

ANNUAL REPORT



2023



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WE ME ARE

FriendShip Prague, z.s.

is an English-speaking network of Czechs and Expats which exists to provide support and friendship to the homeless and people in need in Prague.

Our story is connected to Help Prague's Homeless, a Facebook group where we first met and volunteered, gathering at the Main Train Station since January 2018.

During Covid, a new way was found to support the homeless people, by a cooperation with local NGOs at Sophie's and Amadeus Humanitarian Hostels where we have been providing food, beverages, toiletries, other necessities.

Stepping up the commitment, we decided to create FriendShip Prague, z.s. and register it as NGO, becoming an independent and formally established organization in September 2021.



Our name is our mission statement

We do not only supply goods but, most importantly, we provide support and Friendship.

Our "**Ship**" is a place where homeless people can always feel welcome, accepted, and safe.



OUR VALUES





Our Values

Firstly, we believe in human dignity and that all deserve to have their basic needs satisfied, regardless of any life background.

Bringing back that dignity and treating them like humans means so much to them. We believe that these moments of connection and normalcy are seeds for change and a potential rebirth in their life.

We cannot be indifferent to this reality in Prague and, although we cannot change it overnight, we believe in the impact that our action can have, being a strong message to all!

Outreach services

Providing food, drinks, clothes, and essential items to approximately 100 people each week has demonstrated a significant impact on our community on 2023

Beyond just meeting material needs, our efforts to connect with empathy and respect has **instilled a sense of dignity and belonging**, which is invaluable for individuals experiencing hardship.





Spreading awareness

Following our mission to spread awareness, challenge stereotypes and drive positive change by promoting humanity and philanthropy, our Homelessness Q&A posts has been a platform for advocacy and education.

We have covered various topics and aspects related to homelessness, and, while delving deeper into the root causes and challenges, we tried to show the complexities surrounding homelessness.

Our efforts to organize Art & Craft workshops (one at Pracovna in March and the second one in Riegrovy Sady Park in July), proves our commitment to providing our Friends with meaningful experiences too.





In March and in
September, we have also
organized gatherings at
the shelter where we did
catch up with the
residents we first met
and supported at
Sophie's hostel during
the pandemic.

We did not only bring food, beverages, decorations, and music but we also did our best to bring them our empathy and friendship!

All these initiatives not only offer opportunities for creative expression and social interaction but also contribute to building a sense of community and belonging among participants.

In October, we celebrated our WORLD HOMELESS DAY second edition and distributed abundant and delicious meals, made possible through generous donations from Aromi, La Finestra in cucina, Koutek Resto, MozzarellArt and CafeNebusice.

Their involvement highlights their commitment to social responsibility and also amplifies the impact of our initiative, making a positive difference in the lives of those in need.





While for most for us, Christmas is a time for celebrating, for family, good food and present, for the homeless things are very different. For this reason, we have launched our "Donate a warmer Christmas" campaign, encouraging people to to bring back the true spirit of Christmas by donating trough Darujme, participating to our initiatives and volunteering in person.

In December we organized a free MOVIE AFTERNOON for our friends, kindly hosted by Komunitni Centrum Husitska.

We gathered to watch Mimořádná událost with popcorn and panettone, and we wrapped up the event with an enjoyable game of Bingo.

We received over **600**Christmas socks stuffed with toiletries and sweets from individuals and through partnerships, which were distributed to our friends and at the shelters through other charities supporting the homeless in Prague.





Additionally, Yoga with Karina offered a charity class at The Little Mole school, where we raised approx. 15.000 CZK thanks to the kind donations of the participants.

Along with other donations, we were able to provide a 30 sleeping bags, a traditional Czech Christmas meal, as well as new gloves, blankets, backpacks, socks and underwear for 100 homeless friends at our special Christmas gathering at Bike Jesus.

In 2023 we have joined
MigAct, a new organization
that connects NGOs,
institutions but also all
individuals with a migratory
background who are
interested in civic
participation and aim at
bringing positive change to
our society.

By attending different events, we have enjoyed many different education, counselling and networking initiatives.





Throughout the year, students, and teachers from International Schools in Prague, organizations and corporates have generously participated in multiple campaigns to collect food and toiletries for the homeless and volunteered their time for preparing and distributing food, clothes and other necessities.

The level of cooperation we received in 2023 was truly remarkable:

International School of Prague,
Prague British School,
RiverSide, University of
NewYork of Prague, The Little
Mole, GEN Digital and Clean
the World EU, Central and
Eastern Europe Expedia,
Amazon, Usercentrics,
Mastercard, AB InBev,
Accolade, Adecco, Swap
Prague, Femme Palette, Skarn,
Rehoboth Charity and Rotaract.

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Thank you so much, your contributions have not only provided essential resources for the homeless community but have also served as a beacon of hope and compassion.

Thank you all for your invaluable partnership and for embodying the spirit of giving!





A heartfelt special shout out goes to Lexi Rizzo and Robert Sevcik, two young students from International School of Prague.

Besides their direct actions and engaging initiatives at their school, they have been changemakers and led other young humans to follow their steps, they have helped to grow the Friendship community and they have demonstrated exceptional compassion and kindness.

It`s our mission to spread awareness among young people: it`s not just about education, it serves as a catalyst for social change, as they are the future leaders, influencers, and decisionmakers.

By fostering understanding and empathy at an early age, we equip them with the tools to become compassionate and socially conscious individuals.



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Numbers

NUMBER OF PEOPLE HELPED:

Approx.

5000

(with one meal and a clothing donation)

SPECIAL EVENTS:

7

GATHERINGS ORGANIZED:

64

SCHOOLS AND
COMPANIES INVOLVED:

20

VOLUNTEERS ENGAGED:

649

SOLIDARITY
NETWORK OF CAFÉS,
RESTAURANTS AND
BUSINESSES:

12

SPECIAL HELP:

toiletries, new socks and underwear, snacks and meals for special events, cutlery and supplies, workshop supplies, winter necessities, Christmas presents, traditional Christmas meals, sleeping bags.

Thanks to all those who have contributed, both individually and collectively, to providing our homeless friends with the support they need and deserve!

Thank you so much volunteers, coordinators, supporters, and donors, this success wouldn't be possible without your hard work, effort, and generosity. We couldn't do it without you!



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