

## Update Johanniter Nederland 2019

As started in 2018, the central theme of 2019 continues to be **impact**. This means that all activities and developments are focussed on meaningfulness towards vulnerable people as often as possible.

Therefore, Johanniter Nederland no longer profiles itself as a volunteers organisation, but more and more as an organisation committed to the vulnerable people in society. The impact the organisation has on the lives of those people is in fact the reason of our existence. However, impact is not only a quantitative value, but by all means also a qualitative value. How can we deliver as much as possible in the lives of people who are somehow unable to coop on their own?

The theme impact applies to all aspects of our work. Following, we cover the three most important subareas.

### *Healthcare institutions*

There are Johanniter volunteer groups at over 30 healthcare- and welfare institutions, like hospitals, hospices and walk-in houses. Last year, two new institution joined our network, together with over 500 volunteers. In total there are about 4.000 volunteers active as Johanniter volunteer.

We facilitate those institutions so they can organise moments of joy for their inhabitants and therefore take an active role in the wellbeing of these people.

An important development – in preparation in 2018 – is our new activity. Through operational lease we make wheelchair busses available to some institutions. Two busses we got financed by now, delivery will be end of 2019. Making little trips to the market etc. will make a contribution to the quality of life of the inhabitants of the institution as well as the target groups living in the district.

### *Volunteers*

Supporting volunteers is not the main goal of our organisation. However, deployment of volunteers is an important mean to reach our goal. We consider it essential to invest in our volunteers by giving attention, showing appreciation and making sure they can do their work optimally. The goal is that volunteers can do as much as possible, as often as possible, for as many people as possible. The more meaningful moments of contact, the higher the impact of the efforts of our volunteers.

Facilitating volunteers is and will be an important aspect of our work. The Johanniter Schoolyard will maintain to be the umbrella for the learning facilities; a virtual schoolyard, where knowledge of diverse aspect of volunteer work is situated. It contains all kind of means, like educational short films, educational theatre and training (often in cooperation with third parties).

### *Holidays*

Since 1957, Johanniter Nederland organises holidays for the elderly who need care. Last year we developed a plan to make these holidays viable for the future. Because of developments in society and reforms in healthcare, we had to take action.

The number of traditional holiday week decrease from 5 to 3 weeks. And we launched a variety of new holidays, with different duration and organisation, and for new target groups. Because of a more efficient way of organising, we can offer 140 people instead of 100 people a holiday for whom a regular holiday is not an option. We started in 2019, and acknowledge that our new approach is quite challenging.