



Heart To Hand Charity

Newsletter 2022



Dear friends, A Cháirde,

Fáilte/ Welcome to this edition of the Heart To Hand Charity newsletter.

It was a very busy start to the year following the invasion of Ukraine. Thousands of refugees fled Ukraine as their towns and villages were being attacked. The majority were fleeing to their neighbouring Country Poland who did exceptional work to help ease the suffering of the families who had to leave behind everything they owned and seek refuge.

Heart To Hand teamed up with Pawel Kownacki in Warsaw to deliver several loads of Humanitarian Aid. This aid was donated and collected all over Ireland such was the response to appeal for aid. We expected this conflict to last about six to eight weeks but this was not the case and we continued sending aid for the next six months. Heart To Hand have also facilitated the unloading of several lorries in Poland for Drivers that were not affiliated to any charity and did not have a secure place to unload. Thanks to all those who contributed to the go fund me pages and to the parishes who collected funding to help with the delivery costs. Thanks to Keyline Transport for transporting the loads.

In addition to helping out with the Ukraine crisis, Heart To Hand returned to Albania two weeks ago , we sent a lorry full of Humanitarian Aid for families in great need.

We would like to thank all those who held fundraisers for our charity this year. We had very successful events in Wexford, Tipperary and Wicklow which you can read about inside. These fund raising events are a lifeline to our charity and we really appreciate your support. Thanks to all who donate on line and have standing orders and monthly direct debits.

Fundraising has become increasingly difficult with the phasing out of cash. We always operate on the basis that all money donated goes to helping the poor. Its looking like we may have to move with the times and assess the systems out there that allow us to fundraise using contactless payments. These services incur a charge and while we are opposed to paying these, we may have no other option.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for keeping our charity going which is now in its 31st year. God bless you all.

Kieran Byrne,
Director and Founder.

Humanitarian Aid Deliveries.	Truck & Tractor Run. Clothes sale. Parish collections.	Tribute to Philomena Harty R.I.P	Schools supporting Heart To Hand.
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Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine Refugees



Above is the 1st lorry packed and ready for delivery to Poland to support the Ukraine refugees who fled the war in Ukraine. The load was delivered by Keyline Transport.



Collections like the above in Gortnahoe Co Tipperary were carried out in every county such was the demand for aid and a willingness from the Irish people to help.



The community centre in Poland where we delivered our Humanitarian Aid. This centre was run by Polish people all volunteers who did amazing work especially Pawel Kownaki who coordinated all our loads and rounded up the volunteers each morning to unload the lorries without delay. Great team effort .



Loads 2 & 3 were transported to Poland by Pallet Express Dublin, who are great supporters of our charity. Tom Carr and Kieran Conlon from pallet express travelled out to Poland to unload the trailers and ensure all went to plan. The contents of each load was collected by Pallet Express from customers and other transport businesses who wanted to support Pallet Express.



Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine Refugees

Upperchurch-Drumbane support Ukraine appeal

Heart To Hand would like to say a massive thank you, to the parish of Upperchurch Drumbane who held 2 fundraisers recently for the Heart To Hand Ukraine appeal. There was a parish envelope collection and a sponsored walk. The amount raised by both events was €12,185.00 . We would like to thank all those who organised the events and thanks to all who supported the events so generously. We really appreciate the effort and support

Clonoulty-Rossmore support Ukraine appeal.

Heart To Hand would like to say a massive thank you, to the parish of Clonoulty-Rossmore who were very supportive of our efforts at the start of the Ukraine war. A huge amount of money was collected by the local community following several fundraising events.

We would like to express our deepest sympathy to the Quirke family on the very sad passing of Dillon Quirke. Dillons extended family have supported our charity for many years.

Holycross-Ballycahill support Ukraine appeal

Fr Celsus Tierney and Dinny O Dwyer worked very hard in the first 3 months of the conflict in Ukraine. They held collections, collected food, medical supplies and clothes. Dinny travelled out to Poland and Ukraine very early to assess the needs of the refugees and discuss plans to get aid into Poland and into the Ukraine safely. Thanks to the people who supported the collections and all who helped in any way.



Our 4th lorry loaded and ready for delivery to Poland.



Above our lorry arriving in Poland, thanks to Paul Dempsey and all his staff in Keyline transport who delivered the loads.

Left is a group photo taken at the distribution centre in Warsaw where volunteers turned up at 7am to unload the lorries on their way to work.



Aid deliveries to Ukraine



Load No. 5 checked by Kieran Byrne & Pat Whelan.



Unloading in Poland.



Load No. 6 being prepared in Scarnagh by Margaret Byrne



Load No. 6 being prepared in Scarnagh by Myles Doran



Unloading in Warsaw and food prepared for collection in the distribution centre. Food was taken into Ukraine by old military vehicles as these vehicles could travel on the broken roads.



Aid Deliveries To Albania

Letter of thanks received from Albania following our recent delivery of Humanitarian Aid in October.

Dear friends of Heart to Hand, may the grace of God and the blessing of all Saints always be your reward. I can no longer find the right words to thank you for all the good you have always done to us and continue to do for us.

I thank God that there are people like you on this earth, because this is a sign that He still works in our world, because your help is the sign that God still loves us.

Everything you brought was very good and by now I have distributed everything among my workers and with the collaboration of the Sisters of Mother Teresa and other congregations that deal with work for the poor.

I do not know what to tell you, I only hope that before God the thanks of many paralyzed patients, orphans, relatives of prisoners and the poor will come for what you have done.

Thank you very much for everything. You are always present in my prayers.

God bless your heart, your life, your families and your work.

Thank you that you are the visible sign of the invisible God.

With respect

Father Marjan



Once the aid arrives, volunteers are called to unload the lorry in a warehouse. The aid is then distributed among several charities including the Missionaries of Charity who are on the ground and know where the aid is needed most.

Fr Marjan Lumci, parish priest in Durres who wrote the thank you letter does amazing work for the poor in his area. With your help we can continue to help those in very poor areas.

You can donate food or contribute to the cost of purchasing food items which we cannot get donated, namely flour, rice, pasta, porridge and tinned foods.

Schools supporting Heart To Hand

Heart To Hand Shoe Box Appeal

The Heart To Hand shoe box appeal has been running for almost 30 years. These are amazing gifts to send to children in poor countries. Thanks to all the teachers, parents and all who help with the collecting and delivering of the shoe boxes. Every year we send out around 3000 shoe boxes. To date we have always organised the delivery at no cost to the children or parents. This year is no different and with the continued support from all our supporters, we will do all we can to avoid the fees charged by other groups. If you would like to send us a shoe box please get in touch.



Rathcoyle National School, Rathdangan Co Wicklow



St Patricks National School Crannford, Gorey, Co Wexford.



Mount Anvil Secondary School Dublin.



John Scottus School Dublin.



Schools Supporting Shoes Box collections



Ballymurphy Primary School Carlow.



Mount Anvil Secondary School Dublin.



Mount Anvil Secondary School Dublin.



Tara Hill National School. Gorey Co Wexford.



Borris National School Carlow.



John Scottus School Dublin



Monaseed National School, Gorey, Co Wexford.

Schools supporting Heart To Hand



Heart to Hand would like to thank the children, parents and teachers of Pouldine school in Tipperary for their huge collection of humanitarian aid for Ukraine. We really appreciate your efforts. Thanks to all involved and thanks to Helena Kennedy for organising the collection, well done to all.



Leugh Primary School Co Tipperary pictured above following a very successful collection of food and gifts for families and children in Ukraine.

Pictured left is Heart To Hand volunteer Dinny O Dwyer with his daughter Bridget & five grandchildren.

Also in the picture is Brid McGrath far left and Principal Louise McCullagh far right who were the organisers of the collection.

Thanks to everyone involved and especially to the children for taking up the call for help.



Philomena Harty R.I.P



Philomena pictured in Albania in 1994 greeting a child with love and kindness as she always did.



Philomena's daughter Sr Mary Magdalene pictured centre carrying on the gift of love and kindness through her work with the Missionaries Of Charity.

It was with great sadness we learned of the passing of Philomena Harty, Rathnaleen, Nenagh, Co Tipperary who died on 5th April 2022,

Philomena was a life long supporter of our charity. She is pictured here visiting Albania in 1994 with members of Heart To Hand. Philomena's daughter, Theresa (Sr Mary Magdalene) is a Missionary Of Charity Sister who was based in Albania for many years. Philomena had a connection with Albania and decided to travel out and see for herself what was needed for the children in the orphanages. Philomena had a great personality and was so kind to anyone she came in contact with. A very positive and proactive lady, she was always willing to help in any way she could.

She liked to keep in touch with us in Heart To Hand and would regularly phone us to see how our projects were going in Albania. She would then write to her daughter to tell her all the good news of what we were doing in Albania. As her daughter worked there for many years with Missionaries of Charity (St Mother Teresa Order) she always liked to know what was happening in Heart To Hand.

Philomena was dedicated to her faith and attended mass every day, praying for a long list of family and friends including all of us in Heart To Hand. Family was her number one and she always liked to talk about her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Philomena donated so much to charity over her life, we hope she is now rewarded. She will be sadly missed by all her friends in Sue Ryder and her friends all over the world as she never went anywhere without doing something kind and making friends.

Our sympathies to her children Seamus, Theresa, Louise, Richard, John, Patrick and Jo (Adams). Grandchildren Rosie, Mitch, Aiden, Kathryn, Iona, James, April, Jonathan, Rebecca, Christopher, Ben, Sarah, Michael, Thomas and Connor. Great grandchildren Ellen, Liam, Thomas, Ebony and Reuben.

Sons-in-law Paul and John, and her daughters-in-law Maggie, Caroline and Maria, and by all her nephews and nieces in Ireland, England, Australia and New Zealand.



Companies supporting Heart To Hand Charity



Kerry foods have been supporting Heart To Hand for many years with food aid and donations from staff and management.

We are extremely grateful of all we receive from Kerry foods. Our partnership ensures no food goes to waste. We have regular collections from Kerry Foods which are distributed to homeless centres in Dublin and surrounding areas. The products donated by Kerry are excellent quality and very welcome in the centres we support.

Servier Pharmaceuticals based in Arklow Co Wicklow got in touch with Heart To Hand to see how they could help with the Ukraine refugees. They organised food and clothes for our shipments and collected funding from management and staff to help with delivery costs.



Servier Pharmaceuticals, Arklow Co Wicklow.



Valeo foods donate food aid to Heart To Hand on a regular basis. Like Kerry Foods, Valeo do not want to see food waste so they have requested our help with the distribution of products that are coming close to best before dates. These products are donated to Heart To Hand who collect and deliver to people in need. Heart To Hand are HSE Registered for collection of chilled goods and we have strict procedures in place to ensure all products donated are in date and safe for consumption.

Thanks to Elavon and the staff in Ballynattin for their support this year with our appeal for help following the refugee crisis.

We thank you for responding to our appeal and for your generosity with food and funding.



Our thanks to all at Transland Group for their generous donation to our charity. We really appreciate the support.

Our thanks to John Duffy of Duffy Express Freight for their generous donation to our charity. We really appreciate the support.



Employee donations through work



Ordnance Survey Ireland.

Our thanks to the staff of Ordnance Survey Ireland, who have been supporting Heart To Hand for many years through monthly donations. We are very grateful to all those who donate and to the administration staff who organise and arrange the donations every month.



Pat Whelan receiving a cheque from Padraic Comerford, Director, OMC Technologies.



TECHNOLOGIES DAC

OMC Technologies continue to support Heart To Hand with a very generous donation to our charity at Christmas.

OMC were instrumental in supporting our campaign to support the Ukraine refugees in Poland and in Ukraine.

We are extremely grateful to have OMC Technologies as a charity partner.

Sunday Drive Fundraiser Ballyfad, Gorey, Co Wexford. Tractor, Truck, Car and Bike run.

Sunday Drive

July 24

Registration: 12 Noon
Drive: 1pm
all welcome

Cars, Bikes, Tractors, Trucks & Vintage

Ballyfad, Gorey, Co Wexford Y25 XF68

All proceeds to Heart to Hand & Local Needs
Any queries contact Marie 087 2223230

(Kieran Byrne)

A huge thank you once again to Marie Cushe and her large team of family members and volunteers who ran a very successful fundraiser for our charity for the second year in a row. Trucks, Tractors, Vintage cars and bikes. It was a really well run event and we want to thank Marie and all in Ballyfad who made it a great and safe charity run. Well done to all involved and thanks to all who turned up to support the event.



Heart To Hand would like to thank Paul Touhy Managing Director of Alltrans for their donation to our Christmas appeal. Thank you for the continued support

CHARITY CLOTHES SALE

LAKESIDE HOTEL KILLALOE
FRIDAY 14th October 2022
FOR 1 DAY ONLY! 10am to 8pm

New and nearly new, Ladies, gents, and children's designer wear.
All proceeds going to the "HEART TO HAND" charity.

Heart To Hand Charity No. CHY 11391 Web: www.hearttohand.org

This fundraising sale is now 11 years running and it gets better every year. The sale is run by Joanne Skelly and her large team of volunteers.

The clothes are donated and then priced and sold in the lakeside Hotel & Leisure Centre. Prices start at 1 euro and we have a range of ladies, mens & childrens wear. Jewellery and shoes can also be found!. If you haven't attended your missing out!. Thanks to Joanne and all her volunteers for their work every year. Thanks to the Lakeside Hotel for their continued support.



Wexford potatoes

Heart To Hand would like to thank **Brian & Liam Barry** Wexford for their collections and deliveries of potatoes from farmers all over Wexford . We are very grateful for your continued support of our charity . Potatoes are a very important part of our diet and to have them donated for distribution to those in need is really very decent of the Wexford potato growers and farmers.

Heart To Hand have been receiving Wexford Potatoes for many years and we really appreciate this generosity.



Little Crickets Montessori.

Heart To Hand Charity would like to say a massive thank you to Little Crickets Crèche & Montessori Gorey for their recent fundraising effort for Ukraine. They raised a whopping €3,660 euro. This was a huge sum and we really want to thank the teachers, staff, parents and children for this amazing effort.

Remember us in your will.

Let your legacy become part of our story by leaving us a gift in your will. Your memory can live on by helping us to help the poorest of the poor.

Deceased members and supporters of Heart To Hand

Heart To Hand would like to remember in their prayers all our deceased members and supporters. Its important to remember all those down through the years who volunteered, fundraised and supported us in any way. They are always remembered in our prayers and masses.

STANDING ORDER FORM Date: _____

To The Manager Of: _____

Branch Address _____

I/We hereby authorise and request you to debit my/our account
(Details of the account from which the payment will be made)

Name: _____

IBAN: _____ BIC: _____

And to credit the beneficiary/Receiver account.

Account Name: Heart To Hand AIB Arklow Co Wicklow.

Account No: 03679094

BIC: AIBKIE2D

IBAN: IE12AIBK93302303679094

Amount€ _____ Start date _____

Frequency: Monthly _____ Annually _____ Other _____

Signature _____ Date _____

To make your gift to Heart To Hand , please cut out this form and post it to Kieran Byrne Heart To Hand, Scarnagh, Gorey, Co Wexford or Pat Whelan 68 Ard Coillte, Ballina Co Tipperary V94VNRO

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Ballina,

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HOW YOU CAN DONATE

Make a donation: contact any member of Heart To Hand or contact us on 087 2745570 or 086 8240978 or simply log onto our website www.hearttohand.net and donate on line.

Direct debit/Standing Order of your choice. To set up a direct debit or standing order please complete the form over and return to Heart To Hand , Scarnagh, Gorey, Co Wexford

Hold a food collection in your local parish, church, school, workplace or supermarket. Tinned food, pasta, porridge, rice, beans and peas, soup, etc. are especially welcome.