



Press Release

Humanitarian aid for victims of Nazism in the Czech Republic during the coronavirus pandemic

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As the coronavirus pandemic-stricken world commemorates on January 27th the International Holocaust Remembrance Day and the Prevention of Crimes against Humanity, a non-profit organization Živá paměť has joined forces with German Alfred Landecker Foundation to help more than a thousand Nazi survivors cope with the current, in all respects challenging period.

The Alfred Landecker Foundation has provided Živá paměť a grant for the purchase of protective and hygienic aids, vitamin preparations, food supplements and other commodities, which will be delivered during February 2021 to more than a thousand Nazi survivors in the form of individual humanitarian packages. In addition to former prisoners of Nazi concentration, internment and labor camps, prisons and ghettos, this material assistance is also intended for people who have been forced to hide from Nazi persecution, live under a false identity or emigrate abroad, and last, but not least for people deported or deployed for forced labor in favor of the German Third Reich.

Recipients of humanitarian packages containing a wide range of goods, including quality Swiss Lindt chocolate, will be informed of our intention by the end of January by letter, which will provide them with more detailed information about the contents of the package and the time and method of delivery. Thanks to excellent cooperation with MovitEnergy and Lindt & Sprüngli (CEE), which provided us with favorable purchase prices, we were able to expand both the range and the volume of material assistance so that, for example, vitamin and food supplements would last enough for survivors than the originally planned three, but for a full six months.

Survivors will not have to prove Nazi persecution to receive this assistance-this persecution has already been sufficiently proven and documented in other Živá paměť projects in which they have participated in the recent past. This will fulfill the common goal of The Alfred Landecker Foundation and Živá paměť to get assistance to the victims as quickly as possible and without unnecessary bureaucratic obstacles.

“We have a particular responsibility in the times of the pandemic towards Holocaust survivors and other Nazi victims”, says Andreas Eberhardt, CEO of Alfred Landecker Foundation. “We know that those who have experienced a terrible trauma and tragedy are dependent on more assistance and help in these difficult times. Hopefully, our donation will inspire other supporters to help out the most vulnerable as well.”