

**Title:** New home for 12,000 pairs of children's sneakers - success stories locally

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More than 12,000 pairs of children's canvas sneakers are among the many surplus products that have been found a new home, thanks to the Council's Waste Exchange service.

The canvas sneakers, some with Velcro and others with laces, were a consignment of goods bought by a local businessman at auction and stored away. When the storage space was required for other purposes, he contacted the Waste Exchange for a way to dispose of the shoes and the bulk of the 12,000 pairs were taken by Presbyterian Support in North Street for distribution through their Family First organisation to families with young children across the country. Several dozen pairs were also taken to Nepal by a charity worker who was travelling to some of the more remote villages.

Other successes achieved through the Waste Exchange service at Timaru District Council include a supply of polystyrene cladding sheets which were used to line the majority of a three-bedroomed house, more than 400 pallets, and a supply of clean cartons in a regular size.

"Everyone wins with the Waste Exchange" says Ruth Clarke, Senior Waste Management Officer at the Council. "More than 50 tonnes or 100 cubic metres of waste have been diverted from the landfill". Examples of other surplus materials awaiting a new home include shredded paper, bubble wrap and 4kg bags of fabric scraps.

Register your company's surplus materials now with the Waste Exchange on 03 687 7200, and you could save on disposal costs as well as helping another local business or organisation.

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Photo: Ruth Clarke, with local businessman Hayden Lyon, and Viv Macfarlane and Tania Daly of Presbyterian Support inspect some of the stock of sneakers in the pallets.



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