

## **Johanniterhjælpen in Denmark** **(Main activities in 2021/22)**

Johanniterhjælpen in Denmark is still a small operation well supported by its members. Over the last year we have increased the number of members from 40 to 55. Our policy is, that the members pay a relatively small, fixed membership fee, and on top of this we ask for donations in help of our activities. The fixed fee covers our running costs (approximately 750 EURO), and the members support specific activities with donations in addition.

Johanniterhjælpen still focus on supporting two ongoing projects:

- Morgenceafeen: A facility for the homeless, which can support the most basic needs of homeless people with alcohol og 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.  
We have been able to increase our support to Morgenceafeen every year thanks to the generosity of the participants in the concert.
  
- 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.

Johanniterhjælpen is still working on making a first aid program for schools. First aid training is mandatory in Denmark, 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 one.

In 2021 and 2022 Johanniterhjælpen has together with The Danish subcommandery of the Johanniterorder given donations to Omaruru in Nambia, Baby-Therapi-Zentrum in South Africa (Johannistag-Gabe 2021), the Spendenaktion Unwetterkatastrophe and a contribution in support of the Ukraine effort.

Our association with JOIN is very helpful in asking for donations. Johanniterhjælpen is able to tell our donors how the support is used, and that the Johanniterorganisation is a guarantee for a humanitarian use of the donations. Our membership of JOIN also give inspiration in our work, and we see, what is possible to achieve over the years.

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