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*The heart must submit itself courageously to life's call without a hint of grief,
A magic dwells in each beginning, protecting us, telling us how to live.*

Hermann Hesse

Dear BhB friends,

A historic year for the whole of mankind is nearing its end. All of us have been affected, and the dramatic consequences of this pandemic are unforeseeable.

Life in Bosnia and Herzegovina – already hard enough before the Covid outbreak – has become even harder. Nevertheless, loyal, flexible, generous donors have enabled us to implement our projects during these challenging times. Thanks to Namir Poric and his team, our work in Srebrenica (house-construction, music school, agricultural projects, apprenticeships, soup kitchen....) has carried on efficiently and unbureaucratically, and we have been able to continue looking after the families and children under our care.

Despite the lockdown in April and May, the music school („Haus der guten Töne“) remained active. Besides online teaching, the entire school team sewed masks and distributed them throughout Srebrenica and surroundings. They held hygiene-training sessions, and young people made jam and packed and distributed food parcels.

This year, the music school opened a multi-media centre and a library, where the students can listen to music, watch films, read and discuss books, and prepare and practise presentations. In the multi-media centre, various workshops are currently being held, including media competence, human rights and critical thinking.

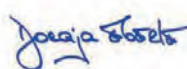
The project „Songs for Europe“, directed by Gerald Wirth (artistic director of the Vienna Boys' Choir) was established, in collaboration with twelve musicians from four countries: Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Greece and Slovakia. We are delighted for our music school to be part of this.

Since 2019, BhB-Salzburg, together with the ERSTE Foundation, has been running the podcast Journey Stories [stories of refugees and migrants], www.journeystories.fm. Our project has developed well during this year, with 90 episodes produced by the middle of October. We see them as a constructive contribution to the controversial debate on this important topic.

The whole of Europe is struggling to find solutions – both to tackle the pandemic and to take fair and humane action in the refugee problem. Besides our work in Bosnia and Herzegovina, we, BhB-Salzburg, intend to turn our attention in new directions, and to use our capabilities, experience and resources, both regional and international, for the benefit of the weakest people in our society.

It is with humility and gratitude that we look back on 29 years of humanitarian aid in ex-Yugoslavia, a success story of countless generous donors and a highly motivated and committed team. We have given thousands of returnees a roof over their heads and enabled them to live on their own land. Over recent years, hundreds of people have accompanied us to Srebrenica, and have understood that never again must genocide be permitted – nowhere and against no-one.

Our strength lies in spontaneous, humane and unprejudiced action, bringing targeted help to people in distress and giving them hope. We have the will and the energy to continue on this humane path – TOGETHER WITH YOU – and with the plea for your continuing trust and support. THANK YOU!



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HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

19 BhB houses in Srebrenica / Tuzla / Prijedor
(18 houses financed by the HILTI Foundation, 1 house by Intarconnect-Rotaract, Vienna)



AGRICULTURE

8 greenhouses in and around Srebrenica,
5 organic certifications for new organic farms
(financed by the HILTI and the Thoolen Foundations)



MUSIC SCHOOL

Music school „Haus der guten Töne“
10 Seminars/workshops, 7 concerts, 3 film productions
Multi-media centre and library / „Songs for Europe“ project
(financed by the HILTI and the Thoolen Foundations)



PROJECTS

3 agricultural machines, 2 cows, 3 goats, 5 scholarships, mobile care + medication, daily soup kitchen for 80 people, firewood for 5 families for winter 2019 / 2020, financial support for the 2020 Peace March, food parcels for 50 families, podcast JourneyStories: www.journeystories.fm (financed by the ERSTE Foundation and BhB Salzburg), training for 2 cooks + 1 agricultural engineer (financed by the Thoolen Foundation)



TRANSPORTS

3 lorries to Bosnia and Slovenia, 2 lorries to Gföhl – collaboration with Georg Jachan, aid for Romania.
Goods delivered: wheelchairs / coffee / hospital beds / shampoo / furniture / clothes



NEW PROJECTS

Herrnau parish, Salzburg: „Armut teilen“ – food distribution for 50 families
BhB Lana, South Tyrol: food distribution for people in need
Kljuc, Bosnia and Herzegovina: winter supplies of food and wood



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