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WHO WE 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, and 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 60 people each week has significantly impacted our community in 2024.

Additionally, we have reached out to the ones sleeping rough on the streets every first Sunday of the month.

Beyond meeting material needs, our efforts to connect with empathy and respect have **instilled a sense of dignity and belonging**, which is invaluable for individuals experiencing hardship. One good example is our new weekly initiative, the **“WOMEN CLUB”**, to listen to, support and create art with women in need.





Spreading awareness

Following our mission to spread awareness, challenge stereotypes and drive positive change our magazine “See the Unseen” has been a platform for advocacy and education.

A special thanks to Christy Duffy and Ciarán MacLochlainn for their invaluable contributions to marketing, design, and content. Gratitude also to all the authors whose work brought this vision to life.

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



Events for our friends

Our efforts to organize workshops, barbecues, movie sessions and lunches with our Friends prove our commitment to providing them with meaningful experiences too.



Events for our friends



This year we were able to repeat our gathering at the shelter, catching up with the residents we first met and supported at Sophie's hostel during the pandemic.

A huge thank you to Gabriel Guerreiro who played and sang to everyone there.

We brought our happiness and joy, food, beverages, decorations, and music, creating a perfect environment for a Friendly moment!

All these initiatives offer opportunities for creative expression and social interaction, besides contributing to building a sense of community and belonging among participants.

Events for our Friends

In October, we celebrated the **WORLD HOMELESS DAY**, our third edition of the event, and distributed abundant and delicious meals, made possible through generous donations from **AROMI, LA FINESTRA IN CUCINA, ARTIC BAKEHOUSE, MOZZARELLART, SOHO RESTAURANT, DOLCEMENTE.**

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



Events for our Friends



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.

A heartfelt thank you to those whose quiet dedication and year-round efforts make such a difference, our **VOLUNTEERS and COORDINATORS!** Their unwavering spirit reminds us of the true meaning of giving and care.

Events for our Friends

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

We gathered to watch *Pelíšky*, we distributed presents, and sweets kindly donated by *Artic Bakehouse*.

We received over **250 Christmas socks** from individuals and through partnerships, which were distributed at our Christmas Lunch and additionally to *Nadeje*. We will also keep distributing the socks during our monthly winter walks to donate warm socks stuffed with sweets and travel size toiletries to the ones sleeping rough on the streets.



Events for our Friends

Additionally, Yoga with Karina offered a charity class at The Little Mole school, where we raised 27.136 CZK thanks to the kind donations of the participants that allowed us to provide **a traditional Czech Christmas meal**, as well as **new gloves and new neck warmers, for 100 homeless friends**.

The yoga lesson was followed by a delicious breakfast kindly donated by Timelessourdough bakery.

Events for our Friends

This year we were fortunate to have our **traditional Christmas meal indoor, in the beautiful Fortna**, a former monastery in which our Friends enjoyed a warm meal and an amazing event and a concert offered by the amazing singer Metha.

Our volunteers brought an inspiring spirit of generosity and care, dedicating their time and attention to create shared moments that touched hearts and lifted spirits. Their selfless actions remind us of the profound impact we can have on the lives of our Friends, especially during this season of giving and connection.



Cooperations

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, volunteered their time for preparing and distributing food, clothes and other necessities, and also contributed financially.

The level of cooperation we received in 2024 was truly remarkable:

International School of Prague, Prague British School, RiverSide, University of NewYork of Prague, Panda Preschool, Porsche Central and Eastern Europe, Usercentrics, Mastercard, Medtronic, Canva, Datatravel, Expedia, Rehoboth and Rotaract.



Cooperations



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!



Numbers

NUMBER OF PEOPLE HELPED:

Approx.

3100

(with one meal and a
clothing donation)

SPECIAL EVENTS:

5

GATHERINGS ORGANIZED:

96

SCHOOLS AND COMPANIES INVOLVED:

15

VOLUNTEERS ENGAGED:

649

SOLIDARITY NETWORK OF CAFÉS, RESTAURANTS AND BUSINESSES:

10

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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