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VOTE FOR THE STROKE FOUNDATION IN Z ENERGY'S 'GOOD IN THE HOOD' INITIATIVE

Customers to Z Redwood can vote for the Stroke Foundation to win a donation

Supporters across the country will have the chance to vote for the Stroke Foundation of New Zealand in Z Energy's annual 'Good in the Hood' initiative throughout September.

The initiative aims to give back to communities to support the things that matter locally and make a positive contribution across New Zealand.

Every year participating Z stations give away \$4,000 to neighbourhood groups that are making a difference in their communities. This year, customers to select Z stations can vote for the Stroke Foundation to receive a proportion of this funding.

"This is a great opportunity for customers to easily support the Stroke Foundation. The donations we receive will go towards a number of initiatives which help those who have been affected by stroke." Explains Mark Vivian, CEO of the Stroke Foundation of New Zealand.

"We're seeing great success from the work we are doing to help stroke survivors. Our Community Stroke Advisors team support survivors and their families by developing plans to achieve the best possible outcome after stroke. Over the last quarter we saw that on average, 70 per cent of our clients achieved their goals through this initiative. Stroke affects 9,000 New Zealanders each year – that's one every hour – and there's an estimated 60,000 stroke survivors living in New Zealand. This figure is projected to increase by 40% in the next decade. Further donations will support our work and enable us to help more people across the country."

Supporters can vote for the Stroke Foundation at **Z Redwood on 225 Scott St, Blenheim** throughout September.

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About the Stroke Foundation of New Zealand

The Stroke Foundation is the only organisation in New Zealand dedicated to reducing the incidence of stroke, improving outcomes, and supporting those affected by stroke. The Foundation is a not-for-profit organisation that supports a team of community stroke advisors and dozens of stroke clubs throughout New Zealand. To find out more about the important work the Stroke Foundation does go to www.stroke.org.nz.

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