

ZHARITY NEWSLETTER

May & June 2021

President's Corner

As I was beginning to write my piece for the newsletter, I looked through my notes of the past two months. I was amazed at all the good work that has been done in these past 8 weeks - even with holidays and snow sprinkled in!

March started off with our Personal Care Collection. Through personal care items and monetary donations, we were able to put together more than 250 kits and send over 200 towels to refugee camps in both Greece and the Canary Islands.

We made a 300CHF donation to World Bicycle Relief from the HATO Restaurant Valentine's Day Fundraiser. This was aligned with our April program to collect bikes for local agencies: our goal was 15 children's bikes for two local agencies. In fact, we collected so many more that we were able to donate to a third local agency. The other part of our bike initiative is to collect adult bikes for two programs in Zurich that give bikes for free to local refugees. This effort will continue through May.

We continued our local collections, currently supporting 20 local agencies. Many of the items donated were still from our reserves that we collected at the end of 2020 and a three day pop-up collection. Additionally, we held a Rain Gear Collection, coordinated a 250kg clothing sort for a local agency in need of assistance and participated in a local program for Internationals looking to learn more about the non-profit community in Zurich.

May and June continue to be packed with virtual and contactless programming. However, all of these efforts (and the upcoming ones - even being planned for the Fall) are done by dedicated volunteers and donors. Every donation - no matter how big or small - every hour given to this effort, is creating a stronger and better community.

Thank you to each and every one of you who joins us on this journey.

We hope to see you soon and you will join us in paying it forward by becoming a [volunteer](#), becoming a [member](#) and by [donating](#)!



Collections



Gift a Bike COLLECTION



Zharity is holding a bicycle collection for local agencies:

- Friends on Bikes: provides bicycles and lessons to local adult refugees
- Velo fur Alle: provides bicycles to individuals in emergency aid camps in Zurich, thus providing individuals independence and transport

During the month of May, we are looking for gently loved:

- Adult bike
- Adult bike basket
- Helmets

If you have any questions, please contact us at hae@zharity.ch

Thank you to the staff from Man Group for helping us close out the kid's bike portion of this collection. We are so appreciative of your time and effort!

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Michael and Nicola from Man Group helping to load a round of deliveries.



Drop off to a local refugee facility for families. The children were thrilled with the bikes, scooters, push cart and rain gear!



Putting the Pieces Together Collection

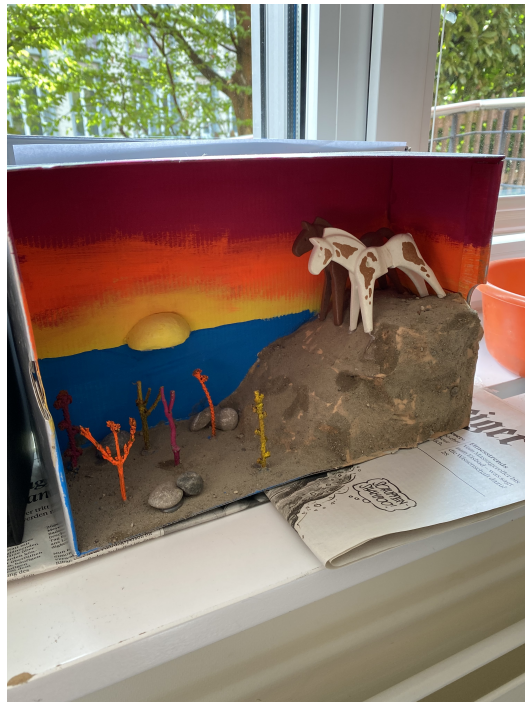
Keep your eye out for details on our June collection.

This campaign will benefit three groups:

- **Team 72** - a group that assists inmates in Zurich will be accepting books, magazines and puzzles
- **Zurich Hospital School Project** - the local children's hospital is making "little worlds" in shoe boxes with young patients. They are in need of craft supplies and little figurines
- **RampstoGo** - a group in Lausanne that makes mobile wheelchair ramps out of kids building block toy pieces

Specific requests will be announced soon. Please note that we can only accept what they ask for at that time. This collection will be from June 1 - 15 and it will be our last coordinated collection before summer break.

Stay tuned for the details on our social media platforms. So please make sure you are connected to us through [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), or [LinkedIn](#)



Updates & News



POLARIS & Axiom Charity Run for Zharity and Shine

Zharity to host its first virtual charity run for corporate sponsors.

We are very proud to be chosen by POLARIS and Axiom Asia to organize their first virtual charity run. The POLARIS and Axiom charity run will take place between 15th and 30th May with participants joining the race via a registration code.

POLARIS and Axiom will donate 10USD per completed race towards charity, the amount to be split between Zharity and SHINE, a Singapore based charity supporting vulnerable children, youth and their families.

Zharity has chosen viRACE as our partner platform for the run. viRACE is an app that enables runners to take part in a running competition in real time without having to be physically present.



Personal Care Collection Summary

Thank you to all that helped the Personal Care Collection for refugees.

The bags and boxes are packed. The items are collected. The totals are in.

The personal care kit collection is closed and wow! We went way beyond our expectations!

- More than 25 donors
- 45 gently loved towels
- 200CHF raised through the online yoga series for this effort
- More than 425CHF donated directly (used to purchase additional items for the kits and towels)
- 200 new discounted towels purchased from our wonderful corporate partner, Decathlon-Zurich
- 265 Personal Care Kits completed: each kit is in it's own bag and contains: 1 tube of

Stay tuned for more information in our next newsletter!

About our sponsors:

POLARIS Investment Advisory AG is a Zurich-based company specialized in marketing and business development for alternative investment managers within liquid alternatives and private markets.

Axiom Asia Private Capital is a leading private equity investment firm focused exclusively on the Asia Pacific region.

toothpaste, 1 shampoo, 2 toothbrushes and 2 bars of soap

- 10 volunteers drop off hosts

A huge [Thank You](#) to our donors, partners and volunteers, and a special Thank You to Jyoti Krishnan, coordinator of this drive!



A Special Thank You

We received this lovely Thank You from one of our local agencies that supports children with special needs and wanted to share this with you:

I wanted to give you feedback that the toys went down very well with the children. That same afternoon we unpacked the boxes with the help of three children. They could hardly believe their luck and started to sing Happy Birthday because they thought someone must have a birthday. It was so touching to see this great joy! They didn't want to go home on Friday because they didn't want to go without the great cars all weekend. The long, large bus is particularly popular. We have to set the time with the timer so that everyone can play with it. For the last three days, the cars were always selected on the play wall 😊 But the farm and the PepaWutz playhouse are also popular. Thank you very much for your support. ♥

Ich wollte Ihnen gern noch rückmelden, dass die Spielsachen total gut angekommen sind bei den Kindern. Am selben Nachmittag haben wir mit drei Kindern vom 2. Kiga die Schachteln ausgepackt. Sie konnten ihr Glück kaum fassen und haben begonnen Happy Birthday zu singen, da sie dachten, jemand muss Geburtstag haben. War so rührend mit anzusehen, diese grosse Freude!!! Am Freitag wollten sie dann gar nicht nach Hause, weil sie nicht das ganze Wochenende auf die tollen Autos verzichten wollten. Vor allem der lange grosse Bus steht hoch im Kurs. Wir müssen jeweils mit dem Timetimer die Zeit stellen, damit alle damit spielen können. Die letzten drei Tage wurden an der Spielwand immerzu die Autos ausgewählt 😊 Aber auch der Bauernhof und das PepaWutz Spielhaus wird gern bespielt. Nochmals ganz herzlichen Dank. ♥



April Showers Bring May Flowers

Rain Gear Collection Recap

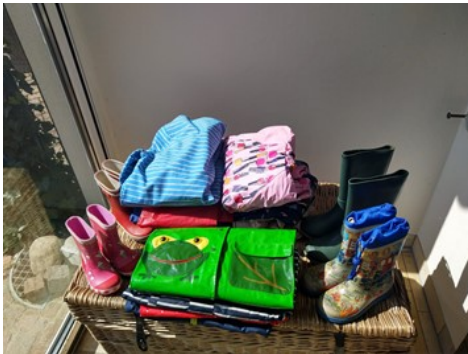


Pop-Up Collection

Another successful collection completed due to all the wonderful donors! As the weather was changing, we realized many of our local agencies would be looking for rain boots, trousers and jackets for their young clients. We put out a call during the month of April and you responded! In total we collected 30 items to distribute to our eager local partners.

Thank you Maria, Ivana, Preisig, Alice, Selena, Karen, Sofia, Rosanna, Anabela and more!

And a big thanks to Claudia for organizing this wonderful collection!



The pandemic has had a huge impact on all our local agencies and their ability to distribute items and even to conduct their regular programming. During the lockdown many were not even able to provide services to their clients, no less give them items that were not necessarily in their realm of priorities.

In response, we have been changing our regular collections to smaller "pop up" collections. Almost every week, 2 small deliveries have been occurring since the beginning of the year. The smaller deliveries allow for agencies to absorb and distribute in a more timely and efficient manner. For more details on this process, please [click here](#).

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