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We are delighted to bring you this update on the many items collected over the last 6 months and sent by truck trailer arriving at the beginning of June.



Sarajevo Shipment update... Sarajevo Shipment update...

It was a smooth passage through the border, except for a delay at Sarajevo customs due to the amount of foreign aid being donated for the recent massive floods throughout the majority of Bosnia & Hercegovina. When we commenced our collection, little did we know that it would be arriving at such an opportune time for the capital city. The 'wish list' was fulfilled with many additional items, too. Musical instruments, sewing machines,



clothes & shoes for all ages, household items for the and furniture for the home. for all who contributed items. workplaces, offices, clubs, churches... demonstrating a big difference - 9310Kgs (about 9tons) on a 13.6m (44ft) truck trailer - Phew!!

toys for the children and adults! Furniture for the office We are immensely grateful Many individuals, schools, colleges and how a combined effort makes



Manchester United Football Club kindly donated crockery, chairs and tables which we collected from 'the theatre of dreams'...packed up & loaded up.... on the truck in Oldham. Big thanks to our very own 'muscle man' - Rob



Transported safely to **Sarajevo** & unloaded ...office chairs looking 'red good' in someone's office, surely a dream come true for them!
THANK U MANU!

WHY BOSNIA ...WHY SARAJEVO? The country, it's capital and surrounding towns are still in 'recovery mode' from the 1990's war years which has still left them economically impoverished and many 'permanent refugees'. Scars of the 'Sarajevo Siege' are still highly visible, but there is a resilience and vitality about the people that enable them to pursue life. We applaud that approach. Out of the 'Top Ten' poorest countries in Europe, they rank #4. The ongoing necessities for life are still in short supply and the employment market has very few jobs to offer. Those in employment earn on average, approximately £330 (\$550) per month (figures for 2013/2014 – Numbeo). Our friends Sasa & Drina, are an outstanding couple who together with their team, continue to help many families and young people in their communities in a practical and pastoral way. That's why there was so much excitement at the arrival of our truck



Just in case you were wondering...

Yes, we have started collecting again...

Time to get into recycling mode again!

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We thank our trustees, staff, volunteers and generous donors of so much that is needed to send a shipment of this magnitude. Our friends in Sarajevo express their gratitude and appreciation for not only the items, but the excellent quality of the goods; no wastage, good recycling!

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