

## **Johanniterhjælpen in Denmark**

### **Main activities in 2020/21**

Johanniterhjælpen in Denmark is still a small operation well supported by its members. Our focus is on supporting a few activities where the aid from Johanniterhjælpen can make a real difference in the short term, as well as in the longer term. We are not prioritizing one-off supports, as we would rather see long-term collaborations, where Johanniterhjælpen can make a real difference.

At present Johanniterhjælpen support two ongoing projects, and we are looking for other possibilities, where our involvement will be a real help in the long term.

Non-the-less Johanniterhjælpen has made some for us important one-off contributions.

Our long term commitments are at present:

- Morgenceafeen: A facility for the homeless, which can support the most basic needs of homeless people with alcohol or drug abuse problems or psychological challenges. The café supplies two meals a day and volunteer doctors, nurses, lawyers and other professionals give advice and help without cost for the homeless.  
For a number of years Johanniterhjælpen has arranged a charity concert in one of the main churches in Copenhagen (Holmens Kirke), and all income from the concert, income from ticket sales as well as donations goes directly to Morgenceafeen.
- Hugs & Food: Is also an initiative to help the homeless. The initiative is part of the efforts of Our Lady's Church (the cathedral in Copenhagen) to help people in need. It supplies a free meal and the possibility to get their clothes washed as well as professional help from social workers.  
On their request Johanniterhjælpen is providing the high quality coffee served during opening hours, and in 2020 Johanniterhjælpen helped getting a new washing and drying machine donated from a local supplier. Johanniterhjælpen paid for the installation costs.

These activities have been operational also during the COVID 19. We were actually able to arrange a concert in November 2020, which was a very important help for Morgenceafeen.

During the last few years we have also worked on a first aid program for schools. First aid training is mandatory, but the children do not always get the training. The idea is to activate military veterans, who have been sent out on mission for Denmark and have been given special first aid training. Thanks to their training they can provide high quality instruction to school children in 3<sup>rd</sup>, to 6<sup>th</sup> class. The administrative challenges are many, and we have realized, that it will take some time before the concept will take shape in a way, that will work in accordance with the many rules and regulations to be found in a highly complex society as the Danish.

In 2020 and 2021 Johanniterhjælpen has together with The Danish subcommandery of the Johanniterorden given donations to Omaruru in Namibia, Baby-Therapi-Zentrum in South Africa (Johannistag-Gabe 2021) and the Spendenaktion Unwetterkatastrophe.

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