

# Sarajevo update...Sarajevo update...

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*Dear friends, partners & supporters with us*



**Why Bosnia?** Perhaps many were surprised to hear of a relief aid project to this part of Europe. It's past conflicts, traumas, ethnic cleansing and economic demise lost in the mists of time, but not in the hearts of the people who call it their home nation. Exactly twenty years ago the city of Sarajevo – a former Olympic host - was under siege for almost four years. The National Library, housing evidence of a diverse multicultural society that coexisted under more peaceful times, was burned to the ground. This attack on

the cultural identity of its people remains to this day in the hearts of its people.

The Dayton Accord secured a political peace solution which we now know as Bosnia & Hercegovina and Republic of Serpske. There are three separate flags, three separate anthems and two separate alphabets; the state anthem is only a melody because nobody can agree on the words. Under this arrangement, Serbs, Croats and Bosnian Muslims live today. So, Why Bosnia? We think they still need a helping hand and HORIZONS who have been involved since the war, don't want it's people to disappear from our hearts and minds.



**HELPING OTHERS....SARAJEVO** – what a thrill for us to be able to send a 40ft truck laden with a quantity of office furniture which included cupboards, filing cabinets, swivel chairs, desks and ordinary chairs donated by Oldham Council. Included in the shipment were household goods and furniture, clothes for adults and children, baby high chairs and buggies. All donated by people from all over our city who are friends of HORIZONS.



Thanks to all the truck loaders, especially the fork lift truck drivers and shrink wrappers!!!

From one door to another.....thousands of miles apart



**Team Sarajevo.....**it was our privilege to meet this excellent team who give time and energy and bring



with their work, a spirit of excellence. Many have, themselves lost families, especially fathers. Their love of helping their fellow citizens shows in the care taken to store, then distribute the products. The utter thankfulness from these volunteers was overflowing; this assures us that the items will go to the



right people and places. We wish we could really convey their gratitude to you all .....

**From OLDHAM....**

**.....to SARAJEVO**



It was my absolute joy to present the large Nobo board to teacher, Sasa Nicolinovic. He was so enthusiastic about how much he could use it in varies seminars, training and counselling sessions he and his team offer to families who have still to fully recover from the traumas left by the war.

**Remove.....Relocate.....Recycle!**

# Thank you Oldham Council!!



**OLDHAM, U.K - SARAJEVO, BOSNIA & HERCEGOVINA** – We thank you for all your help and catching our vision to help these ‘forgotten’ people. What can we say about your generous contribution to our efforts in supplying the office furniture etc., The time given by so many to help those less fortunate than themselves. We are pleased to give you this good news report about this 40ft solid-sided truck which we loaded in **Oldham, Lancs!** and sent on its way to **Sarajevo, BOSNIA & HERCEGOVINA.** Approximately 6 tonnes of aid – donated items and office equipment – went on a

long ride, but eventually arrived safely at our partner’s warehouse despite the ‘joys of border crossings and shipping documentation. You should be proud at your efforts in this the *ultimate recycling project of the council*, from one nation to another!

Thank you everyone!  
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*For many months during this year numerous people have:*  
donated gifts of money and goods,  
sorted items and packed boxes,  
shrink wrapped furniture,  
loaded pallets and loaded the truck

*They have come from far and wide:*  
Derbyshire  
Lancashire  
Greater Manchester

Nor forgetting STERIA, Manchester Arndale for sponsoring HORIZON’S trustee, Matt Carson in his super gaming challenge!!

**Special Thank you**

Because we were overseas during the time of the shipment, Colin Bonser our onsite project manager handled the challenges of truck loading & truck documentation, you did a fantastic job... just keep on trucking , Colin!!

*We commend and applaud you all....you know who you are!! Thank you for your love to some unknown- to- you people in Bosnia & Hercegovina whom you may never meet. You gave a gift, a chance to have better clothes, furniture and most of all - care. You have already made a difference to their lives....our thanks.....Colin and Judith*

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