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# **NEWSLETTER**

## NICOSIA MERCY CENTRE

*Serving the needy in the  
local community since 2009*

**GREAT  
OPPORTUNITIES  
TO HELP  
OTHERS SELDOM COME  
BUT SMALL ONES  
SURROUND US  
EVERYDAY**

Dear Supporters and Friends,

This is the fifth edition of our **quarterly Newsletter**. We value you very much and we would like to keep you updated on what is going on in and through Nicosia Mercy Centre (NMC) in our local community. We believe that this will encourage you as you partner with us, enabling you to see for yourselves the fruit of your contribution through NMC. You can read more news on page 2!...

*The new stricter measures in Cyprus to handle the increased number of corona virus cases, led us to revert to take-away meals only. We anticipate that with the warmer weather in spring we will be able once again to serve meals at our premises.*



These are the packages that we give out every Wednesday evening for take-away. Our cooking teams, together with our volunteers, help us tremendously to put all these together and serve our beneficiaries on time.

Dear Supporters and Friends,

This is already the second year since we started sending out this newsletter to all of you! We do hope that you find it useful and that you are encouraged by what is being accomplished through the operation of NMC in the local community and beyond.

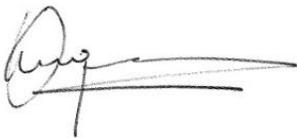
Since our last update in December, the number of corona virus cases in Cyprus increased thus leading the government to announce new stricter measures. Despite this situation, we actively continued to give away a home-cooked meal in take-away parcels. Although it was difficult for people to come round and pick them up, mainly due to the limitation of only 2 sms per day to go out, some people brought a big bag with them and offered to pick up several parcels in one go to take to their family members and friends. Also, the international humanitarian institution, *Hope for Children*, started sending some of the children on their programme, to help us prepare the food parcels. Their help has been valuable and much appreciated, while the children learn the joy of serving and giving to other people in need, like themselves.

Apart from the home-cooked meal that our cooking teams prepare every Wednesday, we were blessed to receive, on a regular basis, food donations from *Alfamega Hypermarkets*, mainly perishables such as vegetables, fruits, pastries and bread. Also, one of our members has faithfully been bringing boiled eggs to enhance the meal with some extra protein, while another donor provided packets of noodles that can easily be cooked at home in boiling water. We can see that our beneficiaries really appreciate the complete food parcel that we give them, since for some of them it may be the only meal of the day! Our number of cooked meals are now on the 80+ mark. Also, quite a few of our members now take cooked food, non perishable food, clothing, baby stuff, etc., for people that are in terrible conditions and become a life line in their despare state.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of March we had our Annual General Meeting at our premises where a report was presented for what was accomplished in the year 2020. We were glad to welcome 4 new members. We also had the opportunity to see the big picture, discuss things of concern and also plan ahead for the future. The 2-year term of the current committee expired and a new committee needed to be elected, but due to the small number of members being physically present, and not enough candidates at hand, it was decided to extend the term of the current committee until June 2021, when we will have our elections.

Please note that as of the last week of March until the end of June 2021, our new operating hours on Wednesdays will be from 17:30 to 19:30. We will come back with more news in 3 months from now!

With sincere thanks,



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We are a non-profit organization so in order to continue to make a difference in our community we depend on donations from companies or individuals. We invite you to make a donation and make a difference!



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