



On any Saturday morning, everyone has options for enjoying sport, gardening, and other pastimes. About 80 Hawkes Bay members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints chose to spend last Saturday morning (5 June) collecting food for the Salvation Army Food Bank.

The service project was organized by the Church as a "Mormon Helping Hands" event. Latter-day Saint congregations the world over regularly participate in such efforts.

The Hawkes Bay Mormons, young and old alike, decked out in bright yellow vests and spread out in teams through most parts of Hastings, Napier and Flaxmere, knocked on doors asking for tins of food for those less fortunate. June is a particularly needful month due to seasonal employment winding down for many residents of the area.

"Everyone who answered our knock was pleasant and most homes donated something," reported one participant. "It always makes me feel good to serve those in need."

All of the collected tins of food, produce, and even some homemade salsa were consolidated into trucks and trailers and delivered to the food bank. Leaders of the Church addressed the group after the drive and thanked them for their service.