# ZHARITY NEWSLETTER December 2019 & January 2026

Once again the holiday season is upon us! We hope you've all been enjoying the lights, markets, and raclette opportunities that are popping up all around town. Thank you for making this year a great one for Zharity. We wish you lots of happy times in the New Year.

Before we say goodbye to 2019, we still have a few more exciting events ahead of us. If you would like to get involved then please read on.

# Join us for our upcoming events



# Caritas Gift Exchange

We have less than 2 weeks to go until our annual Caritas Gift Exchange on **11 December** and it's not too late to get involved.

We are currently completing a toy collection where children can donate two toys and receive a voucher to pick a toy donated to the exchange.

We are also looking for volunteers for a craft table and to bake treats ahead of the event. If you would like to find out about donating toys or you would like to get involved with volunteering or baking, then please contact Anja.



#### **Toy Donations**

During this time of year, we often get questions about where to donate toys. As such, we've put together a list on our website of seasonal initiatives as well as local charity-focused, second-hand stores that take toys all year round. If you are looking for some inspiration, follow the link to our website below.

If you know of other ways to donate toys this holiday season or any time of year, we'd love to hear about it! Send an email to amanda@zharity.ch.



### Volunteer Appreciation Apero

Join us in celebration of all our volunteers and Zharity's accomplishments for the year. We'll say an official thanks to Sige and Hermina for all their work with Zharity, as well as a tearful goodbye. We're also thrilled for all the new faces that have volunteered with Zharity throughout this year!

When: Sunday, 15.December, 12.00-15.00

Where: Steinwiesstrasse 63, 8032 Zurich

#### **CONTACT ANJA**

#### WHERE TO DONATE

What to bring: Yourselves! Partners and kids welcome, too.

Please RSVP to Amanda and come toast some Glühwein with us!

RSVP

#### A Big Thank You!

Thank you so much to everyone who donated to our **Streetwork Clothing Collection** in October and **Sehzentrum Zurich AG Eyeglasses Collection** in November. We sent one loaded car of clothes to Streetwork in Zurich while the glasses traveled to Romania to be given away during a free eye clinic. We are incredibly grateful for your generosity!

#### **Meet the Zharity Team**

With each newsletter in the New Year we thought we would introduce you to some of the principal volunteers of Zharity. In this issue, we introduce you to Anja who has been volunteering with Zharity since its inception in 2015.

A Colombian-German woman with 3 children, Anja has always valued the importance of helping others.

This December she is once again organising and running the Zharity Caritas Gift Exchange.

If you would like to find out more about Anja and what motivates her to volunteer, please follow the below link.

**MEET ANJA** 





## Tip of the Month!

The 2xWeihnachten campaign aims to send parcels to those most in need both in Switzerland and abroad over the festive period. If you would like to find out more about this, please have a look at their website.







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