



Cars lined up outside Tzu Chi before the event started. Tzu Chi volunteers followed Covid-19 SOP accurately and executed their job without fear. Working under the sun for two hours, the volunteers put a smile on their faces constantly. "Please open your car boot", the volunteers placed the food parcel into the boot and gently close the boot. People were touched by their sincere and respectful attitude.

Michelle drove from Bombay to collect the food parcel. While waiting in the queue, the volunteer told her Tzu Chi's bamboo bank story. She was touched and grateful. This is the third time she had come to collect a food parcel. Tzu Chi volunteer further told Michelle about Tzu Chi's "one vegetarian meal a day" programme and was delighted to know that Michelle is a vegan. Evajoy was touched after reading the story of Tzu Chi in the leaflet inside the food parcel, she sent an email to Tzu Chi NZ indicating her wish to donate.

Tzu Chi volunteers in New Zealand follow the teaching of Master Cheng Yen, seizing every opportunity to inspire love in people, and to make them into someone willing to give and rich in the heart.

Christchurch Scholarship Award Ceremony

Every year Tzu Chi NZ volunteers travel to Christchurch to award scholarships to the students. Due to the pandemic, Tzu Chi NZ now couriers the certificates to Tzu Chi volunteers in Christchurch, the volunteer will then award the certificates at the ceremony. Further, instead of issuing a cheque to each student, Tzu Chi NZ now transfers money directly to the school's bank account.

19 November 2021 Tzu Chi Christchurch volunteer Lin awarded scholarships to Linwood College in the morning and St James School in the afternoon. Lin went to the school to work with the staff in preparing for the ceremony, taking photographs and et cetera. While in Auckland, eight volunteers joined the virtual ceremonies. During the opening, the Tzu Chi presenter delivered a briefing on Tzu Chi's philosophy and mission. And the Tzu Chi NZ CEO Ping Wang gave a speech which encouraged the students to continue working hard and to develop a positive outlook about 2022.

Linwood College Assistant Principal Katie Stanton greeted everyone in fluent Chinese. She also thanked Tzu Chi for the love, care and generosity. In the afternoon, St James School Principal Rose Firth-Scott led the young pupils to waive their hands to Tzu Chi volunteers. The parents of the award-winning pupil were grateful for the scholarships. According to Tzu Chi CEO, there had been a drop in applicants for the scholarship due to the pandemic. Before the closure of the ceremony, everyone prayed for an end to the pandemic.