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Foreword by the Grand Master

As Grand Master of this ancient and noble Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem, it is my distinct privilege to present this consolidated International Hospitaller Report. It details the significant scope of charitable work and many good deeds conducted by all jurisdictions of the Order.

In addition to the Order's historical provision of support for people suffering from leprosy, our jurisdictions have continued their efforts with children's care, support for the disadvantaged and disabled, hospice and palliative care. Significant work is also being accomplished to provide community service, conduct food campaigns and raise awareness of the great needs and benefits of organ transplantation. In addition to providing significant donations and fundraising work, our members have been very generous with their volunteer time and efforts to carry out charitable activities.

Members of our jurisdictions have touched many lives throughout the world. Our jurisdictions are firmly committed to helping people through a wide array of charitable work. This is based on the Christian values on which the Order of Saint Lazarus was founded.

Atavis et Armis,



Francisco de Borbón Graf von Hardenberg
50th Grand Master



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Preface by the Grand Commander

Dear Consoeurs and Confrères,

I am very pleased to announce we had 100% participation from our jurisdictions in submitting reports regarding their charitable activities during 2017. Their hospitaller work includes the Order's traditional support of leprosy treatment and care, as well as a wide range of charitable efforts in other areas.

Our sincere thanks go to our Grand Hospitaller and all members who contributed to the compilation of this eighth consolidated Order of Saint Lazarus International Hospitaller Report. It is very important for our Order to publicize all of the excellent charitable work being accomplished throughout the world, both to our members and the public.

We also thank the members in each jurisdiction who contributed their efforts to the Order's charitable work. We encourage all jurisdictions to set even higher goals to accomplish more hospitaller work in the future.



Edward B. White GCLJ
Grand Commander of the Order



Introduction

It is with much pleasure that I present the 2018 International Hospitaller Report. This report provides a summarized and consolidated account of the charitable and hospitaller activities of national jurisdictions of the Military and Hospitaller Order of St Lazarus undertaken during the calendar year 2017. Reports are required from each jurisdictional hospitaller prior to 31 March 2018 and it is from these that this report has been compiled. This report follows the standard format, with activities divided according to the following core activities: Leprosy, Palliative Care and Medical Support, Care of Children, Support for the Handicapped, International Activities, Emergency Care, Food Campaigns and Support for the Poor and Homeless, Community Service and Miscellaneous. Clearly there is some overlap between several of the activity categories and where this has occurred, the decision as to which category the activity belonged was taken arbitrarily. The other option was to include many of the projects under more than one heading; however, to do so would result in a report of unwieldy proportions. This should be taken into account when searching for individual projects. In order to simplify the search process, an index of each of the contributing jurisdictions is provided and this is cross-referenced to each of the charitable activities reported by the jurisdiction.

It should be noted that the majority of jurisdictions have recorded the cash value of their contribution. When the donation consisted of materials and/or services an attempt has been made to provide an equivalent value in cash. And for the purposes of providing some tangible understanding of these contributions donated, time has been calculated throughout at Euros 10 per hour. In addition to this, the total number of person/hours contributed has been given under each entry where these data have been provided.

In general, members, either through direct donation or through fund raising activities, have derived the funding disbursed by the Order. There are two exceptions to this. The first of these involves the Humanitarian Grand Priory of Europe and Lazarus Hilfswerk (GPEU/LHW). This group was founded in 1971 and its activities have now been incorporated into the German Healthcare system. Over recent years the GPEU/LHW has been involved in the management of homes for the elderly and those requiring nursing care as well as ambulance service for the handicapped. In addition, GPEU/LHW facilitates group activities for children with educational problems. The second group within the Order that derives funding assistance from a secondary source is the Grand Bailiwick of Germany, which works in close association with the Hilfswerk Deutscher Zahnärzte (German Dentist Relief Organization or HDZ). This latter group has an international charitable focus and undertakes projects worldwide. While it cannot be claimed that the work undertaken by GPEU/LHW or by the Grand Bailiwick of Germany in concert with the HDZ has evolved entirely from funding generated by the Order, both these groups do incorporate the name of St Lazarus in their activities. For these reasons, reports on the contributions of both the GPEU/LHW and the HDZ/Grand Bailiwick of Germany are included in separate sections following the Miscellaneous section of the report.



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It would be invidious to specify the total contributions from each of the national jurisdictions, as there is a wide variation in both member numbers and national economic conditions. The amount contributed either in terms of cash, kind or time is, however, given under each entry as this provides an indication of the level of contribution received by individual charities. In the body of the text the individual contributions are provided in the local currency rather than in Euros or US dollars, as fluctuations in the exchange rate would have the effect of diminishing the value of the data. Converting all currencies to Euro equivalents, assessing the value of non-cash contributions and crediting hours contributed at 10 Euros/hour provides some indication as to the global contribution of the Order. Utilizing these criteria the total amount contributed by the Order over the period of the report is 1,724,130 Euros, excluding the 646,768 Euro contributions of the HDZ and the annual turnover of 10,152,375 Euros of the Humanitarian Grand Priory of Europe.

It is appropriate to acknowledge the contributions of many who have assisted in the preparation of this report. The outstanding work of our Vice Grand Chancellor (Administration), Dame Marny Gilluly, cannot be overstated and I am most grateful for her contribution. I must also acknowledge the support of our Grand Master, Grand Commander, John Byrnes the Deputy Grand Hospitaller, Gareth Vaughan, GMC Secretary and C.W. Gilluly, Grand Marshal. Considerable credit must be given to the contributions of each of the National Hospitallers who have provided detailed reports on the work of their respective jurisdictions. This year reports were received from all 35 Jurisdictions of the Order.

Most importantly, sincere thanks are due to each and every member of the Order as it is your enthusiasm and hard work that have contributed to our continued success.



Professor Brett Delahunt ONZM GCLJ MD FRCPA FRSNZ
Grand Hospitaller



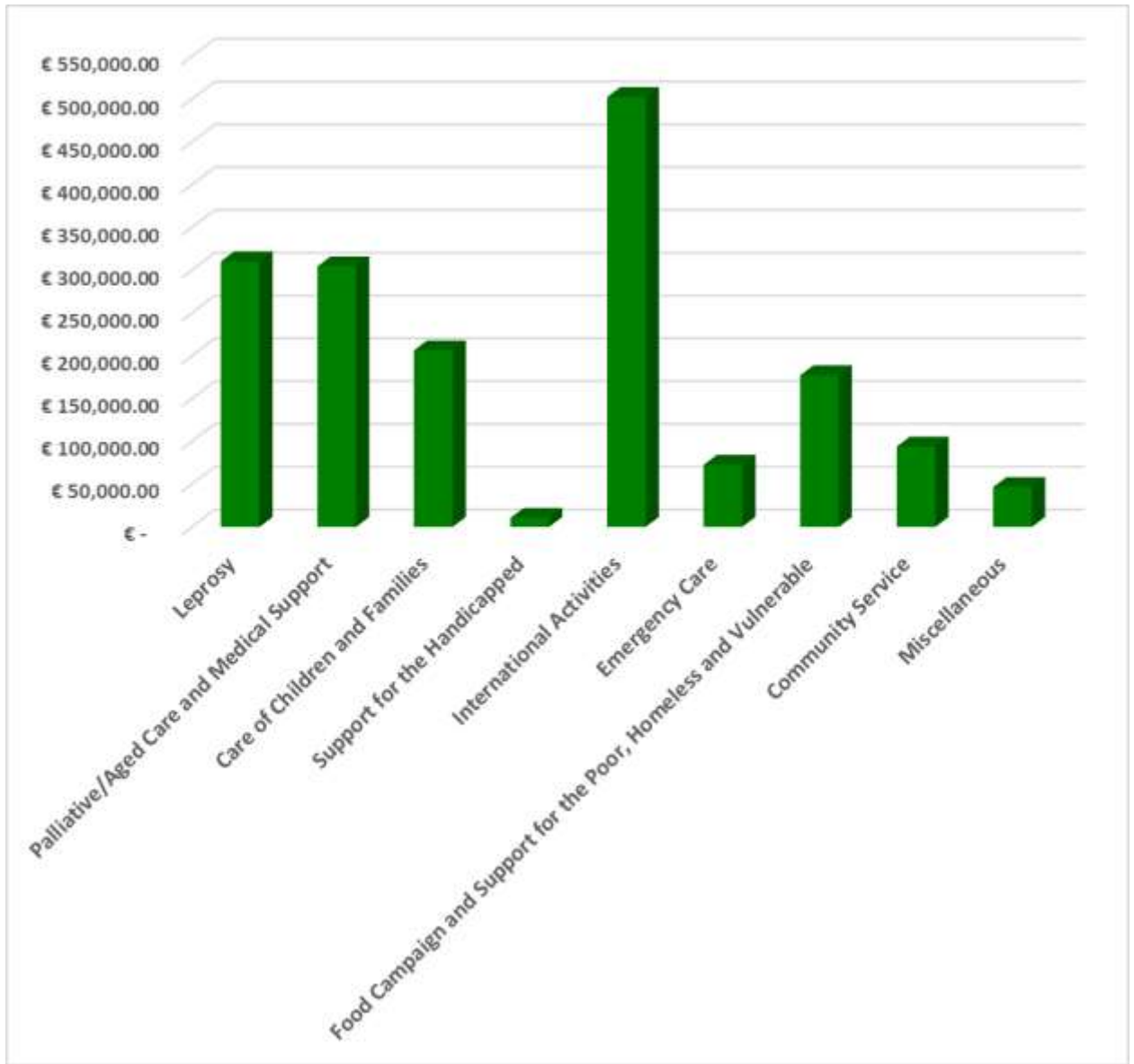
General Overview

Value of Funding/Services Donated divided according to Charitable Activities

Charitable Activity	Value in Euros
* Leprosy	310,288
* Palliative/Aged Care and Medical Support	304,470
* Care of Children and Families	206,325
* Support for the Handicapped	10,587
* International Activities	502,211
* Emergency Care	72,563
* Food Campaign and Support for the Poor, Homeless and Vulnerable	177,153
* Community Service	93,912
* Miscellaneous	<u>46,621</u>
* Total	1,724,130

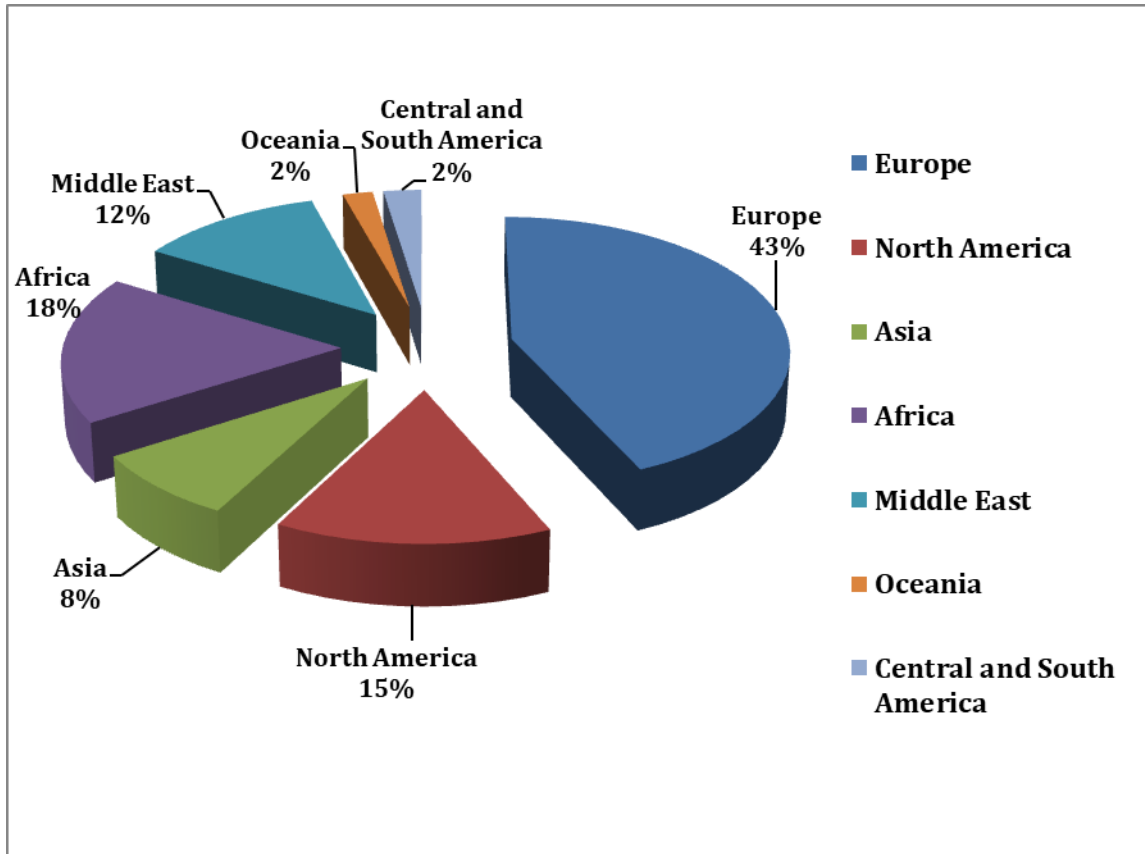
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Value of Funding/Services Donated divided according to Charitable Activities Euro 1,724,130 Total



Values in Euros

Value of Funding/Services Donated divided according to Geographical Areas



Geographical Distribution

Value in Euros

✱ Europe	747,230
✱ North America	249,657
✱ Asia	140,837
✱ Africa	305,503
✱ Middle East	205,694
✱ Oceania	33,204
✱ Central and South America	<u>42,005</u>
✱ Total	1,724,130

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Leprosy

Grand Priory of America

Rising Star Outreach is a non-governmental organization, founded in Atlanta and based in Chennai, India, dedicated to the treatment of leprosy afflicted patients in southern India. Included in the Grand Priory's multi-year funding of Rising Star Outreach have been micro-lending programs for leprosy afflicted beggars, mobile medical vans and medical supplies. This year the Grand Priory contributed USD 55,000 to Rising Star Outreach.



The Grand Priory, along with the Delegation of Mexico, has supported two leprosy clinics in Mexico for many years. Combined, these clinics have served thousands of leprosy afflicted patients and their families in rural Mexico. This year the Grand Priory contributed USD 50,000.

The Sisters of St. Francis live with and care for the residents of Kalaupapa, the last remaining leprosy village in the United States. It is located on a remote peninsula on the island of Molokai, near Maui, Hawaii. A grant of USD 15,000 was made by

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the Grand Priory to provide needed medical supplies for the remaining patients and their caregivers.

Each year the AASL-GPA Matching Grant Program will match up to USD 3,000 with each sub-jurisdiction in the US for local projects dedicated to the Flagship Programs of leprosy and organ donation/education. This year the Grand Priory donated USD 18,000 to this program.

The Grand Commandery of the West of the Grand Priory donated USD 15,000 for the Kalaupapa leprosy patients. In addition to this, the Commander travelled to Kalaupapa, Molokai to meet with the patients and assess the needs of the hospital.

The Delegation of Mexico of the Grand Priory continues to supervise and finance the ongoing programs at their two clinics, in alliance with the nuns responsible for each clinic in Morelia and Irapuato belonging to the Order of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. This Order is directed from their main convent in Bogotá, Colombia, as they were founded by an Italian missionary specifically to aid leprosy patients more than one century ago. During the year, the nuns visit the homes of registered patients to help them take appropriate care of their wounds, as well as bringing them food supplies that are donated to the Order by Hérdez, a large company which produces canned and packaged foods, and Caritas, the Catholic Church's hospitaller organization, along with some local donors. The nuns also provide warmth and sympathy in the context of their pastoral care, for the benefit of the patients and their close relatives. They are most aware of the need of undertaking bacilloscopies on people living in the households of registered patients, and are capable of performing them themselves in order to detect new cases of leprosy at an early stage. In addition to their work visiting the patients at their homes in the surrounding areas, the nuns provide rehabilitation treatments at the clinics and supervise the work of several dermatologists who generously spend one or two days each week giving low cost consultations at the clinics. Every month, a diverse group of people give their time and effort to assist in various ways: between 8 and 10 members of the Delegation attend a monthly breakfast meeting in Mexico City to hear the Delegate's report and freely give their comments and suggestions. In addition, between two and four university students apply their expertise and relations to keep the Delegation's records up to date and help in organizing social events. The Delegate, the Receiver and the Marshal give freely of their time and last year the membership donated 4,000 hours of time towards the work of the clinics.

The Delegation of Mexico of the Grand Priory donated USD 16,000, which was matched by USD 50,000, by the Grand Priory towards the cost of operating the clinics. In addition to this, donations of food supplies, infirmary supplies and medicines were also provided.



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Manual Arts class taught by nuns in Irapuato

Grand Bailiwick of Austria

The Grand Bailiwick continued its support for a children's boarding school situated in proximity to a leprosy hospital near the village Shih Zhong in South-China, People's Republic of China. This year the Grand Bailiwick donated Euro 500 to assist in the employment of staff to care for the 300 children in the school whose parents have leprosy. This donation secured the services of 10 employees for 7 months.

Grand Priory in Canada

A total of CD 11,000 was invested by the Grand Priory into two leprosy projects in India, which the Order has supported for many years. These relate to the support of patients at the Little Flower Hospital in Bihar and the Naini Hospital in Uttar Pradesh.

Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic

Members of the Grand Bailiwick supported leprosy eradication through a contribution to the Hospice of St. Lazarus in Pilsen with material and money totaling Euro 1,600.

The Grand Bailiwick contributed Euro 400 and bandages valued at Euro 1,200 in support of those with leprosy. In addition the Grand Bailiwick contributed Euro 240 for the purchase of bandages for leprosy patients.



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Grand Priory of England and Wales

A major decision to enter into further three-year commitments with The Leprosy Mission and EMMS was made possible by the pledge of a growing number of Order members who have entered into monthly or annual bank standing orders. This consistent income allows the trustees, not only to give assured grants to charities, but also to be able to respond to immediate needs.

It is in the light of an increased regular dependable income that the trustees felt able in 2017 to commit to longer term project support as reported above. Once again, the trustees were grateful for gifts and donations already made through Commanderies and by members of the Order.

The St. Lazarus Charitable Trust's already established link with EMMS (Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society) continued to deepen with the aim to establish in more detail the medical electives scheme to which both the Trust and EMMS are committed. The Commandery of Wales supported two local medical students on their elective years in overseas projects (one in 2016, and another this year) and it is hoped other Commanderies will embrace similar initiatives.

The Grand Priory donated Stg 12,200 to The Leprosy Mission for the purchase of a phacoemulsifier for Premananda Hospital, Kolkata. Premananda Hospital gives free, expert treatment and rehabilitation for people affected by leprosy. It is recognised by the Indian Government as a referral hospital for leprosy related complications. A phacoemulsifier is a modern piece of equipment that makes cataract surgery safer and more efficient. It will play a critical role in the Hospital's application to become a government approved specialist centre for eye care. This endorsement from the Indian Government will significantly increase the number of paying patients who are referred to Premananda Hospital, and the income generated will subsidise costs for patients who can't afford treatment. As a result, more leprosy-affected people and poor patients will receive free eye care, and the hospital will become more self-sustaining.

A grant of Stg 15,000 was made to support medical electives for trainee doctors to spend time working in hospitals for leprosy and tropical diseases in Africa and India.



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Leprosy patient awaiting treatment at Premananda Hospital

The Rufiji Leprosy Trust supports people affected by leprosy in the village of Kindwitwi in the Rufiji District of Tanzania. It helps those who require full time care through maintaining a housing complex in the village of Kindwitwi and also less disabled villagers to live independently in their homes with their families. A grant of Stg 8,300 will defray half the annual cost of feeding the villagers and pay the salary, travel and materials of a shoemaker to make specialised footwear for those crippled by the disease.

The Grand Priory donated Stg 3,000 to the Vidiyal Trust to assist the work of The Revd Canon Pat Atkinson of Norwich Cathedral with leprosy sufferers in a government home and clinic, in one of the most deprived areas of India.

Donations were made to The Leprosy Mission for the purchase and installation of an auto blood analyser at the leprosarium in Kolkata (Stg 2,600), to LEPRO, the international leprosy charity (Stg 2,430) and to the leprosy research team at The London Hospital of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in support of research activities (Stg 750).

Grand Priory of Finland

The Grand Priory provided Euro 2,000 to assist the Leprosy Hospital in India and a nursery in Cape Town.



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Grand Priory of France

The Grand Priory collected 13 tons of hospital, medical and surgical equipment, mainly from the Besançon University Hospital Centre and health establishments in the region. This material included electric medical beds for adults with mattresses (8), bar beds for babies with mattresses (4), medical beds made of wood and metal framework (20), electric patient lifts (2), care carts (2), electric adult wheelchairs (4), patients' wheelchairs (44), children's wheelchairs (2), a heating table with wheels for the service, walkers (6), bedside tables (32), pierced chairs (4), bedside tables (11), lead apron, electric physiotherapy table, physiotherapy chair, ergometric bicycle, mucus aspirator, stretchers (4), mattresses (3), ECG trolley, TA trolley, large and small 2-bath dry disinfection ovens, EMG, oven and printer. This equipment was sent to the Fondation ad Lucem in Cameroon. The Grand Priory raised Euro 7,658 during the Lepers' Day which was donated to the Raoul Follereau Foundation. These activities represented a total contribution of Euro 35,047 and 950 hours labour.



A donation of Euro 1,000 was made in aid of the dispensary of Chabi Kouma and to the leprosarium of Ouidah, in the care of the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Grand Priory of the Maltese Islands

Lepra U.K. is a registered international charity that works with individuals and communities affected by leprosy in India, Bangladesh and Mozambique. The aim



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is to treat, educate and rehabilitate, and through this give a voice to people living on the margins of society and this year, the Grand Priory donated Euro 5,000 to the work of this organization.

A donation of Euro 5,000 was made to the Capuchin Fathers to assist their projects relating to the support of lepers.

A donation of Euro 1,000 was made by the Grand Priory to two Maltese lepers, who had been “adopted” by the Grand Priory, to support their medical and social expenses.

This year the Grand Priory contributed Euro 5,000 to CIOMAL, a Swiss charitable organisation that coordinates projects to combat leprosy and assist its victims. The organization reinforces the self-sufficiency of field programmes, with the aim of reducing the psychological distance between patient and medical staff.

The Grand Priory donated Euro 5,000 to Association Française Raoul Follereau. This is a French-based charity that deals with leprosy, promoting medical care and reintegration of patients into society.

The Conventual Franciscan Community is a religious Order that has missionary centres all over the world. The Grand Priory donated Euro 5,000 to their work for leper communities.

Grand Bailiwick of Scotland

The Grand Bailiwick contributed Stg 1,435 to The Leprosy Mission Scotland. Part of this donation went to the general funds of this charity, which continues to support those whose lives are still devastated by the disease. The Aberdeen Branch of The Leprosy Mission received Stg 500 of this donation to support the education of two youths at a training centre in India.

Grand Priory of Spain

The Grand Priory provided two scholarships of an unspecified amount to permit health professionals from overseas to undertake specialized courses at Antiléprico Fontilles Hospital. These professionals then return to their own countries and apply their newly gained knowledge in the fight against leprosy.

Grand Priory of Sweden

The Grand Priory donated SEK 25,000 and transport work of 10 hours to the Lepra Mission of Sweden.



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Priory of Zimbabwe

In 2016 a decision was made by the Priory in Zimbabwe to adjust its primary focus to assist the 42 Leprosy patients resident at the Mutemwa Leprosy Mission.

Monthly sales of second-hand books conducted at the Arundel shopping precinct are utilized to fund this project, with the money used mainly to purchase medication. In addition to this, food and clothing items are also donated. Sales activities involve about 280 hours a year, while visits to the mission and purchase of medications involve another 80 hours commitment. During the year medications to a total value of 1,600 Euros were donated.

Palliative/Aged Care and Medical Support

Grand Priory of America

The Grand Priory contributed USD 12,000 to the Donate Life Transplant Games. This is a multi-sport festival event produced by The Transplant Games of America for individuals who have undergone life-saving transplant surgeries. Competition events are open to living donors, organ transplant recipients, bone marrow, corneal and tissue transplant recipients. More than an athletic event, the Donate Life Transplant Games highlight the critical importance of organ, eye and tissue donation, while celebrating the lives of organ donors and recipients.

A donation of USD 25,000 was made by the Grand Priory to Nora's Home. While the Texas Medical Center is the largest medical center in the world and has the top transplant centers in the United States, the Healthcare Hospitality Network reports that Houston is one of the most underserved cities in the country for hospitality bed space. Nora's Home assists in filling this housing void and is currently the only hospitality-housing program in the Gulf Coast region to address the specific needs of transplant patients.

The Grand Priory sponsored the Chris Klug Foundation (CKF) Summit for Life event held in Aspen, Colorado in December, 2017. The CKF was founded by Chris Klug, an Olympic bronze medallist in the Parallel Giant Slalom at the 2002 Winter Olympics held in Salt Lake City, Utah. Chris accomplished this less than two years after receiving a life-saving liver transplant due to primary sclerosing cholangitis (PSC), thus making him the first Olympian to participate in the Olympics, winter or summer, after an organ transplant. The Grand Priory chose to support the Chris Klug Foundation because of their continued dedication to promoting life-saving donations and improving the quality of life for donors, donor families, organ transplant candidates and recipients. The Chris Klug Foundation seeks to inspire people to register to be organ donors and to give



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inspiration and hope to those who are on the waitlist or have already received a transplant.

The Grand Commandery of the Southwest of the Grand Priory continued its support of the Houston Aphasia Recovery Center using USD 3,000 in matching funds from the AASL for a total of USD 6,000. The Houston Aphasia Recovery Center assists stroke victims in regaining their verbal skills. The organization was founded by some of our members and also has member volunteers. Thanks to this support the Houston Aphasia Recovery Center has been able to expand its services, and recently moved into a new, larger facility to meet the needs of stroke patients.

The Midwest Commandery and the Grand Priory donated USD 6,000 for a Cavitron, which is an ultrasonic scaler and air-polishing unit used for dental cleaning to the Open Arms Clinic. The Clinic offers free services to uninsured, low income and underserved residents of Walworth County in Wisconsin.



Pictured with the Cavitron equipment: Dame Betty Paps, Cindy Meschler, Dental Coordinator and Sara Nicholas, Executive Director of OPEN ARMS clinic

Luke's House is one of a very few truly free clinics in New Orleans. Originally sponsored by Rayne Methodist Church, it has evolved into a community effort of both ecumenical and hospital personnel-based supporters. The Grand Commandery of the South of the Grand Priory's donation of USD 400 provided printers for a computerized medical records system that enabled the clinic to provide more immediate care to a greater number of patients, because of increased efficiency in making diagnoses.

The Bersheeba Clinic is a non-profit free community medical clinic in Beersheba Springs, Tennessee, located in Grundy County, the poorest county in Tennessee. It is staffed solely by Physician Assistants and is the only place in the county located on the Cumberland Plateau where any medical care is available. Patients pay what they can if they can, but for most it is free or just a few dollars. It is completely funded by donations.



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The Imperial Delegation of Calcasieu of the Grand Priory sponsored the second annual Givers Candlelight Ceremony honoring tissue, organ and cornea donors on March 22, 2018. The donor family speaker was the mother of a teenager who was tragically killed in an automobile accident. The recipient speaker was a lung and kidney recipient.

Grand Commandery of Boigny

The Grand Commandery provided Euro 6,500 to support patients undergoing palliative care.

A grant of Euro 1,000 was provided in the form of a scholarship to assist students undertaking midwifery studies.

Members of the Grand Commandery undertake visits to sick people. Visits consist of six members visiting patients for two hours per week. Members contributed Euro 4,600 to cover the costs of travel, gasoline and parking.

Grand Priory in Canada

Across Canada, the Commanderies of the Grand Priory support local hospices and related palliative care programs. Hospices in Western Ontario, Toronto, Calgary and Nova Scotia receive direct funding from the local Commanderies and members are actively involved with them. As well, in Toronto, Calgary and Edmonton the Commanderies make significant financial contributions to local and provincial hospice palliative care programs, which assist in creating awareness and supporting a variety of initiatives. The Grand Priory also sponsors sessions at the national conference offered by the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association. Included in this amount is operational funding for the Home Caregivers Support Programme, an online programme developed in association with St. John Ambulance and designed to inform and assist caregivers looking after family members.

In Edmonton, Kairos House, a hospice for individuals with HIV/Aids, which the Commandery has supported since 1990 with donations totalling over CD 400,000, has been renamed St. Lazarus House.

The Toronto Commandery Hospice Foundation, an independent entity closely associated with the Toronto Commandery, has received permission to develop a hospice within the new Westpark Hospital complex. It is well underway with a CD10 million fundraising program and has received a commitment for CD 1 million annual operational funding support from the provincial government. In total the Grand Priory has contributed CD 87,800 towards the provision of hospice palliative care.

This year the manual *A Caregiver's Guide*, a handbook about end-of-life care, continued to be distributed at a cost of CD 22,398. This book, first published by



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the Order in 2000 and designed to complement the care given by end-of-life care nursing teams to families caring for a loved one, continues to be a key focus of their charitable work. To date, more than 300,000 copies have been printed and distributed to family caregivers and others across Canada in English, French and two indigenous languages. The sum above represented a reprint of 15,000 copies early in the year. Later in the year an additional 25,000 copies were printed by the Canadian Hospice Palliative Care Association at an additional cost in excess of CD 28,000, thus bringing the direct and indirect expenditure of the Grand Priory on this program to more than CD 50,000.

Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic

A donation of Euro 6,000 was made by the Grand Bailiwick for the purchase of medical aids.

The Grand Bailiwick donated gifts, books and magazines, valued at Euro 1,280, to healthcare facilities.

Euro 840 was contributed by the Grand Bailiwick towards the work of a Hospice in Červený, Kostelec.

A donation of Euro 360 was made to assist citizens aged over 80 years.

The Grand Bailiwick made donations in support of St. Joseph's Home in Zíreč and the Hospice in Červený Kostelec. In addition, members work there with elderly and disabled people.

The Grand Bailiwick is active in the work of the Hospice Strasbourg project where some of its members are on the Board of Directors. The hospital operates 25 beds for end-stage patients with 80% utilisation. In 2017, 12 special beds were purchased, and 70% of the cost was paid by the Ministry of Health subsidies. New bins were purchased for used laundry. New lighting was installed, the building was painted, wiring was repaired and personnel wages increased.

A contribution of Euro 1,000 was made to the Hospice of St. Lazarus in Pilsen.

The Grand Bailiwick organized benefit concerts for the Hospice of St. Lazarus in Pilsen and the Hospice of St. Hedvika in Kladno raising Euro 520. Additionally, computers, medical supplies and books valued at Euro 1,200 were donated for the Strasbourg Hospice.

A donation of Euro 1,000 and materials to a total value of Euro 12,000 were made to medical institutions and retirement homes in Plzeň, Prague, Stříbro and Tachov.



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Grand Priory of England and Wales

The Grand Priory donated a total of Stg 2,702 to local hospices (Isabel Hospice, Hertford, St John's Hospice, Lancaster and nine hospices in Sussex).

A donation of Stg 750 was made to DEBRA, a charity supporting those suffering from the painful and debilitating genetic skin disease, *Epidermolysis bullosa*.

A donation of Stg 500 was made to Kidney Research UK.

A bursary of Stg 1,500 was provided in support of a student medical elective.

A donation of Stg 800 was made to Orbis Flying Eye Hospital to support a telemedicine pilot scheme.



Orbis Flying Eye Hospital

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Inside the Flying Eye Hospital

Grand Priory of Finland

A donation of Euro 3,000 was made towards a program to assist in providing support for the elderly living in their own homes. This program is conducted in association with the Church of Finland.

Grand Priory of France

The Lieutenancy of Saint Lazarus donated Euro 21,870 during the year. This funding was utilized for several projects, including the purchase of a vehicle adapted for wheelchairs to assist a mother of a young handicapped man, the repatriation of a severely handicapped person to Reunion Island, the work of the Red Cross, the Raoul Follereau Foundation (lepers' day) and the provision of a New Year's Eve meal for the benefit of those isolated from friends and family.

Grand Bailiwick of Germany

Volunteers contributed to a free dental prophylaxis program for refugees in the border transit camps in Friedland and Göttingen. A total of 60 working hours and materials valued at Euro 600 were contributed to the project.



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Grand Priory of Italy

Service totaling 2,340 hours was contributed by OMOSLJ Doctors Volunteers and Hospitallers.

A donation of Euro 530 was made to the OMOSLJ Volunteer Medical Group.

In support of palliative care, 360 hours labour was contributed to Nasi Rossi.

Grand Priory of the Maltese Islands

A donation of Euro 150 was made to the Charian senior citizens residential home.

The Grand Priory donated Euro 500 to assist a cancer patient during treatment.

A donation of Euro 260 worth of Easter and Christmas gifts was made to the long-term care Mental Health Unit in Gozo General Hospital. This unit houses a number of residents who, for various reasons, cannot leave the hospital.

Visits to a number of residential homes for the elderly were organised by the Order to assist in the routine activities and in entertaining. A total of 250 hours service was contributed.

The Grand Bailiwick of the Netherlands

Members of the Grand Bailiwick contributed 65 hours work to provide coffee, cake, drinks and snacks, followed by a concert by a children's choir to residents of the Hoge Heem nursing home.



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The Grand Bailiwick organized a wine tasting in Bussum to raise funds for Ambulance Wish. This is a charity that aims to fulfil requests from terminally ill patients. The Bailiwick contributed 15 hours labour and raised Euro 288 for the charity.

Grand Priory of New Zealand

The Order continued its sponsorship of University of Otago Order of St. Lazarus Dermatology Prize, valued at NZD 300. This is awarded annually by the Medical School at the University of Otago to the top candidate in the dermatology component of the medical course.

The Order maintained a Corporate Sponsorship of the Research for Life valued at NZD 300 per year. The organization provides grants to support research in the lower half of the North Island of New Zealand.



A charitable event was undertaken to provide funds to support the principal charity of the Canterbury Commandery. An afternoon of music and recitations, accompanied by wine and nibbles and hosted by one of the members of the Commandery, raised NZD 2,100. This was matched by a similar amount from the Grand Priory and NZD 4,200 was donated to Look Good Feel Better. This charity supports those who are being treated for cancer and other debilitating diseases.



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Grand Priory of Poland

Two of the members of the Grand Priory are also members of the Managing Council of the Cracow Hospice. In addition to these management activities, they act as volunteers and in both these capacities 2,640 hours service are contributed each year. Annually, in May, the Hospice organizes fundraising activities as their "Fields of Hope" project and the Grand Priory donated 20 hours work and Euro 1,250 to this activity.

Grand Priory of Romania

The Grand Priory is active in formulating a proposal relating to providing treatment for homeless people with tuberculosis. It is planned to involve the Bucharest Municipality, and to date a memorandum has been signed by two participating Hospitals. So far 100 hours of work has been expended on this project. Furthermore, the Grand Priory has contributed Euro 2,500 to fund the travel, accommodation and networking activities associated with this evolving project.

The Grand Priory provided medical education for healthcare providers involved in the diagnosis and treatment of tuberculosis and other respiratory diseases. This work involved 10 members with a total contribution of 250 hours towards the activity.

Grand Bailiwick of Scotland

In previous years, members of the Grand Bailiwick, as trustees for the Dame Bebe Barwis-Holliday Memorial Trust, donated Stg 2,000 to the Ophthalmology Department at Glasgow University and a similar amount to the Department of Dermatology at the Glasgow Royal Infirmary. Receipt of these donations has now been confirmed, with the latter used for the purchase and application of Dermatoscopes in Glasgow and in Oban.

Grand Priory of Slovakia

A donation of Euro 6,000 was made to the medical center TESLOVA at Bratislava.

Individual assistance for the oncological patients was provided by the Grand Priory through a donation of Euro 2,400.

During the year Euro 1,072 was donated towards the work of the St. Lazarus House at Kosice. A further Euro 4,000 was donated to a half-way house in Veľký Slavkov.



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Grand Bailiwick of South Africa

Ikhaya Loxolo Lase ('Place of Peace') is one of the very few facilities in the Region that provides a modicum of care for elderly and terminally sick persons. The local community is amongst the poorest of the poor with surrounding marginalised communities in an economic zone having over 65% unemployment. Home to over 120 elderly persons, beds are increasingly reserved for terminally ill patients who cannot continue their stay in hospital and have no family able to provide continued care and support. There is little subsidy from State or Provincial administration. The Home is in the heart of notorious Gugulethu, and the Grand Bailiwick granted funding to cover the cost of installing and/or replacing vital security lighting at the Home. The Grand Bailiwick was able to broker a small partnership agreement with the contractor in that he heavily discounted the price on the understanding that he was allowed to promote the extent of his work done at the Home. Materials to the value of R 18,600, in addition to 4 hours labour were donated, while support for the project negotiated by the Grand Bailiwick amounted to R 15,700.



The Grand Bailiwick collected a large quantity of donated bed linen and toweling. This was transported to the Ikhaya Loxolo Lase Home. Three hours labour was expended on this project and the donated goods were valued at R 17,000.

To support the St Michael and All Angels Community Outreach Programme, members of the Grand Bailiwick conducted a WhatsApp-based crowd funding exercise as an integral part of the annual Feast of St Lazarus Service and follow-on lunch. The funds raised were used to provide hampers for 20 pensioners at Valhalla Home for the elderly and indigent. These funds also provided for a Christmas meal for 60 elderly residents in the Arcadia home for the elderly. The value of the donated food was R 3,206 and 9 hours were spent in organization.

Grand Priory of Spain

The Grand Priory supported the elderly by donating 10 beds to the Little Sisters of the Desamparados and 20 beds to the San Salvador Foundation.



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Grand Bailiwick of Switzerland

The Grand Bailiwick donated CHF 5,000 to *Zürcher Lighthouse*, a Palliative Care organization in Zurich.



Priory of Zimbabwe

Zimbabwe Aged Concern (Zane) is an International Trust established in England to assist elderly people in distress in Zimbabwe. Clothing is donated to their charity shop and sold to raise funds for them. In support of this the Priory has donated a substantial number of saleable items to Zane during the year. The Priory also assists old age homes and the total contribution to both of these projects was Euro 2,648 and 17 hours activity.

Members of the Priory continue to support the mentally handicapped and visit the elderly with 140 hours given over to these activities last year.

Care of Children and Families

Grand Priory of America

Tree House, located in Walworth County, Wisconsin, coordinates child abuse investigations and intervention processes in addition to exceptional medical and therapy services to children who have been sexually or physically abused,



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neglected, drug endangered or a witness to a violent crime. The Grand Priory donated USD 6,400 to this project in 2017.

A donation of USD 1,000 was given by the Midwest Commandery of the Grand Priory to Food for Kids. This is an organization that provides food on weekends for elementary school children in Paris, Illinois who qualify and might otherwise go hungry. Food, consisting of non-perishable and child friendly items, which contain 3 out of the 4 essential food groups, is sent home with the children on Friday. Teachers and the school nurse report that the children perform better in school because of this program.

The Grand Commandery of the South of the Grand Priory donated USD 1,000 to Padua House. The house offers a 24-hour residential program for medically fragile children with developmental disabilities in Belle Chasse, Louisiana, near New Orleans.

Young Life New Orleans East Bank is a Christian-based summer camp program that provides middle school and high school students a summer camping experience outside the city which includes all recreational activities, plus a Christian education, for both students and mentors. The gift of the Grand Commandery of the South of the Grand Priory of USD 600 towards camp tuition enabled a local student to attend.

The Grand Commandery of the South of the Grand Priory donated USD 700 to the Louisiana United Methodist Children and Family Services Home in Mandeville, Louisiana. The home provides residential care to Louisiana children and adolescents. They provide guidance and support to children “aging out” of foster care and entering adulthood, who need therapeutic care. The donation provided for a therapeutic bed to be used in a therapy room for the residents.

The Trinity Christian Community (TCC) is a Christian Community Center in New Orleans’ Hollygrove neighborhood, providing a safe and caring afternoon place for schoolchildren. The donation of USD 500 from the Grand Commandery of the South of the Grand Priory, coupled with a USD 500 match from the Grand Priory, will support the hiring of an instructor to teach these students how to write computer code in the new technical laboratory, which is in the process of construction.

St. Michael Special School has served special needs children and young people of all faiths for over the past fifty years, providing a loving and caring environment, schooling and vocational training, and work careers for their own graduates. The donation of USD 500 from the Grand Commandery of the South of the Grand Priory was matched by a grant of USD 500 from Grand Priory, and the combined donation enabled the purchase of a new defibrillator to replace an outdated one.



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Priory of Belgium

In June the Priory organized a fund-raising garden party with 54 hours service being contributed. The activity raised Euro 1,500 which was donated to Sécours Saint Lazare, which assists families in need.

Grand Commandery of Boigny

The Grand Commandery gave Euro 4,000 to provide Scholarships for orphans through the Association pour le Développement des OEuvres d'entraide dans l'armée.

A grant of Euro 400 was made to school students for the purchase of equipment.

Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic

The Grand Bailiwick donated Euro 200 to support the activities of the Children's Safety Police.

Euro 200 was donated by the Grand Bailiwick to support street children.

The Grand Bailiwick contributed Euro 20,000 to the Pointepo school.

Grand Priory of England and Wales

Education equipment for the "Leaves of Hope" orphanage in Belarus was purchased through a contribution of Stg 750 by the Grand Priory.

Stg 340 was donated to CHICKS (Country Holidays for Inner City Kids) to provide free, week long respite breaks for disadvantaged children in the UK.

Grand Priory of Finland

The Grand Priory supports children in need through various projects throughout the country. The *Christmas Coin* program was continued in 2017. This program is generously supported by donations from local companies and shops and provides Christmas gifts to small children of less fortunate families. A total of Euro 29,751 was donated towards this project.

Grand Priory of France

Kfar Tebnit College received a donation of Euro 2,900 to equip the college's SVT laboratory.



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A donation of Euro 2,200 was made to a nursery school in the town of Fianarantsoa. The school was established by the Sisters of Providence and the donation was made for the purchase of equipment and operation of this canteen.

Grand Bailiwick of Germany

The Commandery of Bayern of the Grand Bailiwick continued their *Minimax* project in 2017. Thanks to the renewed willingness of retailers to donate both cash and goods, children in women's shelters and in a children's hospice in Munich received gift bags for Easter and Christmas. Approximately 65 hours of volunteer work and Euro 1,500 were invested into this project.



In recognition of a milestone birthday of the Commander of the Commandery of Berlin-Brandenburg Euro 3,000 was donated to the Rayak school program in Lebanon via the Lazarus Foundation.

A donation of Euro 1,000 was made to a local kindergarten of St. Annen with the funds generated by a charity lunch.

Grand Priory of Greece

Food supplies to the value of Euro 150 were donated to the Children's Hospital of PIKPA. The hospital cares for children with special needs who require round the clock assistance.

Grand Priory of Hungary

The Grand Priory distributed equipment valued at Euro 4,850 to the József Street Kindergarten in the town of Miskolc.



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Following a church service, children from Csíkszentsimon were given a show and concert. The total contribution relating to this event was Euro 360.



The Grand Priory also assisted a poor family with six children of the village Csővár financially and with the donation of goods. The total contribution was valued at Euro 2,100.



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Priory of Liechtenstein

The members of the Priory contributed 12 hours work to Project Nikolaus, providing assistance to traumatized children during the holiday season.



Priory of Macedonia (FYROM)

The Priory organized a picnic for 50 children from the Home for Orphans in Skopje. The children visited Vodno, a nearby mountain, taking the cable car to the top which is 1,067 meters above sea level. Each of the children was given a T shirt with the St Lazarus emblem. The Priory organized donations totalling Euro 800 from various providers to cover the cost of the event and the members of the Order donated 31 hours in organizing the activities. The event was covered in both TV and printed media.

Grand Priory of the Maltese Islands

The Grand Priory donated Euro 995 to Dar Frate Jakoba, a religious charity working to offer a home for youngsters coming from difficult social backgrounds. The community is based on environmental sustainability and promotes self-help and co-operation, teaching youngsters life skills to enable them to achieve independence.

Qormi Scouts Group A is a regional Scouts organisation that involves youths from all walks of life. The organisation teaches traditional scouting and provides informal education in life skills. The Grand Priory made a donation of Euro 655 to this group during the year.



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INSPIRE is a non-governmental agency that assists disabled children and children with learning difficulties to integrate in the community. Last year the Grand Priory contributed Euro 960 to their work.

The Grand Bailiwick of the Netherlands

A project initiated by the local pastor provides for less fortunate schoolchildren in Mariarade-Passart, Hoensbroek. For a second year in a row the Grand Bailiwick organized a day trip to the Irrland amusement park in Germany for 35 children, through the donation of Euro 1,500.

Euro 2,500 was contributed to Elkana Childcare Malmesbury in the Western Cape, South Africa to assist street children and, in particular, to provide a place where they can have fun, learn music, and play together.

Grand Priory of New Zealand

The Grand Priory Knitting Project Programme was established in Auckland in early 2016. The project involves the coordination of voluntary work by convicted prisoners who are incarcerated in the Auckland Region Women's Correction Facility at Wiri in Auckland. The prisoners have agreed to produce knitted garments which are then donated to Starship Children's Hospital Neonatal Unit for the use of premature babies. At the beginning of this year four grandmothers participated in the knitting programme in their cells during the lockdown period from 6pm onwards. Over the year the grandmothers taught younger women how to knit, and they also participated in the programme. In 2017, 118 garments were produced and donated to the hospital while NZD 250 was expended on wool. In addition to this, 40 hours were contributed during the year towards the organization of the project. The estimated value of the donated garments was NZD 1,800.



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Priory of Norway

A team from the Priory have distributed children's books to the kindergartens in Oslo North/East. The books were donated by the Salvation Army's recycling unit, and they were sorted by the team and stored for later distribution. The books are then distributed to kindergartens, being intended for home use. During the year 4,400 books were distributed. The books totalled Euro 45,150 in value and 280 hours were gifted in their distribution. Additionally, Euro 2,844.50 was donated to facilitate storage and transport.

Three crates of toys and books, to a value of Euro 1,350, were gifted to the children's ward at the National University Hospital.

Grand Priory of Slovakia

The Grand Priory supported summer (swimming) and winter (skiing) camps for 40 children from the Children's Asylum House with a donation of Euro 20,000.



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Grand Bailiwick of South Africa

The Western Cape Commandery of the Grand Bailiwick partnered with the Cape Town Burns Supper Club and hosted a fund-raising dinner in support of its major charities.



In Partnership with a national retail pharmaceutical company, they divided R 30,000 between Sarah Fox Hospital and Christine Revell Children's Home. The Christine Revell Children's Home cares for around 50 children of all races, up to five years of age. Many are severely challenged by fetal-alcohol syndrome and others deal with a history of knowledge of abandonment and abuse.



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The Sarah Fox Children's Hospital provides palliative care for terminally ill children under the age of five. These children have been sent there from mainstream specialist child care facilities. The Hospital serves the wider community of the economically depressed, crime-ridden and wholly marginalized Cape Flats.



A member of the Order negotiated considerable discounts for medication and additionally 109 Soft toys were donated by outside friends of the Order.



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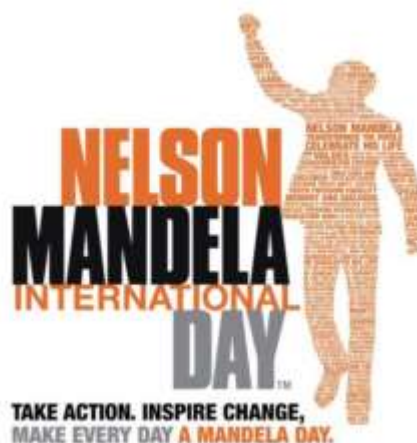


The total value of these was R 84,600, and 34 hours labour was contributed.

Central to the feeding programs at the Sarah Fox Hospital is the Milk Room where the majority of the infant feed mixing is undertaken twice daily. Unfortunately, the room failed a Department of Health inspection early in 2016 and was condemned. The Commandery worked with partners and by late 2016 had entirely overhauled the then non-functional freezers, completely gutted the room to brick and concrete and re-painted, tiled, re-plumbed, installed custom-made cabinets, cupboards and work surfaces, a security door, new light fittings, air conditioner and blinds. This project was completed in 2017. Funding from the Grand Bailiwick amounted to R 64,210, and 69 hours labour was contributed.

On Nelson Mandela Day in 2017, members of the Grand Bailiwick teamed up with Associates employed by the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) and spent a large part of the day scrubbing, sanitizing and drying the hospital's pile of children's toys at Sarah Fox Hospital. The team also provided a meal for hospital staff. Donated materials amounted to R 1,750 and 28 hours were spent on the project.

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The Grand Bailiwick collected donated basic healthcare and female health items, and filled a year's supply of waterproof goodie bags for the hospital's Mother's Room at Sarah Fox Children's Hospital. These bags are being given to mothers who come from the poorest of communities and who are able to reside close to their child. Goods valued at R 18,200 were donated, and 11 hours labour were expended on this project.



The Commandery facilitated a donation of Euro 1,000 given by the Grand Priory of Finland to the Christine Revell Home. This was utilized to assist the progress of an upgrade of the electrification to the uppermost section of the security fence. The current electrification will now almost completely deter the possibility of potential break-ins and loss from the surrounding areas, which are gang-infested and suffer from high unemployment levels. In addition to the donation from the Grand Priory of Finland, three hours labour was expended.

Members of the Grand Bailiwick collected, cleaned and sorted specific children's items donated by a private source and delivered them to the Christine Revell Children's Home. Donated adult clothing was similarly sorted and dropped off at a shelter for the homeless. The donated clothing was valued at R 5,000, and the related work totaled 5 hours. In addition to this, the



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members of the Grand Bailiwick ran a clothing stall to benefit the home. A total of R 5,900 was raised and 34 hours work was donated.



A payment of R 25,000 was made to the Lourie Children's Home. This Home provides security, love and discipline for around forty children aged between about 6 and 17 years who come from (mainly) abused backgrounds.

The Grand Bailiwick continues to sponsor a knitting project. For this they provide wool to a church women's group who knit a large quantity of baby clothing, comforters, blankets and winter scarves. These garments are donated to a facility caring for very young indigenous first-time mothers from seriously deprived communities. R 8,000 and 11 hours labour were expended on this project.



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Grand Priory of Sweden

The Grand Priory sells teddy bear packages for sponsoring companies in order to raise funds to finance the purchase of teddy bears to be given to children in pre-hospital care. A total of SEK 4,000 was raised for this project and 20 hours service was donated.

Fountain House is an organization supporting people with mental illness who are in the process of re-entering society. Two donations of SEK 50,000 were made to support a children's summer camp in the archipelago as well as a winter camp for 50 children and their parents. In addition to the cash donation, services of 40 hours were also contributed.

Single Mothers is a project that supports divorced and single mothers with children who are living in precarious circumstances. The Grand Priory donated SEK 80,000 and 20 hours service to this charity in 2017.

Grand Bailiwick of Switzerland

Members of the Grand Bailiwick participated in the 10km Swiss City Marathon in Lucerne on 29 October 2017 to raise funds for the Theodora Foundation. The Foundation works to alleviate the suffering of hospitalized children. In total, 113 doctors visited over 235,000 children in 106 hospitals in Switzerland, England, Spain, France, Italy, White Russia, Turkey and China.



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Support for the Handicapped

Grand Priory of America

The Peg Leg Pirates, an organization in Tampa, Florida, supports the needs of amputees and veterans and was gifted USD 1,500 from the Commandery of the Southeast of the Grand Priory and a matching USD 1,500 from the Grand Priory.

The Commandery of the Atlantic of the Grand Priory continued to support wounded service members through a contribution to the Aleethia Foundation. The donation consisted of USD 2,000 from the Commandery and a matching contribution of USD 2,000 from the Grand Priory. The Organization was founded in 2003 by a Vietnam Army veteran and provides small financial grants, short-term therapeutic recreation, family emergency aid, assistive technology items and home improvements designed to aid injured members' mobility, together with other basic needs.



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Krewe members John and Anna Byrnes



Two-year old Tampa boy with prosthetic legs receives specially built tricycle from Peg Leg Pirates

Grand Priory of England and Wales

A donation of Stg 600 was made to the Hamble Good Neighbour Medical Transport Scheme to assist elderly and disabled people to attend hospital or doctors' appointments.

A grant of Stg 1,700 was made to the *Care for Casualties* project. This was initiated by the Grand Priory in early 2009 to raise funds in order to assist those members of the Rifles Regimental family who were found to be in need, arising predominantly as a result of the Regiment's almost continuous involvement in enduring operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. The charity provides the severely wounded, their families and the families of fallen Riflemen with the support, the inspiration and the means to rebuild their lives and make the best of their futures in the wider society. Examples include funding for the girlfriend (now wife) of a blinded rifleman in order for her to drive him to work, and funding to provide carers for amputees.

Grand Priory of Hungary

The Grand Priory supports handicapped people and their families in the village of Csóvár. This year goods to the value of Euro 2,200 were donated.



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International Activities

Grand Priory of America

The Grand Priory is a long-time supporter of the Infant Welfare Center in Jerusalem, and this clinic serves the needs of Christian and non-Christian children in the Holy Land. The Grand Priory contributed USD 45,000 to the work of the center. The Commandery of the Atlantic of the Grand Priory contributed USD 2,000 to the Infant Welfare Center in Jerusalem. This donation consisted of USD 1,000 from the Commandery and a matching contribution of USD 1,000 from the Grand Priory. Located in the heart of the Christian Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem, the Center provides support for babies, children, women and needy people in the Old City. Examination rooms, kitchen, laboratory, dental clinic and office space and a nursery are available in the Center.

The Grand Priory donated USD 8,000 to Project Generation, a program of Global Outreach. The project plans to build and run two schools for children aged 11 and under in order to help the health and education of Syrian refugee children in the Bekka Valley, Lebanon.

The AMAR International Charitable Foundation received USD 15,000 from the Grand Priory. The Foundation provides humanitarian assistance to women and children of all faiths displaced by the crisis in Iraqi Kurdistan.

Grand Priory of Australia

Spafford Children's Centre in Jerusalem received AUD 19,000 from the Grand Priory. The Centre provides support for young children affected by conflict in East Jerusalem and the West Bank.



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The School of St. Jude educates some of Tanzania's poorest people and this year received support of AUD 5,000 from the Grand Priory.

The Grand Priory donated AUD 7,000 in support of Anglican Overseas Aid. This group provides aid to drought affected areas in Ethiopia.

Grand Bailiwick of Austria

The Saint Louis Hospital in Jerusalem was supported by a donation of Euro 10 per member of the Grand Bailiwick.

In association with the Hereditary Commandery of Sighartstein, the Grand Bailiwick donated Euro 500 to aid in the construction of an elementary school at Godenu in the Republic of Ghana.



Priory of Belgium

The Priory donated Euro 260 to the Fondation Hospitalaria Internacional san Lazaro de Jerusalem in Madrid.

Grand Commandery of the Castello

Kagando Hospital in Western Uganda was the major beneficiary of the charitable activities of the Grand Commandery in 2017. Euro 11,206 was provided to allow two accommodation modules to be built for visiting medical staff. In addition to this, Euro 2,000 was donated towards rebuilding the shanty shops outside the hospital after a disastrous fire.



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Euro 2,610 was contributed to Women in Need in Nagpur, India to provide for the upkeep of their ambulance for 2017.



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Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic

A donation of Euro 300 was made by the Grand Priory for the purchase of eye glasses for distribution in Africa.

Donations totalling Euro 21,645 were made by members of the Grand Bailiwick to support various unspecified projects in Uganda and Syria.

Grand Priory of England and Wales

A donation of Stg 500 was made to Anglican International Development, through local churches, towards the relief of poverty and sickness in East Africa.

The Grand Priory donated Stg 2,050 to the Samburu Trust Emergency Appeal to provide medicines and consumables for victims of drought among nomadic peoples in Kenya.



Scabies, caused by the mite *Sarcoptes scabiei*, is common in people with low nutrition and poor hygiene. During drought this is even worse and secondary bacterial infections can be life threatening, especially to children. Treatment involves application of a drug to the whole body and thorough cleaning of the patient, their clothing and bedding.

The Grand Priory contributed Stg 340 to Shelter Box (UK) to provide emergency shelter and tools for families robbed of their homes by disaster, especially in Syria.



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Chernobyl Children's Lifeline received a grant of Stg 340 to provide support for the children and their families from Belarus and Ukraine forever affected by the world's worst nuclear disaster, and especially for bringing child victims of the Chernobyl disaster to the UK for recuperative breaks.

STEP (UK) received a donation of Stg 1,500 to facilitate school projects for displaced Iraqi and Kurdish children and families, especially from Christian communities.

Grand Priory of France

The Grand Priory supported the Mar Yakub monastery in Syria with a donation of Euro 2,900 to finance 1,000 meals for refugees.

Grand Bailiwick of Germany

Soft toys were donated to the parish of St. Josef, Slupsk, Poland. These had been professionally cleaned and Euro 800, as well as 12 hours volunteer labour, were contributed to the project.

Five computers were donated to the Institute for the Deaf and Blind in Prague. A total of 45 hours of volunteer work and Euro 2,500 were invested in these activities.

In Württemberg 83 boxes of clothing, valued at Euro 50 each, were donated to the Lithuania and Moldavia Aid organization in Angelbachtal in the Rhine-Neckar District. The total value of the donation was Euro 4,150, and 50 hours volunteer work was undertaken.

In 2016 a quantity of surgical laundry was collected and stored. This has now been donated to the Samaritan Service Andernach who will forward 90 bags full of materials to Ukraine.

Grand Priory of Hungary

A voluntary medical mission of the Hungarian Africa Association was supported by the Grand Priory. Three voluntary physicians and a nurse travelled to Kampala for one month to assist people in need. The total contribution of the Grand Priory was estimated at Euro 116,000.



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The Grand Priory donated Euro 325 to the Grammar School of Transylvania, Romania to be given to an industrious pupil living in deprived conditions.

A member of the Grand Priory donated Euro 80 to assist a burns patient in Cambodia.

The Hungarian Africa Association in conjunction with members of the Grand Priory have undertaken a mission to treat children in Queens of Blantyre Hospital in Malawi. During the two weeks they performed 40 operations and treated 20 children, with the contribution valued at Euro 45,300.



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The African Hungarian Union and the Grand Priory collaborated to construct a well for a village in Uganda. The contribution of the Grand Priory was Euro 13,000.



The Grand Priory donated clothes, shoes, toys, bed linen, quilts, pillows, as well as wood for heating to a Hungarian village in Transylvania, Romania. The value of the donation was Euro 1,500.



Grand Priory of Ireland

The Grand Priory supports a medical mission that undertakes surgical interventions for children internationally. Known as Operation Smile, the mission recruits health professionals from Ireland to form international teams who treat children with cleft lips, cleft palates and other facial deformities. In addition to treating children, the objective is to leave a legacy of trained medical staff, surgical equipment and professional partnership to carry on the work after the mission team has left. The support from the Grand Priory during the year amounted to Euro 9,604.67.

The Grand Priory also donated Euro 9,604.67 to the work of Food for Life in Vrindavan, India. Food for Life is a humanitarian aid organization officially recognized by the Indian government, and for the last fifteen years has worked in the poorest villages in the Vrindavan area, 120 Km south of New Delhi. Current services include education for girls, training courses for adult women,



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food distribution, basic medical assistance and help for the elderly and disabled. Environmental projects, including tree planting, are undertaken and care provided for sick, injured and abandoned cows.

Nyumbani Village Kenya serves 4,000 HIV/AIDS survivors every year and is a recognized world leader in providing HIV/AIDS services to children and affected families in Kenya. The Village delivers comprehensive medical and home-based HIV/AIDS services in crucial areas of need and promotes education and prevention, environmental sustainability and self-reliance. The requirement for these services will be on-going as over 200,000 Kenyan children under the age of 14 are infected with AIDS and an estimated 1.1 million Kenyan children are orphaned due to AIDS. During the year the Grand Priory raised an additional Euro 9,604.67 in support of this work.

Priory of Liechtenstein

The Priory of Liechtenstein's primary charitable work was the collection of X-ray equipment, hospital beds and small medical devices (crutches, wheelchairs, etc.) donated by hospitals in Austria, Liechtenstein and eastern Switzerland to the LHW, who then arranged to have them transported from Liechtenstein to Albania, Bosnia, Hungary, Kosovo and Serbia. Although an exact value cannot be calculated, the medical equipment is estimated to be worth several tens of thousands of Swiss francs.

The Priory donated 1,506 hours work to collect and transport medical equipment. In addition to this a further 100 hours was spent co-ordinating activities with private non-governmental organizations, the UN military, the Red Cross and clinics in the Balkan region.



A total of 31.5 hours was donated by the Priory for the gathering of paper and unusable books to sell to a recycling company. Funds derived from this project were used for the work supported by the Priory in the Balkans.



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The Priory has been active in the development of a vocational training center (Lazarus College of Craft (LCOC)) in Trivandrum, in the Indian state of Kerala in south India on the Malabar Coast. A member of the Order in Liechtenstein has been in India since 2014 to plan and coordinate the establishment of a vocational training center on the campus of the Marian College of Engineering in conjunction with the Archdiocese of Trivandrum. After completing a lease deed for the building in April 2016 and submitting the building permit application in September 2016, a building permit was approved on March 23, 2018. Subsequently, construction has begun on the Lazarus College of Craft, where an initial focus will be on vocational training for bricklayers, carpenters, electricians, metalworkers and plumbing installers.

Grand Priory of the Maltese Islands

A Christmas concert, undertaken by the Grand Priory, raised Euro 611 which was donated to the international charity Aid to Church.

The Albanian Missionary Organisation is managed by Maltese missionaries in Albania. The Grand Priory donated clothes to the Mission to the value of Euro 300 during the year.

The Grand Priory donated a further Euro 5,000 to Sr Anna Catania, a member of the Sisters of St. Dorothy, for her missionary work in the Philippines.

The Grand Bailiwick of the Netherlands

The Flying Furniture Makers is a project of the Furniture School of Amsterdam. During their holidays students of the school go to Africa to train local people in furniture construction and donate materials and tools. This year the Grand Bailiwick donated Euro 1,500 to the project.



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The Grand Bailiwick organized an art event in Amersfoort to raise funds. A total of 15 hours was contributed and Euro 293 was donated to the “Jongerenhulp Rwanda”.

Hereditary Commandery of Rurich

St. Anne’s School in the city of Rayak in Lebanon is run by the local Orthodox-Melkite-Catholic Church. The school currently provides for 350 children from Syria and Lebanon. This year the Hereditary Commandery donated a total of Euro 120,000 to provide for the renovation of the school’s heating system, sanitary facilities, windows and facades. This funding was obtained through donations from members and friends of the Hereditary Commandery.



Lebanon - unofficial refugee camp close to Rayak: Syrian children with Count Dürckheim, member of St. Lazarus Erbkommende Rurich e.V.

Grand Bailiwick of Scotland

The Murambinda Hospital, Zimbabwe has lost much of its state funding, but is the primary source of healthcare for the poor in a rural area of the country. The support of the Grand Bailiwick helps to maintain the facility and this year Stg 500 was donated.

A donation of Stg 1,000 was made to support a group of young disadvantaged adults from Easterhouse Parish Church, Glasgow to travel to South Africa to help build houses for the local population of Botleng Township not far from Johannesburg.

Hereditary Commandery of Sighartstein

The Hereditary Commandery donated Euro 11,895.90 towards the completion of development projects for the community in Godenu in West Africa. In particular, the funds were utilized to continue the improvement of sanitary conditions, provide new water tanks and renovate school buildings. Contributions were also made towards the construction of a new church.



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Grand Priory of Sweden

The Grand Priory supplies regular support to the International Grand Bailiwick's Delegation in Ukraine. This year SEK 35,000 and 120 hours services were donated in support of the establishment of the MHOSLJ in Ukraine and attendance of its members at the investitures in Sweden and Austria in 2017.

Grand Bailiwick of Switzerland

A donation of CHF 1,000 was made to The Caritas Baby Hospital Bethlehem, Outremer. The hospital cares for around 330,000 children under the age of 14 who are living in the south of the West Bank, and is the only hospital in the region that cares exclusively for children. The hospital was founded in 1952 by Swiss priest, Father Ernst Schnydrig, Palestinian physician Dr. Antoine Dabdoub and Swiss nurse Hedwig Vetter.



Emergency Care

Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic

Donations totalling Euro 5,400 were made by members of the Grand Bailiwick towards the work of the Red Cross.

Grand Priory of Finland

A donation of Euro 8,000 was made towards the support of a Lazarus ambulance in the City of Turku for the assistance of victims of illegal drug use.

Grand Priory of Hungary

A member of the Grand Priory donated a one week holiday in Balatonföldvár (Lake Balaton) valued at Euro 1,050, for the benefit of the Hungarian Ambulance service.

Grand Priory of Italy

The Grand Priory contributed 1,520 hours activity to the work of the Croce Rosa Transport of dialysis patients.

AVS O.S.L.J. Volunteer Friendship OSLJ (national civil protection) received voluntary service from the Grand Priory totalling 1,935 hours.

Grand Priory of Poland

The Grand Priory of Poland provided medical service support by the St. Lazaire Ambulance over 5 days for those participating in the walking pilgrimage from Cracow to Czestochwa. A total of 60 hours professional service was provided.

Grand Priory of Sweden

The Grand Priory provided support to the Mobile Rescue Center, State Emergency Services of Ukraine, increasing capacity and capability and creating a mobile satellite hub that can operate in the vicinity of the main field hospital for civilians. Medical equipment (oxygen treatment, surgical and orthopaedic equipment, portable advanced first aid back-packs) and one inflatable mobile tent (20 beds) with portable electricity generator valued at SEK 324,000 were donated along with 250 hours of service.

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A donation of SEK 50,000 and a contribution of 40 hours were made by the Grand Priory to Organization Minds, a hot line established to prevent suicide.

Food Campaigns and Support for the Poor, Homeless and Vulnerable

Grand Priory of America

The Edgar County Homeless Organization (ECHO) is in Edgar County, Illinois where the poverty rate is 60%. A donation of USD 1,000 was given by the Midwest Commandery of the Grand Priory to buy a new stove, microwave and other needs for the home. At the present time the shelter is at capacity. The donation was designed for *Veterans in Need*. Monies have been used for veterans to provide for rent, water pumps, clothes and shoes, vehicle repair, gas money, medical appointments, and to help with funerals of veterans.

Grace at the Green Light is a local charity in New Orleans, which is dedicated to being of service to the City's homeless. They provide meals, water, "Grace care bags" and other assistance for those in need. The donation by the Grand Commandery of the South of the Grand Priory of USD 1,000 was directed towards their "I am going home" family reunification program, which links up homeless people who want to return home with a family member who has agreed to support and care for them, and provides a bus ticket and care bag to get them there. This program includes follow-up on how they are faring. Typically, after three months, only 5% of the people are back on the streets after having been united with family.

Bastion, a New Orleans-based non-profit organization, is a newly-designed and built neighborhood for returning soldiers and families who have need of home access and living features for wounded veterans and their families. It is located in the Gentilly neighborhood of New Orleans, with thirty-eight residential units along with a wellness center and common areas. The donation from the Grand Commandery of the South of the Grand Priory of USD 800 provided a screen and projector system for the common room, so that all may enjoy information and entertainment.

For the fourth year, the Commandery of the Southeast of the Grand Priory supported the efforts of the Buckhead Christian Ministry with a donation of USD 4,000 matched by USD 1,000 from the Grand Priory. The Ministry works in the local community to prevent homelessness and assist struggling families. Commandery members also donated clothing items to the Buckhead Christian Ministry Thrift Store.

The Grand Commandery of the West of the Grand Priory donated USD 500 to the Ascencia Homeless Shelter. The Home supports families that have lost their home or apartment but still have employment. The families can be housed for months and are supported and fed until they are able to make a down payment



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for a new apartment. The shelter houses 40 people, many being children who would be living on the street if not for the shelter.

Grand Priory of Australia

The Grand Priory supported Anglicare Lazarus Centre by providing goods, consisting of 350 bags of clothing and shoes valued at AUD 16,000, in support of the breakfast program for homeless people in Melbourne's central business district and surrounding areas.

St. Peter's Eastern Hill Foundation provides financial support for the needy through the Lazarus Centre and maintenance of associated buildings, and this year the Grand Priory provided a grant of AUD 1,500 towards the work of this group.

A donation of AUD 12,000 was made by the Grand Priory to the Wellington Centre. This is a drop-in centre that provides support to socially isolated people in Collingwood and the surrounding Melbourne suburbs.



Grand Commandery of Boigny

A donation of Euro 200 was made by the Grand Commandery to provide Christmas lunch for the homeless in partnership with Petits Frères des Pauvres.

The Grand Commandery donated Euro 11,000 to *Free Medical Care for People Without Resources*. This is organized by the Grand Commandery to provide timely care for those unable to pay for medical assistance.



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Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic

The Grand Bailiwick donated Euro 3,600 worth of clothing to aid the disadvantaged.

Euro 400 was contributed to the Home of St. Joseph in Zirec.

The Grand Bailiwick distributed food to the value of Euro 744.

Grand Priory of Greece

The Grand Priory donated food supplies to the value of 150 Euros. The donation was made to Father Ioannis, the Vicar of the Orthodox Church of St. George, to be given to families in need.

Grand Priory of Hungary

The Grand Priory donated Euro 2,500 worth of goods to needy poor families of the Roma Minority Self-Government in Szamosszeg.



The Grand Priory donated Euro 1,200 worth of books and clothes to the poor in the village of Felvidék-Léva in Slovakia.

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The Grand Priory donated 3,000 books to communities in Salánk, Dercen, Nagybégány, Kiszelmenc and Palágykomoróc . The total contribution was valued at Euro 3,200.



The Grand Priory donated Euro 3,000 to their annual Carnival of the Poor in Miskolc. The Carnival provides food for those in need on Shrove Tuesday each year.



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The Grand Priory donated furniture and home fittings to the poor of Kőbánya, 10th District Budapest. Homeless people from the area received clothing. The total value of the donation was Euro 2,600.



The Grand Priory delivered a truckload of furniture, utensils, books, clothing and toys, valued at Euro 9,600, to poor, elderly and homeless persons in the town of Budapest, Erzsébetváros in the 7th District of Budapest.



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The Grand Priory assisted poor families of the city of Miskolc and residents of the house for the homeless. Donations of furniture, kitchenware, bedding, clothing, carpets, towels, shoes and bags, and backpacks for children valued at Euro 2,200 were contributed.



Priory of Liechtenstein

Members of the Priory contributed 8 hours to the collection and distribution of books and supplies to prisons, mentally disabled people in hospitals and special needs homes.

Grand Priory of the Maltese Islands

A donation of Euro 200 cash and Euro 200 goods was made to a family in need.

A food bank administered by St. Andrew's Anglican Church provides emergency food rations to families in need. The Grand Priory organized a reverse advent calendar to collect non-perishable food for the bank, and goods to the value of Euro 2,000 were collected.

The Grand Bailiwick of the Netherlands

Annually the Grand Bailiwick sponsors a concert and buffet for the staff and residents of the care centre "Klein Gulpen" in Gulpen. In support of this, Euro 679 and 30 hours service were donated.

The foodbank in the Netherlands is an organisation that cares for people without the resources to purchase food. This year the Grand Bailiwick contributed Euro 2,838 to this charity.



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Grand Priory of New Zealand

The Order of St. Lazarus Charitable Trust continues to have as its national focus *Victim Support New Zealand*. This organization is partly funded by the New Zealand Police and the Department of Justice; however, they rely on charitable



donations to meet the shortfall. Work is undertaken by volunteers and there are few paid staff. The Order has agreed to fund the costs of a Training Coordinator for the Christchurch Region. Since the earthquake in 2011 there has been an increase in crime in the Region and this, coupled with the loss of volunteers due to a major population shift, has meant that Victim Support has been under-resourced. The Training Coordinator will be responsible for recruitment of volunteers and their subsequent training and oversight. The sponsorship was for three years initially with a donation of NZD 10,000 per year. This is the final year of the three year cycle of the program; however, the Grand Priory has signalled that it will make a further donation in 2018.

Grand Priory of Poland

A member of the Grand Priory volunteers at The Albertine Brothers group, known as Servants of the Poor. This is an organization that supports homeless persons: 240 hours of medical service were donated during the year. In addition to this, the Grand Priory gave Euro 500 to the organization.



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Grand Priory of Slovakia

Financial support of Euro 1,500 was supplied to assist a young family in poverty.

Grand Bailiwick of South Africa

The Grand Bailiwick supports employment for women from an underprivileged background via a non-profit, church-based community development project and funding for their various Hospitaller initiatives. Teddy bears are sold by members and Friends of the Order, providing a steady small income stream for this project. In 2017 members of the Grand Bailiwick donated R 2,100 worth of materials and expended 28 hours. A total of R 11,600 was raised. Late in 2017 the project was reviewed and a new style of Teddy will be made in 2018.



Old style teddy, left, and the NEW one, right

Grand Priory of Spain

Medical practitioners from the Grand Priory provided 116 medical consultations to people in need who have no medical coverage.

Clothing, valued at Euro 3,500, was delivered to *The Refuge* in support of the poor. In addition to this, 5,000 items of clothing and shoes, as well as 800 Kg of food was donated in support of the needy, as part of the Grand Priory's support campaign.

In July the annual Grand Priory Charity Dinner was held in Marbella. From the funds raised, Euro 2,000 was donated to The Little Sisters of the Poor of Ronda.



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Euro 500 was donated to the Brotherhood of Santa Marta and San Lazaro, while the Diocesan Caritas in Málaga received Euro 6,000.

In December, a charity football match was held in Getafe, which involved the participation of our Grand Master. As a result of the match 3,100 Kg of food was collected and gifted to the Cotelengo del Padre Alegre.

Grand Priory of Sweden

The Grand Priory worked in co-operation with the Swedish hotel chain Scandic to collect Christmas gifts from 55 hotels nationwide. In total 4,750 wrapped Christmas gifts were distributed to a wide variety of organizations such as parishes within The Church of Sweden, protective shelters for women and their families, and homeless and underprivileged families. The total value of the project in 2017 was estimated at 475,000 SEK and 550 working hours.

The Grand Priory provides support to orphanages in the Ukrainian cities of Donetsk and Lugansk in association with a charitable program for underprivileged persons in the Rivne Oblast district of Ukraine and Archbishop Hilarion (Protsky) of Rivne and Ostroh, Exarch of the UOC-KP (Ukrainian Orthodox Church – Kyiv Patriarchate). New and unused clothes for 400 children and adults, 1,200 new toys, medical equipment and tools valued at SEK 220,000 were donated during the year and 250 volunteer hours were provided.

Community Service

Grand Priory of America

A donation of USD 5,000 was made by the Grand Priory to the National Workshop for Christian Unity. The Grand Priory sponsors the Keynote speaker each year at this very important ecumenical gathering in the United States.

The Grand Priory provides an annual grant of USD 5,000 for the care and preservation of the St. Lazarus Shrine at the Old Ursuline Convent in New Orleans.

Kairos (“God’s Special Time”) is an ecumenical, lay-led, Christian international prison ministry, which visits prisons to share the love of Christ, and teach and practice forgiveness with inmates, so that they might grow in faith, spirituality and servanthood while still within the prison environment. This effort has resulted in a far lower recidivism rate for the Kairos women than for other released inmates. Kairos has regular meetings and twice-yearly retreat weekends at the Louisiana Correctional Facilities for Women. Because of the severe floods in the St. Gabriel facility area during 2016, the grant for 2017 enabled Kairos to replace support items for the weekend prison workshops. The USD 750 grant from the Grand Commandery of the South of the Grand Priory



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was matched by a USD 750 grant from the Grand Priory so that this worthy mission can continue.

Cornerstone Builders is a mission sponsored by Catholic Charities in New Orleans, and centered at Second Zion Baptist Church. The Charity provides rented buses throughout the year to transport families to visit incarcerated family members in correctional facilities and prisons in Louisiana. A donation of USD 750 by the Grand Commandery of the South of the Grand Priory, matched by USD 750 from the Grand Priory, provided a bus for travel to several prisons for a Christmas/New Year's visit.

Priory of Belgium

The Reverend Marc Schippers, a member of the Order, supported seafarers' spiritual well-being, gifting 50 hours of his time each month.

Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic

The members of the Order in Brno Comenda held religious meetings at least once a month, open to all interested persons. During these meetings, Christian values were propagated by the members of the Order. The Grand Bailiwick contributed Euro 800 to the project. As part of this project, meal vouchers were distributed through a further donation of Euro 550.

A donation of Euro 2,000 worth of volunteer time was made towards supporting work on antiquities with the „Asociace krajů“ (Assembly of Regions or ASOKR) organisation of local government responsible for cultural activities and antiquities.

Grand Priory of Finland

During the year the Grand Priory supported the schooling of narcotics dogs for the use of Helsinki Airport Customs. The latest recruit *Pepi* is a black Labrador, who commenced service in Spring 2017. A total of 3,000 Euros was donated in support of this project.

Grand Bailiwick of Germany

A birthday celebration of one of the members of the Grand Bailiwick resulted in donations of Euro 3,500 to the work of the Order.



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A cordial drink made of cocoa and rum was sold by members of the Grand Bailiwick at the Rixdorf Christmas Market, and this resulted in a surplus of Euro 2,500.



The music for the reception at a wedding in Göttingen in September was played by volunteers for the benefit of the work of the Order of St. Lazarus. A total of 30 hours of voluntary work raised a donation of Euro 500.



Voluntary service of 24 hours was donated by a member playing music at the palliative ward of the University Hospital of Göttingen.



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Grand Priory of Hungary

A member of the Grand Priory, who is a wood carving artist, donated an altar valued at Euro 3,000 to a church in Alsóbodok, Slovakia.



The Grand Priory provided religious prizes for exemplary graduating students of Grade 8 from Karolina Catholic Primary School in Vác. The project was supported by a donation of Euro 1,610.



The Reformed church in Szamosszeg was built in the year 1,300. Recently the church was found to have shifted on its foundations. Professional architectural assistance to the value of Euro 2,000 was provided by the Grand Priory in order to repair the building and prevent further damage.

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Grand Priory of New Zealand

In October 1842 Bishop Selwyn established an Anglican presence in Taranaki, obtaining a Crown grant for the land. Taranaki Cathedral Church of St. Mary was built in 1846 during the first of the Land Wars. Taranaki Cathedral has been closed for earthquake strengthening since February 2016 with the project due for completion in late 2020. The Grand Priory has agreed to support the earthquake strengthening of the Anglican Cathedral in Taranaki with a donation of NZD 5,000.



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Priory of Norway

The Linderud Mansion is an estate under the umbrella of the Akershus Museum. Like most museum projects containing historic buildings, there is always a desperate shortage of funds for maintenance of buildings and surroundings. The Priory is currently involved in restoring the tea room, utilizing equipment supplied by members and will continue restoring the remainder of the pavilion during 2018. The donation of materials and time amounted to Euro 10,883.

Grand Priory of Poland

On All Saints' Day the Grand Priory undertakes fundraising activities at Cracow Cemeteries with a total of 20 hours being donated.

Grand Priory of Slovakia

A donation of Euro 10,000 was made by the Grand Priory to repair a pathway at the Malá Fatra National Park.

Grand Bailiwick of South Africa

Members and friends of the Western Cape Commandery of the Grand Bailiwick contributed 3,200 hours work in organizing the inaugural Pilgrimage of Prayer through historic parts of Cape Town.

Grand Priory of Sweden

The Grand Priory provided 200 hours teaching time and SEK 35,000 to the Department for Philology at Taras Schevchenko University. This was in support of the need for the Department to establish a library for students in Swedish and other Nordic languages.

High quality candles with the St. Lazarus green cross logo are sold by the Grand Priory to raise funds to donate to welfare, and this year 40 hours volunteer work was contributed by members.

Priory of Zimbabwe

The Priory participates in a Swimming T30 program to raise money. In this effort, the swimmers train and pay a fee of Euro 4 each to enable them to compare their times against other swimmers. This project is in its infancy and last year Euro 100 was raised and 20 hours work contributed.



Miscellaneous

Grand Priory of America

Camp Able NOLA is a week-long summer day camp community of unconditional love, compassion and acceptance for campers with special needs aged 10 and up. Hosted by St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in New Orleans, it includes arts and crafts, City Park visits, pool, games and a "must-see" talent show! It is a non-profit project, free to all campers (25 campers in 2017). A gift of USD 1,000 from the Grand Commandery of the South of the Grand Priory enabled several more campers to be able to attend, and to help Camp Able grow in the future.

St. Mary's Church, part of the Ursuline Convent in the French Quarter in New Orleans, is St. Lazarus' National Shrine. A contribution of USD 500 from the Grand Commandery of the South of the Grand Priory, matched by a USD 500 grant from the Grand Priory, enabled repairs and maintenance to the church's organ and piano to take place, so that we and other worshipers might enjoy the sacred music there.

A donation of USD 1,000 from the Grand Commandery of the South of the Grand Priory was given to the Louisiana Statewide Conference of Churches in support of ecumenical Christian activities.

Grand Commandery of Boigny

A donation of Euro 500 was made to assist the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Laghet. This small chapel constructed in the 15th century is a meeting venue of the Grand Commandery.

Grand Bailiwick of the Czech Republic

Members of the Grand Bailiwick made several donations totalling Euro 10,240 to various miscellaneous or unspecified charities.

Members of the Grand Bailiwick made several donations totalling Euro 9,040 towards a variety of religious projects.

Grand Priory of England and Wales

Various donations were made by the Grand Priory to a number of churches (St. Martin's Church, Fenney, Stratford, Stg 181; St. Michael and All Angels Church, Beetham, Stg 170; and St. Andrew's Church, Hamble, Stg 150).



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Grand Priory of Greece

The Grand Priory made a donation of Euro 300 in support of the work of Father Alberto, the Vicar of the Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist in Athens. The donation was made to assist the charitable works of the church.

Grand Priory of Hungary

A statue of the Virgin Mary, by the sculptor Géza Xantus, was donated to the Church of the Lövéte. The value of the donation was Euro 850.

Grand Priory of Italy

A donation of Euro 1,220 was made to the Association of Sons of the Suffering Jesus by the Grand Priory.

Voluntary labour totaling 551 hours was contributed by the Grand Priory to Elisoccorso Lombardy Region.

Various donations of food and clothing totalling Euro 6,700 in value were made to a number of unspecified charities.

Volunteer service totaling 615 hours was contributed to Casa Accoglienza Senza Tetto Lodi.

A donation of Euro 290 was made to the Convent of Capuchin Friars of Cremona.

Grand Priory of the Maltese Islands

A donation of Euro 235 was made to Kalkara and Marsascala Parish Churches to assist local communities.

Grand Priory of Portugal

The Grand Priory of Portugal, in co-operation with the Archdiocese of Braga, is working to enhance the spiritual life of the community and the service to the poor. The Priory has taken responsibility for preserving the church of Terceiros, as well as its entire historical heritage dating back to 1690. The church also has an apartment which will be used for charitable activities.



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Grand Priory of Slovakia

The Grand Priory organized a jubilee concert in The Mirror Hall of Primate's Palace at Bratislava to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the birth of Maria Theresa, the Holy Roman Empress. A total of Euro 600 was donated towards the cost of the event. In addition, a reception for 300 persons was held, with costs of Euro 1,000 being met by the Grand Priory.

A donation of Euro 1,140 was made by the Grand Priory in support of the Christian High School, the Greek Catholic Church and the Roman Catholic Church in Slovakia.

A donation of Euro 200 was made to the Christ's Institute of Žákovce.

Humanitarian Grand Priory Europe and Lazarus Hilfswerk

The Humanitarian Grand Priory Europe and Lazarus Hilfswerk (GPEU/LHW) was founded in 1971 and its activities have now been incorporated into the German Healthcare system. Over recent years the GPEU/LHW has been involved in the management of homes for the elderly and those requiring nursing care, as well as an ambulance service for the handicapped. In addition, GPEU/LHW facilitates group activities for children with educational problems.

In 2017, the activities of Lazarus Hilfswerk (the Lazarus relief organisation) and its subsidiary companies in Germany were dominated by negotiations with health care system funders in Germany relating to in-patient hospital per diem charges. These charges have remained unchanged for more than ten years resulting in underfunding in relation to expenditure on material as well as on staff salaries. This situation has led to understaffing which has had a further impact upon income. Because of this, the financial results for 2017 show some deficits; however, this is counterbalanced by surpluses resulting from savings in earlier years resulting in an overall satisfactory outcome.

The GPEU decided to participate in a new collective labour agreement (AVB II) amongst German charity organizations, agreed on the basis of parity. Negotiations with nursing care and welfare authorities on this basis enabled LHW to offer a pay increase of 10 percent for nursing staff. In total these new negotiations resulted in an additional cost of Euro 900,000 for inpatient care, with this mostly relating to the pay increase.

In addition to alterations in pay, the new employment contracts resulted in reduced working hours, an increase in the number of holidays, pension provisions and an annual bonus payment. The early implementation of these provisions has had an immediate impact upon staff satisfaction. For 2018, the recruitment of additional staffing and an increase in the occupancy rate in nursing facilities will be the primary target of the GPEU.

The GPEU welcomes the decision of the LHW to appoint Mr Dierk Sutter as the Managing Director of LHW at a Federal level. Mr Sutter is highly experienced in both human resource management and operational management in the social sector, and his new policies are already having positive effects.

The financial statement of the work of the St. Lazarus Humanitarian Grand Priory Europe and Lazarus Hilfswerk in 2017 is as follows:

Total costs	€ 8,913,206.11
Revenues (cumulative)	€ 10,152,375.40
Staffing cost	€ 6,229,729.04
Gross yield for 2017	€ 9,628,049.69
Operational result	€ 714,843.58



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Preliminary outcome for 2017 € 374,762.12

The St. Lazarus Warmia i Mazury (Ermeland and Masuria) Welfare Centres

Nursing services were offered at the St. Lazarus Warmia i Mazury (Ermeland and Masuria) Welfare Centres in 2017 by registered nurses and assistant nursing staff who had undertaken special training courses. During the year nursing care was delivered to a total of 356 beneficiaries. Funding was received from the municipality of Elblag, which donated a sum of PLN 47,174,00. In addition to this, rehabilitation equipment such as nursing beds and walking frames was allocated to 182 individuals, covering a total value equivalent to the donated sum. In 2017 the Lazarus training centre for vocational education, which was founded in 2003, offered two courses that focussed upon geriatric care with enrolments of 7 and 23 students respectively. In longterm home-based nursing care, which was established in 2002, 13 full time patients were supported by two registered nurses during the year. In addition to this, transportation services and various workshops were offered by Lazarus Ermeland and Masuria Welfare Centres. The Self-Help Lazarus House for psychiatric patients continued to offer care, appropriate therapeutic settings and occupational therapy to 60 patients.

The Humanitarian Association of St. Lazarus in Biskupiec (Bischofsburg) offered palliative in-patient and out-patient care to 125 patients. In parallel with this, they offered extensive counselling activities relating to all aspects of support and care for beneficiaries.

The Humanitarian Association of St. Lazarus in Klebark Wielki (Gross Kleeberg) contributed rehabilitation equipment, facilitated get-togethers and conducted several courses.

The Humanitarian Association of St. Lazarus in Kütrzyn (Rastenburg) offered nursing care for the sick and elderly and distributed rehabilitation equipment to 185 beneficiaries. Moreover, the Association participated in a wide variety of social activities which included seven social events with associated counselling. It was noted that the demand for social and nursing support is increasing.

The Humanitarian Association of St. Lazarus in Szczytno (Ortelsburg) visited 4,890 patients within their homes, offering the services of six fully registered nurses. In total 235 patients were supported with rehabilitation equipment and 530 persons were counselled in relation to nursing care. Income received by the Association in the form of donations was shared with St. Lazarus Klebark and St. Lazarus Kętrzyn.

Donations for specific activities

Through the generosity of a long serving honorary member of the LHW, a donation of Euro 25,000 was made in support of the charitable work of His Beatitude Patriarch Gregorios III in Syria. The donation funds were transferred to the former Patriarch in June 2017.



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Members of the GPEU donated Euro 2,200 through the purchase of two televisions for the St. Lazarus House in Wuppertal. One of the sets was placed in the entrance area, which is a popular meeting place for the seniors. A second set was installed in the TV facility in the area of the dining room, being equipped with internet access.



Lazarus Elblag new wing



Lazarus-Elblag Zentrale



Wuppertal - Haus Einladung



Lazarus Ermland transport



The Grand Bailiwick of Germany in partnership with the German Dental Relief Organization (Hilfswerk Deutscher Zahnärzte)

The spirit of the HDZ is shaped by the spirit of the Order of St. Lazarus and collaborative work between the HDZ and the Grand Bailiwick continues.

In conjunction with the Grand Bailiwick of Germany, the HDZ supported the following projects during the year:

Projects	TYPE	Amount
DONATIONS IN CASH		
Dental Station – Burkina Faso	M	€ 148.90
Gastronomy School – Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	E	€ 25,550.07
Dental Prophylaxis – Buenos Aires, Argentina (Fig. 1)	M	€ 660.96
Mobile Dental Station – Colombia	M	€ 56,694.13
Dental Station – Leh Ladakh, India	M	€ 1,500.00
Diocese of Satu Mare, Socio-caritative work – District of Beltiug, Romania	M	€ 3,030.00
ELM Hermannsburg Hospital – Aira, Ethiopia	M	€ 2,594.00
School Rayak, Lazarus – Lebanon	E	€ 25,000.00
Construction of house for school – Haiti	E	€ 16,000.00
Girls Hostel – Kadambur, Tamil Nadu, India	E	€ 22,438.00
Leprosy Hospital Dr. Rousselot, Bhuvanēśvar, India	L	€ 10,000.00
Leprosy Village Belfort – Madagascar	L	€ 5,500.00
Dental Prophylaxis – Santiago, Chile	M	€ 9,090.00
Hunger Relief – South Sudan	R	€ 15,000.00
School, Enyiduru-Projekt Nigeria e.V. – Nigeria	E	€ 7,460.00
Transport of treatment unit to Cuba, University Hospital Manzanillo	M	€ 1,687.98
Transport of treatment unit for Togo	M	€ 2,672.23
Home Nursing School – Goa, India	E	€ 2,000.00
Water Supply Centre Dominic – Savio, Uvira, Dem. Rep. Congo	E	€ 18,603.00
School Bus for Middle School – Kelmbet, Karnataka, India	E	€ 26,087.00

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Asociatia NOE PARTIUM, Handicapped People's Home – Satu Mare, Romania	M	€ 12,435.00
Bombay Leprosy Project – Mumbai, India	L	€ 18,592.40
Orphanage "Dr. Horst Sebastian" – Lamay, Peru	E	€ 15,089.10
Help for cleft-palate children – Bolivia	M	€ 15,000.00
Mabuhay Aid – Philippines	M	€ 6,500.00
Ausbildung statt Abschiebung (Education, not Deportation) – Bonn, Germany	E	€ 15,672.10
Ma. Asuncion Culpa – Cebu City, Philippines	E	€ 9,880.00
School Centre Episcopia Catolica – Satu Mare, Romania	E	€ 20,000.00
Social Welfare Station – Miercurea Ciuc, Romania	M	€ 8,030.00
CDWS for Songkwae Wittayakh School – Chiangmai, Thailand	M	€ 4,015.00
Refurbishment of School Centre – Satu Mare, Romania – 1 st instalment	E	€ 25,045.00
Mobile Dental Unit – Malawi	M	€ 2,240.00
OHCP II – Cebu, Philippines	M	€ 10,251.00
Transport Universidad de Clinicas Medicas Oral Health – Cuba	M	€ 7,221.09
Primary School – Juja, Thika, Kenya	E	€ 3,598.58
Argentina Dental Prophylaxis HDZ OHCP	M	€ 10,000.00
Vehicle for Street Children Project – Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India	E	€ 13,210.00
Kleine Herzen Hannover – Hanover Medical School	M	€ 1,260.00
One-dollar glasses: Construction of a spectacle centre – Burkina Faso	M	€ 9,900.00
(Fig. 2)		
School books for St. James Primary School – Juja, Kenya	E	€ 9,000.00
Social Project of the Order of St. Lazarus – Erfurt	E	€ 5,000.00
Social Welfare Station – Beltiug Romania	M	€ 530.00
Centrul Medical Christian Serban – Buzias, Romania	M	€ 147.50
MALC Karachi – Pakistan	L	€ 202.48
Dental Station Project – Togo	M	€ 4,524.98
Dental Station Project – Madagascar	M	€ 9,324.60
		€ 488,385.10



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Medical University Manzanillo – Cuba	M	€ 106,699.66
Hospital CHR II Ambanja – Antsiranana (Diego), Madagascar	M	€ 25,841.95
Hospital CHR II Sokodé – Sokodé, Togo (Fig. 3)	M	€ 20,841.95
		€ 153,383.56
Clinical clerkships		€ 5,000.00
TOTAL		€ 646,768.66

Legend:

M = (dental) medical projects

L = leprosy projects

E = educational projects

R = emergency relief

A detailed description of the individual projects can be found at www.stiftung-hdz.de



Figure 1.

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Figure 2.



Figure 3.

Leprosy Hospital in Bhuvanēśvar, Mumbai

The costs of the hospital in Bhuvanēśvar, Mumbai remain stable, with the costs for one leprosy patient amounted to Euro 6.02 per day.

Direct spending on medicines, bandages, food, soap and other commodities for leprosy patients in the hospital amounts to 90% of the total budget, while administration costs account for 1.65% for this year's budget

As part of this project, medical support staff are trained to screen patients at regular intervals for new cases of leprosy in rural areas around Mumbai. The trained staff also have a role in the treatment of patients. For therapy to be effective, drug treatments consist of multidrug therapy (combination of rifampicin, dapsone and clofazimine), which must follow World Health Organization recommendations. Because of this, treatment compliance needs to be confirmed by frequent house calls.

For those with advanced disease detailed examination is necessary and treatment plans must be established for amputation of affected limbs. In addition to this, home care is frequently necessary for disabled leprosy patients.

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Prevention and rehabilitation of leprosy patients in the provinces of Guangdong and Jiang Xi, PRC

This project will assist leprosy patients in Jiang Xi Province. The focus is on 52 leprosy villages that have asked the Salesians of Don Bosco for help. Around 300 individuals are affected, with the average age of the patients being 50 to 70 years. The exact number of patients infected with leprosy in Jiang Xi is unknown.

Features of the program are:

For all leprosy patients in the villages, medical services and preparation and aftercare for amputations are offered;

Prosthesis manufacture, adaptation of special shoes;

Provision of modified tricycles and wheelchairs to increase mobility;

Training of local medical staff.

The primary goal of the project is to increase the quality of life of those affected, and to prevent the spread of the disease. Improving mobility contributes significantly to social inclusion and the facilitation of occupational activities.

Refugee School in Rayak, Lebanon

The Hereditary Commandery of Rurich, the Grand Bailiwick of Germany with its Lazarus Foundation, and the Melkite Greek Catholic Church are participating in the funding of a project relating to a school in Rayak for refugee children. Renovation and refurbishment work on the school project is now in full swing. Some 400 to 700 pupils now attend lessons there in peace and experience a degree of normalcy. In the reporting period, a further Euro 25,000 was donated by the Grand Bailiwick, which has contributed greatly to improved sanitary conditions in the school.

