, petrol vouchers and other support. Additional funds will be donated to the main relief fund.

The company is also assisting the Christchurch Heart Trust by selling their t-shirts onboard the Seacat for \$25, the proceeds of which will go to the Christchurch relief effort.

Individually, team members have been encouraged to do their own fundraising – these have included an internal sweepstake, selling hot beef sandwiches at lunchtime in the city office and a sausage sizzle at Half Moon Bay “When disaster strikes in our own back yard, suddenly it is all much more personal and everyone wants to help in their own way” said Mrs Gauci. More details of SeaLink’s “Rellie Relief” offer can **only be found at** www.sealink.co.nz/chch

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