

YACHTING GIVES BACK



CHARITY STATUS & BANK ACCOUNT

The world has changed somewhat since we started our little campaign 18 months ago to collect food for the homeless from Palma's multitude of yachts and the wider yachting community. From the very beginning we were delighted by, and very grateful for, the response we got and by the end of last year had reached the conclusion that we should apply for full charity status.

I am very happy to be able to say that our registration, which was almost complete before being interrupted by the Covid 19 crisis, is finally approved and Yachting Gives Back is now a fully registered charity which means we have our own bank account and can accept direct donations!

HOMELESS SHELTERS UPDATE

Following the success of Associació Tardor's "Llar Inge" shelter, which YGB was very proud to be involved in last autumn, and to which the yachting community donated huge quantities of mattresses and bedding as well as sofas and TVs etc., they have recently found new premises for a larger shelter to be called "Llar Kurt". Kurt and Inge were the founders of the Kalonge Foundation which supports many local charities including Tardor and Shambhala.

To explain the function of the two shelters I can do no better than quote the beautiful words of my colleague Louise Balfour who described it recently on YGB's Facebook page:

"We are currently taking all donations of children's clothes and equipment to the Llar

Inge shelter. This is because once the second shelter is finished (Llar Kurt), then Llar Inge will be transformed into a centre for single mothers who cannot afford to pay for their own home. The idea is that the majority of the current residents at Llar Inge will move to the new shelter. Remaining behind at Inge will be elderly ladies who will become 'adoptive grandmothers' to the children moving in there. In this way the mothers can go out to work or can seek employment without the added stress of childcare expenses, knowing their children are being well looked after at the shelter by the 'abuelas'. This will help these struggling families to get back on their feet. Additionally, it is hoped that the elderly residents will benefit from being in a family environment which tends to ward off loneliness, and that looking after children will give them a sense of purpose as well as a feeling of being needed, useful and loved!"

DONATIONS UPDATE

YGB was very proud to be able to make a substantial payment towards the cost of the conversion works at "Kurt" which was due to the receipt of two major donations; one from the last ever Pinmar Golf Tournament and the other from the Radio One Mallorca Radiothon and with a special mention to M.Y. Tatasu for their contribution in both cases.

These donations were especially welcome as we had lost so many other potential donations from collaborations planned for this summer including the Palma Superyacht Show, The Superyacht Cup, and the Superyacht Charities' Foundation Dinner. And we were very much looking forward to repeating 2019's very

successful campaigns with the Oyster Regatta and the TP52 Super Series.

We had also been planning to collect unused food from the bareboat charter yachts all summer so we are very grateful to the wonderful Sunsail team of Oliver, Carlota and Rory for calling us in when their season finally got underway!

One of YGB's less well-known volunteers is also one of our most effective secret weapons. David Wright is now an independent consultant to the hotel industry after spending 20 odd years with the Palma-based, Meliá Hotels group. He has extensive contacts across the industry and, since he joined at the beginning of the year, has been quietly building up a data base of hotels with materials they could donate once Tardor found more premises for a second shelter. Thanks to his work we have recently been all over the island collecting hundreds of towels, sheets, bedcovers, and bedside lamps for Llar Kurt. This has only been possible thanks to the enormous help of Jeremy Hance of Paraiso and his trusty van. Not only that but Jeremy appears regularly at our container inside STP with his car full of pasta, rice and nappies etc for Tardor.

WISH LIST

Alongside the above donation to Kurt, we also want to help them with their "wish list". We still need, as always, plenty of pillows, single sheets, mattress protectors and duvets but in addition we would love to hear from anyone who can help us with: 2 washing machines, 1 tumble dryer, 2 microwave ovens, 2 Melitta style coffee jugs and filters, 2 large flat screen



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Our container inside STP is open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 0930-1030 to receive donations of food, toiletries, bedding, toys, cleaning materials etc.

Alternatively please donate:
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/1xm2p6502o>

All proceeds will be used to buy food for the homeless and hungry

See website or Facebook for details, or contact

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TVs and 5 computer monitor screens. (We already have a printer and the promise of several computers.)

If you are able to donate any of these items they will need to be in good condition and able to withstand heavy usage. Alternatively, we would love to receive enough donations to be able to buy new ones.

In addition, we want to help convert the existing parking area into a pleasant secluded space for the residents. We have quite a lot of tables and chairs but need to add some bamboo, or similar, screens to the existing railings and we also need several large bar style sombrillas.

EROSKI CAMPAIGN

For several weeks Tardor has been running weekend food-collection campaigns in Eroski supermarkets all over Palma and beyond and, thanks to a wonderful team of over 20 volunteers, YGB has taken responsibility for the Eroski at the Bendinat roundabout. Whenever you see the Tardor trollies by the door, please buy a couple of extra items and drop them off on your way out. All these small donations combined are helping to keep thousands of people from going hungry. If you would like to volunteer please call me on the number below.

WHAT ELSE ARE WE DOING?

Although much of our efforts recently have, for obvious reasons, concentrated on Tardor and the new shelter, we have still been busy making regular donations to Mallorca Sense Fam, Shambhala, JoyRon Foundation, SOS Mamas and Es Refugi.

In particular we have been able to help Shambhala thanks to two of our most generous, regular supporters. Nauticrew, as well as donating our lovely YGB shirts, have donated huge amounts of clothing to Shambhala and recently delivered dozens more beautiful coloured polos embroidered with the Shambhala logo. MTSea, who gave us a large donation of sleeping bags last winter, recently donated and installed a new air conditioning unit in one of the Shambhala classrooms.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Donate food when you see a collection trolley in your local supermarket.

Join us as a volunteer at the Bendinat Eroski. Our team do a two hour shift every three weekends but the more volunteers we have the more we can rotate them.

Donate food, which must be unopened and

in date, clean clothing and bedding, toiletries, toys, nappies, cleaning materials etc.

If you have access to STP, the Yachting Gives Back container inside the shipyard is open to receive donations on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 0930-1030.

If you do not have access to the yard, please contact me and we will arrange to collect.

Finally, you can now make donations direct to the Yachting Gives Back bank account:

Bankia: IBAN ES81 2038 3480 5160 0019 8061

As we have zero overheads, every Euro donated will be put to good use directly helping the homeless and the hungry and other people in need.

And finally, a massive thank you to the enormous number of people whose wonderful generosity is helping so many people to survive in these difficult times.

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