

# ZHARITY NEWSLETTER

November & December 2021

## President's Corner

September and October were some of the busiest months that Zharity has had in a long time! We kicked off the fall with a number of in person activities (read on to learn more!). All were huge successes and we are so happy that so many different volunteers and friends joined us.

For our Humanitarian efforts, this October we ran a [Winter Hat Collection](#) for refugees in Greece. We were thrilled to achieve double our original goal and 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 future.

We continued to support many agencies in Zurich Canton through our [Pop-Up Collection](#). In addition, we hosted a Used Candle Collection for local charity BroKids, so that they could create campfire starter kits with local youth.

And we're continuing to Do Good this November and December. Read on to find out more!

Of course, all the efforts of Zharity are through the hard work of volunteers, sponsors and donors. We are so grateful to the community and hope you will join us and share these efforts within your networks. Together we can make a difference!

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](#)!



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## Upcoming Collections & Events



### Holiday Pop-Up Collections

In the first 10 months of 2021, with the generous support of donors and volunteers, we have provided nearly 100 car loads of items to 20 local agencies (and additional international efforts). This is a huge feat for an organization that runs solely on donations and volunteers.

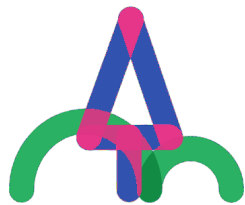
**This holiday season, we are continuing to focus on the direct requests of local agencies to help them have the best start to the new year.**

We are providing support in two specific ways:

1. Continue to focus our efforts on agencies' specific requests - [click here](#) to view the current list
2. To ensure we can fulfill as many of their wishes as possible, we will also use funds raised through donations. If you would like to help in procuring additional requests, please consider making a [donation](#)



*Some examples of our previous donations*



### **Farmers' Market Tour**

Please join us for a tour of the Burkliplatz Farmers' Market!

Longtime market-goer and Zharity Earth volunteer Abbie Fox will lead two tours of Zurich's gourmet paradise. During the tours, we will sample delicious products, chat with farmers, learn about Swiss customs, language and specialty foods, and discuss the opportunities the market offers for sustainable, environmentally-friendly shopping.

Dates: Friday 12th November and Friday 19th November at 8:45am

Price: 10 CHF for product samples (to be paid via the Zharity website upon sign-up)

For more information and to sign up, please check out our [website](#).

If you have any questions, please email [abbie@zharity.ch](mailto:abbie@zharity.ch).



### **Zharity supports Nachbarschaftshilfe**

Would you like to help out in your neighborhood? Perhaps go shopping for an elderly person, help someone get to a doctor's appointment, or lend a hand in the garden?

[Nachbarschaftshilfe](#) (Neighborhood Help) provides opportunities for volunteers throughout Zurich to help neighbors in need. As a volunteer, you can decide how many hours you'd like to work each week and which hours you'd prefer. As other Zharity members have discovered, there are countless ways to help and to make a deeper connection to your local community!

To get involved, call 043 960 14 48 or email [info@nachbarschaftshilfe.ch](mailto:info@nachbarschaftshilfe.ch).

German language skills are in high demand, but depending on the neighborhood, not always required. Your local facilitator can tell you more about the needs in your neighborhood.

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## **Updates & News**



## Volunteer Driver Wanted!

**Do you love to drive and looking to volunteer?**

We are really in need of at least one additional driver to help with our collections and expand our efforts! We have projects on hold because we do not have the capacity to support the demand. Join the fun. It could be one time, once a week or once every other month - you decide!

If you are interested, write to us at [info@zharity.ch](mailto:info@zharity.ch)



### End of Year Donations

If you are looking to make a holiday donation in 2021, please consider Zharity. We are entirely volunteer run and would appreciate any donations. All funds go toward serving our community and beyond. And if your company offers corporate matches, we would love the opportunity to help you make that corporate match and double your donation.

[Please click here to donate.](#)



### Save the Date

We've already started planning our 2022 campaigns with more activities to be announced soon, but save the date for:

- Zharity's General Assembly - 24th January at 7pm
- Personal Care Kit for Refugees campaign - 11th January to 4th February
- Incinerator Tour - 5th February



### COVID Announcement

Please note: we monitor the rules and regulations around COVID and will follow all requirements. We tend to be cautious so that we can all enjoy more events together in the future. In our upcoming events, we will require COVID certificates as proof of vaccination, recovery or a test valid at the time of the events. We also ask that everyone wear a mask at all times when with group activities.



### Zharity is Growing!

We currently serve over 20 partner agencies throughout Switzerland and abroad, helping to support families in crisis and need. We have simply



### Join us!

We are always planning more collections, more activities, and ways to Do Good, Have Fun and

outgrown our current methods of storage. If you have or know of a centrally located storage space (20-25 sqm) asking for a modest rent, we would love to [hear from you](#). Thank you for your support!

Connect. If you have ideas or would like to get involved, contact [info@zharity.ch](mailto:info@zharity.ch)

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## Highlights from Fall...

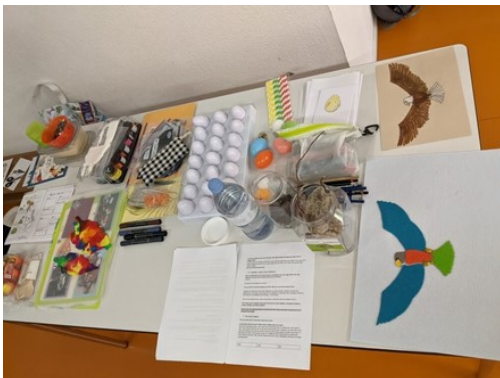


### Swiss Bird Workshops

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who made our Swiss Bird Workshops for Kids such a success:

- Hermina, for leading us through an incredible day of workshops
- Our wonderful volunteers who supported the activities on the day: Ansam, Ivana and Rebeca
- All our young bird enthusiasts
- And a special thanks to Zharity volunteers Anisong, Ed, Rebeca and Uliana for all their pre-program help!

We are also the proud sponsor of Hermina's Bird Race team. Through fundraising efforts (including the workshops), we were able to donate 1000 CHF to BirdLife Switzerland for bird conservation.



### Swiss Clean-Up Day

Thanks so much to everyone who joined Zharity for [Switzerland Clean-Up Day](#). We would like to send out a huge thank you to Uliana for organizing a great event and to the 45 folks who came out to help!



### Zero-Waste Shopping Tour

Thank you Ivana for coordinating a visit to a local zero-waste store, Chez Mamie. We had a full house join us to learn about the mission behind the store and the small steps we can take to reduce waste in our own households. It was a great day out, with our participants eager for more activities soon!



## Winter Hats for Refugees

Thank you so much to everyone who donated to our Winter hat collection for refugees in Greece. Between fundraising and direct donations of gently loved and new winter hats for all ages, we were able to collect a total of 1000 (double our original goal of 500!).

The hats have now been collected, packaged, and will be heading out to the refugee camps later this week.

Special thanks to:

- Shonda and Pauline (from Education First) for making so many beautiful handmade hats.
- The Zharity volunteers who collected all the hats
- Our corporate sponsors, [Decathlon Zurich](#) for once again providing us a big discount and allowing us to provide even more hats!
- Renata for organizing [Education First's](#) internal collection
- **And of course Jyoti, for coordinating this fundraising effort!**



## Yoga in the Park

A big THANK YOU to all our Yoga in the Park participants. It was a beautiful morning and such a good way to start a lovely Sunday. We had 30 participants and successfully raised 670 CHF in support of our Winter Hat Collection.

And in particular, a big thank you to Ed for organizing the fundraiser and [Victoria](#) for leading us in a perfect session, especially as it was on her birthday.



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## Meet the Zharity Team

**This issue we would like to introduce you to Edouard Trau, one of Zharity's new volunteers!**

One day, I had an introductory call with Alicia and Vicky. After having a great time in this call, I thought this was really for me.



Born and raised in Strasbourg, at the age of 20 I developed a passion for travel and went abroad for my studies. I first moved to Mexico, then Spain and Chile, where I discovered a love for the Spanish language. After my studies, I looked for jobs in the UK and ended up living in London, which was a really great time. A few years later, I pursued a new career in Mexico City, before moving to Zurich.

As an outdoor person, I enjoy very much sports like skiing, SUP and biking. I am also passionate about music.

### **What personal experiences drew you to charity work?**

Through my travels, I realized the social differences among different countries and always thought that I would like to help others and fight poverty. Generally, I try to organize all my trips in a sustainable and meaningful way so that I can help the local communities.

### **How did you get involved in Zharity?**

The Power of Network! A few friends of mine are involved with Zharity. Hearing about the projects they were working on sparked my interest and so I decided to reach out to Zharity.

### **What projects are you working on right now?**

Initially I started with an IT project, but now I am more focused on organizing charity events, such as the Yoga in the Park, and supporting Zharity's Humanitarian projects.



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