

Projekt Dåseringe

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Hvad er Projekt Dåseringe?

Projekt Dåseringe er et velgørende projekt, der er baseret på udelukkende frivillig arbejdsindsats. Vi er støttet af mange frivillige privatpersoner, og også af en del organisationer hovedsageligt i Danmark og Norge. Dog modtager vi også dåseringe fra både Norge, Sverige, Island, Færøerne og Tyskland.

Benproteser

I Asien og specielt Thailand har fattige i stor grad problemer med miner, sukkersyge og slangebid. Dette medfører, at mange mennesker er ben-amputerede. Ca. 400.000 mennesker i Asien mangler et eller begge ben. De kan i mange tilfælde ikke arbejde og dermed ikke forsørge deres familier. I mange af disse lande er den sociale hjælp ikke stor og måske endda ligefrem ikke-eksisterende.

Commanderi Dagmar støtter økonomisk et hospital i Thailand via den selvstændige organisation Projekt Dåseringe, som er startet af Inner Wheel. Hospitalet hedder Protheses Foundation, og det ligger i Chiang Mai i Nord-Thailand. Støtten anvendes til benproteser. På hospitalet i Thailand er man endvidere i gang med at udvikle arm- og håndproteser med griberefleks!

Mission

Vores mission med indsamling af en lille ubetydelig affaldsdel (dåseringen fra øl- og sodavandsdåser) har været – og er fortsat - at støtte projektet Protheses Foundation i Thailand. Hospitalet laver - primært gratis - proteser til fattige, ben-amputerede borgere. Dette gøres uafhængigt af nationalitet og religion. De hjælpne bliver derved i stand til at skabe sig et liv og gives en enestående mulighed for at forsørge sin familie.

For os er det vigtigt, at alle midler går ubeskåret til projektet, og at vi derved er med til at gøre en forskel!

Commanderi Dagmar og data.

Commanderi Dagmar har som en del af Projekt Dåseringe indsamlet dåseringe fra øl- og sodavandsdåser siden 2013. Dette har skabt mulighed for at kunne donere 860.000 DKK til Protheses Foundation på hospitalet i Chiang Mai i Thailand. Over 50.000 mennesker er indtil nu blevet hjulpet.

Hospitalet hjælper ben-amputerede i Asien med nye proteser. Desuden støtter vi indkøb af mobile klinikker til hospitalet, så det er muligt at få hjælp bragt ud til de mest utilgængelige områder. Der er nu flere end 50 mobilklinikker i tjeneste.

Alle penge, som er skabt via salg af dåseringene, samt donationer, går ubeskåret til hospitalet til i Thailand.

Fra 2002 til 2009 sendte vi dåseringene til Thailand via SAS. Efter 2009 modtog vi alt for store mængder af dåseringe, hvilket bevirkede, at vi begyndte at sælge dem til Danske Fragtmænd til videresalg i Tyskland.

Der er i Danmark, Norge og Sverige mere end 170 Indsamlingssteder.

Hvordan arbejder Commanderi Dagmar

Commanderi Dagmar indsamler dåseringe over store dele af landet. Ud over at vi selv samler ringene, så modtager vi donationer fra utroligt mange mennesker, der ønsker at bidrage gennem denne menneske-til-menneske metode! Såvel enkeltpersoner som arbejdspladser indsamler og leverer til os. Noget af det mest imponerende er, at når vi har holdt foredrag på skoler om vort arbejde, så bidrager skolebørn med en kæmpeindsats. Det er fantastisk så engageret en indsats børn kan gøre, når de kan se, at de kan bidrage. Commanderi Dagmar giver så med glæde disse børn et diplom, så de kan se, at vi værdsætter deres indsats for næstekærlighed. Når vi de forskellige steder har fået samlet en stor mængde dåseringe, fragter vi dem til

Skanderborg, hjemstedet for Commanderi Dagmar. Her har vi en fælles oplagingsplads i en stor hal. Hallen ejes af Danske Fragtmænd, som uden beregning stiller lokaler og hjælp til rådighed. Det er deres sponsorat til os. Når der afleveres dåseringe, sørger de for at køre dem ind og placerer dem, så vi kan arbejde videre med sorteringen. Frivillige fra Commanderi Dagmar, Sct. Georgsgilderne og Inner Wheel m.fl. møder op, og så går vi i gang med den store proces. Det er sådan, at kun dåseringe fra øl- og sodavandsdåser, består af den rette legering. Nogle ringe er magnetiske, og de kan slet ikke bruges. Vi finder også alt fra mønter, batterier til høreapparater, fingerringe og meget andet, som skal frasorteres. Hvis der er det mindste fejlindhold mister hele forsendelsen sin værdi, så sorteringen er et særdeles vigtigt arbejde.



Hanne, og Kim



Nogle af de opbevarede dåseringe



Sussi og Hanne med magneten



Dagens team



Slisken med magneter

Dåseringene hældes op i flere sorteringskasser, og sorteringsteamet undersøger grundigt på indholdet for at opfange ikke-magnetiske urenheder, såsom spillemønter, cigaretskodder, perler, batterier osv. Vi fører også store magneter gennem dåseringene for at opfange magnetisk fejlindhold. Herefter glider dåseringene ned af en sliske. Slisken indeholder også meget kraftige magneter, som opfanger de få fejlelementer, som fortsat måtte være mellem dåseringene. Dåseringene opsamles herefter i bigbags, som placeres på paller. Pallerne gøres herefter klar til transport. En vognmand, som arbejder frivilligt for vor organisation, aftager nu dåseringene til videresalg. Pengene overføres derefter til os, og vi sender hele beløbet til Protheses Foundation i Thailand. Protheses Foundation har den thailandske kronprinsesse som protektor. Endvidere har vi Chev. Poul Weber, KGSJ og Islandsk Konsul i Thailand, bosiddende i Thailand, hvor han følger det videre det humanitære arbejde. Endvidere samarbejder vi med Den Thailandske Ambassade. Så vi kan reelt sige, at Commanderi Dagmar følger projektet til dørs!

En smuk og pudsig historie

For nogle år tilbage skulle en Ridder fra Commanderi Dagsmars Ridderskab – den nu desværre afdøde nordmand Carl Johan Holm - og hans samlever til Danmark for at deltage i et Ordensmøde og for at aflevere en stor mængde dåseringe, som han havde indsamlet i Sydnorge. Han kørte i en Volvo stationcar, og hele bagagerummet var fyldt med dåseringe. På motorvejen tæt ved Aalborg blev han påkørt bagfra af en vanvidsbilist, der kørte med en særdeles høj fart. Carl Johan Holms bil slog en kolbøtte i luften og landede på taget. Fortumlet kravlede Carl Johan ud af bilen og ringede til daværende Komtur Thorkild Hagn-Meincke og fortalte, at han blev lidt forsinket. Carl Johan kunne i øvrigt fortælle, at politi og redningsmandskab havde fortalt, at det var et sandt under, at Carl Johan og hans samlever havde reddet livet. Bilen burde være blevet helt fladtrykt ved landingen og have umuliggjort overlevelse. Men bilens store indhold af sække med dåseringe havde forhindret et kollaps af kabinen, der nu var forholdsvis intakt. Det var virkelig et under, at de overlevede. Man kan roligt sige, at gode gerninger bærer lønnen i sig selv.

Project Can Rings

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What is Project Can rings?

Project Can Rings is a charitable project based solely on voluntary work.

We are supported by many voluntary private individuals, and also by a number of organizations, mainly in Denmark and Norway. However, we also receive can rings from Norway, Sweden, Iceland, The Faroe Islands and Germany.

Prosthetic legs

In Asia, and Thailand in particular, poor people have major problems with mines, diabetes and snake bites. This causes many people to be bone-amputated. About 400,000 people in Asia are missing one or both legs. In many cases, they cannot work and thus cannot support their families. In many of these countries, social aid is not effective and perhaps even non-existent.

Commandery Dagmar financially supports a hospital in Thailand through the independent organization Projekt Dåseringe (Project Can Rings), which was started by the organization Inner Wheel. The hospital is called Protheses Foundation, and it is located in Chiang Mai in Northern Thailand. The aid is used for prosthetic legs. In the hospital in Thailand arm and hand prostheses with grip reflexes are also being developed!

Mission

Our mission collecting a small insignificant waste part (the can ring from beer and soda cans) has been – and continues to be – to support the Protheses Foundation project in Thailand. The hospital make - primarily free - prosthetics for poor, bone-amputated citizens. This is done independently of nationality and religion. The helped will thus be able to create a life and be given a unique opportunity to support their families.

For us, it is important that all funds go uncut to the project, and that we thereby help to make a difference!

Commandery Dagmar and data.

Commandery Dagmar, as a part of Project Can Rings, has been collecting can rings from beer and soda cans since 2013. This has created the opportunity to donate DKK 860,000 (115.000 euros) to the Protheses Foundation at the hospital in Chiang Mai, Thailand. More than 50,000 people have been helped so far.

The hospital helps leg-amputees in Asia with new prosthesis. In addition, we support the purchase of mobile clinics for the hospital, so it is possible to bring out help to even the most inaccessible areas. There are now more than 50 mobile clinics in duty.

All money created through the sale of the can rings, as well as donations, goes uncut to the hospital.

From 2002 to 2009, we shipped the canned rings to Thailand by air (SAS – Scandinavian Airlines). After 2009, we received far too large quantities of canned rings to air transportation, which led us to start selling them to Danske Fragtmænd (a Company of Danish Freight Carriers) for resale in Germany.

There are more than 170 collection sites in Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

How does Commandery Dagmar work?

Commandery Dagmar collects can rings across much of the country. In addition to collecting the rings ourselves, we receive donations from an incredible number of people who want to contribute through this human-to-human method! Both individuals and workplaces collect and deliver to us. One of the most impressive things is, when we have given lectures in schools about our work, schoolchildren contribute a huge amount of effort. It's amazing how committed an effort kids can make, when they feel, they are able to contribute. Commandery Dagmar presents the children a diploma, showing that we value their commitment to charity. When we have gathered a large amount of can rings in the various places, we transport them to Skanderborg, the home of Commandery Dagmar. Here we have a common storage space in a large hall. The hall is owned by "Danske Fragtmænd" (Danish Freight Carriers), who provide rooms and help free of charge. That's their sponsorship to us. When can rings are delivered, they make sure to drive them in and place them so that we can continue to work on sorting. Volunteers from Commandery Dagmar, Inner Wheel and others embark the big process. Only can rings from mainly beer and soda cans consist of the right alloy. Some rings are magnetic and they cannot be used at all. We also find everything from coins, batteries to hearing aids, finger-rings and much more to be discarded. Too much error content significantly reduces the value of the can rings, so here there is a very important work going on.

The can rings are poured into several sorting boxes, and the sorting team thoroughly examines the contents to pick up non-magnetic impurities, such as game coins, cigarette butts, beads, batteries, etc. We also carry large magnets through the can rings to pick up magnetic error content. After that, the canned rings slide down a slick. The slicks also contain very powerful magnets, which pick up the few faulty elements that may remain. The canned rings are then collected in bigbags, which are placed on pallets. The pallets are now prepared for transport. A haulier, who works voluntarily for our organization, is now taking the can rings for resale. The money is then transferred to us and we send the full amount to the Protheses Foundation in Thailand. The Protheses Foundation has the Thai Crown Princess as patron. In addition, we have Chev. Poul Weber, KGSJ and Icelandic Consul in Thailand, resident in Thailand, where he follows the further work on the humanitarian work. In addition, we cooperate with the Thai Embassy. We may actually conclude, that Commandery Dagmar follows the task to the end!

A beautiful and quirky story

A few years back, a Knight from Commandery Dagmar's Knighthood – the now unfortunately deceased Norwegian Carl Johan Holm – and his partner had to go to Denmark to attend an Order Meeting and to deliver a large amount of can rings, he had collected in southern Norway. He was driving a Volvo station wagon, and the whole trunk was filled with can rings. On the motorway near Aalborg, he was hit from behind by a madman driver who was driving at a very high speed. Carl Johan Holm's made a somersault and landed on the roof. Dazed, Carl Johan climbed out of the car and called over former Commander Thorkild Hagn-Meincke and told, he would be a little late. Carl Johan could also tell that the police and rescue teams had told that it was a true wonder, that Carl Johan and his partner had saved their lives. The car should have been completely flattened upon landing and made survival impossible. But the car's large contents of sacks of can rings had prevented a collapse of the cabin, which was now relatively intact. It was really a wonder they survived. Good deeds bear the wages in themselves.