



Suomen Johanniittain apu ry Johanniterhjälpen i Finland rf

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The pandemic seriously limited most of our activities during the year but, fortunately, the First Aid courses in schools project continued and even managed to increase the number of events and the numbers of pupils and teachers attending from 5.017 (2020) to 6.063. In addition, other First Aid teaching events were held at church camps.

First Aid at events

Our First Aid team assisted (Pro Bono) at five mayor public events and so far at one commercial event, the Espoo Rantamaraton, where we were very pleased to have two SJA volunteers assisting us. As a result of our efforts to recruit new volunteers, we were assisted by healthcare students from a university of applied sciences

Assistance to needy people in Estonia

Several vanloads of second-hand clothes and equipment such as bicycles and toys were delivered to orphanages administered by the church of Estonia and to social services. Second hand maternity boxes containing everything new-born babies need, were much appreciated.

Cooperation

We have increased our cooperation with Arcada, a university of applied sciences in Helsinki, where we welcome their medical students to participate in our events and we lend them our fully equipped ambulance for teaching purposes and members of our International Catastrophe Relief team have been lecturing at Arcada.

Fundraising

Our fundraising from foundations has been successful but, we need to find new donors in industrial and commercial sectors.

Cooperation with JOIN

We greatly appreciate the opportunity JOIN provides us to widen our horizons, exchange ideas and the opportunity to SWAP – providing our active members a chance to meet overseas colleagues, experience new practices and we, as an organisation, can use it to attract new volunteers. Also, we also want to contribute to the development of the JOIN community by taking part in Work Group activities whenever we have the resources to do so.

Administration

We now have two part-time employees and our administration has been streamlined to enable us, the Johanniter Order and the House of Nobility to share administrative tools and resources. This enables us to have regular monthly training events for all volunteers, more input on social media and better reporting to donors.

We sincerely hope that 2022 will be a “normal” year allowing us to resume and increase all our activities - including JOIN SWAPs