

ZHARITY NEWSLETTER

January & February 2022

President's Corner

Happy New Year!

This holiday season allowed us to take some time to reflect on all that we did in 2021. Zharity continues to be successful because of the dedication of our volunteers, donors, and corporate and community partners, and we are so grateful for all their support in our achievements to date.

2022 is already shaping up to be an amazing year to Do Good. Have Fun. Connect! We invite you all to join in - whether it be volunteering, donating, making connections or spreading the word. Together, we can make a difference!

Unfortunately, COVID continues to cause challenges for the world. At Zharity, we believe that everyone not only support their community, but also take care of themselves. Self-care is so important and we encourage you to do something for your own wellness this winter. If you'd like some inspiration, check out our volunteers' [Tips During a Pandemic](#). With 50 tips, we hope at least one will take your fancy.

For the time being, we have also decided to put our in-person events on hold. However, until we can meet in person, we will continue to support our local and international community through virtual activities and contactless collections (read on to learn more).

We are hopeful for a good spring and are actively planning some in-person activities including tours, yoga and more! We hope you will join us in paying it forward this year by becoming a [volunteer](#) and by [donating](#)!



Zharity Charity Raffle

We are excited to announce our 2022 Zharity Charity Raffle!

Help us provide critical aid to children and families in Switzerland and across Europe by taking part in Zharity's

Charity Raffle. Only 100 tickets will be sold, giving you a one in 10 chance to win one of the following amazing prizes!

- CHF 150 Gift Card to Asian Fusion Restaurant HATO in Zürich
- A 10-pack of spinning classes to Velocity in Zürich (2 locations)
- Professional photography session in Zürich with Lizzie Davis
- A 5-pack online Pilates class run by Zürich physiotherapist B Kennaway
- Two day passes to the Hürlimannbad & Spa Zürich and a limited edition Rituals bath set
- CHF 100 Gift Card to florist Fleur au Lac in Zürich
- CHF 100 Gift Card to Mövenpick (wine shop and restaurant)
- Ladies Watch and Sunglasses set
- CHF 100 Gift Card to Martel at Bellevue wine shop + 1 bottle of Tuscan wine
- CHF 100 Gift Card to Decathlon Zürich

[Enter the Raffle here.](#)

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Zharity General Assembly 2022

We invite you to our Virtual General Assembly on **24th January** at **19:00** to learn more about what we did in 2021, what our plans are for 2022, meet our team and find out how to get involved. In addition, we will be voting on two board members, two auditors and their terms.

If you would like to join us, please sign up [here](#).

Please read on for the Auditor and Board nominee bios.

Board Member Vote

During the General Assembly, we shall be voting on two members of our board for 2022 and 2023. Alicia Altmueller (President) and Victoria McConnell (Secretary) will be up for a two-year term.

Alicia Altmueller

Originally from New York City, Alicia moved to Zürich in 2019. Alicia has spent her entire career working for non-profits and universities. Her previous work has mainly focused on community relations, grant writing and volunteer management. The areas of focus have ranged from environmental issues, human rights, food insecurity and technology initiatives.

Victoria McConnell

Victoria has been involved with Zharity since she first moved to Zürich in March 2019, firstly as a member of the Collections team and then editor of the newsletter. Since June 2020, she has sat on the board as Secretary, managing the administrative logistics alongside other volunteering activities. With experience in business support and office management, she currently works as an Executive Assistant with a Zürich-based startup.

Auditor Vote

During the General Assembly, we shall be voting on our volunteer auditors for the 2022 and 2023 terms. Nicholas Denny and Priscilla Cremaschi have both agreed to accept the nomination as our volunteer auditors.

Priscilla Cremaschi

Priscilla has been a qualified Italian lawyer since 2013. She worked from 2009 to 2016 as an associate in the corporate finance/capital market department of Norton Rose Fulbright in Milan. She completed an LL.M. in International Business Law degree from the University of Zürich (summa cum laude). She works as a consultant for her family business. Priscilla has been a proud volunteer at Zharity since last summer.

Nicholas Denny

Nicholas is a member of the Aladdin Client Engagement team within BlackRock Solutions. He is responsible for managing relationships with Aladdin and Aladdin Risk Clients, adopters of BlackRock's financial technology solutions in Northern Europe (Germany, Switzerland, Netherlands, Nordics). Nicholas develops and implements new initiatives across business areas including Trading, Operations, Reconciliation, Fund Accounting and Data Analytics. Previously, he has also worked in both front and back office operations for investment banks Credit Suisse and Morgan Stanley.



Coffee Talk: Volunteering with Zharity

Do you love to volunteer? Would you like to support your local community and beyond? Interested in helping refugees, or perhaps gaining some hands-on experience with the environment?

We are a volunteer-run organisation looking to expand our efforts! In fact, we currently have projects on hold because we don't have the capacity to support the demand.

If you would like to learn more about volunteering with Zharity and join the fun, why not join us for a virtual coffee and a chat on Friday 4th February from 10 am to 11 am.

Schedule:

10:00 to 10:45 Introductions and Overview

10:45 to 11:00 Optional time for further discussion

[Sign up online.](#)

Alternatively, if you can't attend but would still like to learn more, please email us on info@zharity.ch, we'd love to hear from you!



Some of our volunteers packing the Personal Care Kits

COVID Announcement

We closely monitor the rules and regulations around COVID and tend to be extra cautious so that we can all enjoy more events together in the future. As such, when signing up for an event, please note our COVID requirements and please follow these guidelines when participating. (As the regulations are constantly changing, please also note that our COVID requirements can change at short notice.)



Local Collections

We worked hard in 2021 to make sure we got as much as possible to those in need. Our [Holiday Pop-Up](#) sent carloads of items to agencies throughout the canton. Some highlights included large boxes of toys to a program for children with special needs, and winter clothes to a program assisting semi-homeless and LGBTQA youth.

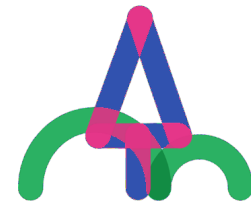
We continue to support many agencies in Zurich Canton through our Pop-Up Collection. If you have something you would like to donate, please check out our current needs [here](#).



International Effort

Our humanitarian effort this fall was a [Winter Hat Collection](#). We were thrilled to achieve double our original goal, collecting 1000 gently loved and new hats. We couldn't have done this without all the generous donations and our successful [Yoga in the Park](#). We had so much fun, that our wonderful yoga instructor has agreed to continue to help in the near future. In addition, we sent gently-loved items to those in need in Hungary, Bosnia and Romania.

From 1st to 25th March, we shall be collecting personal care items for refugees in European camps. We will be posting our sign-up sheet soon. In the



Zharity Earth

We had great success relaunching Zharity Earth in September 2021, with the final project of the year being our [Farmers' Market Tours](#). We have plans to expand our efforts in 2022, starting with two special tours of Zurich City Infrastructure: a tour of the [Wastewater Facility](#) on 5th March and a tour of the [Incinerator](#) on 19th March.

This is perfect for adults and children ages 10 and up. These tours will be held in English and we have a limit of 25 attendees per event. We are asking for a donation of CHF 10 to reserve your spot and all funds raised

meantime, if you have a group of friends, neighbors, or your company/school is eager to participate, [let us know](#). We would love your help as a collection partner!

will go directly toward Zharity Earth.

Thank you!



Are you looking to add some Boho-Chic charm to your home? Check out local artist, Sara and her wonderful handmade Macrame pieces at Knots by S.

Sara is donating 10% of each item's proceeds to Zharity. Thank you Sara!

Check out Knots by S on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#)!

Highlights from the Blog



2021 Highlights

We are very proud of all that we have achieved in 2021. From the seemingly great to the small, we have found it so meaningful to know what a difference this has made to so many locally and internationally. And we couldn't have done it without so many of you! To see the full list of our successes, [click here](#).



Tips During a Pandemic

Zharity's volunteers have pooled their mental resources and compiled an extensive list of activities to treat yourself this winter. Whether you want to get active, get organised, or give back, hopefully you'll find some inspiration on our [website](#).



Storage Space Callout!

Zharity is seeking a storage space and we need your help! If you know of a possible suitable place, please reach out.

Please review our full list of [specifications](#).



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