

Johanniterhjælpen in Denmark
(Main activities in 2022/23)

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 55 to 85. Our policy and aim 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. With support from the Danish Subcommandery the fixed fees cover our running costs, which enable us to state, that “All donations will be passed uncut to the project in question, with no deductions for administration.

Johanniterhjælpen focuses 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 advise 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 high quality coffee served during opening hours, and we have had a meeting with Hugs & Food, where we discussed further possible areas where we can help. Johanniterhjælpen is asked to helped getting a new smaller size washing and drying machine, and we are asked to provide e.g. books in different languages.

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 3rd, to 6th class. The administrative challenges are still many, but we will find our way.

In 2022 and 2023 Johanniterhjælpen has together with The Danish subcommandery of the Johanniterorder given donations to the Ukraine effort.

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 association with JON is very helpful in asking for 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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