

# HCR News



HumanCare Russia



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We wish all of you a beautiful winter and spring time

## 30 Years Anniversary

30 years have passed since the day of January in 1992, Connie Meyer went to Moscow to help the then young priest, Father Pavel Vishnevsky, with social and humanitarian aid in the Russian Orthodox Church. Connie Meyer had been invited by the Moscow Patriarchate. The picture below shows the church Feodor Studit, which was almost in ruins. Connie Meyer set about helping the needy in the congregation, and through home visits and practical sense through extensive experience in both nursing and practical congregation tasks, she solved many problems. She also applied for funds and helped families with children and the sick. She became a beloved "angel" in the church - until her tragic death. An extraordinary general meeting resolved to honor Connie's memory by continuing her work. We want to maintain contact with the congregation with support, visits and information about "HumanCare Russia". Luckily, we knew many from the congregation from visits while Connie was alive.

This year we will celebrate the anniversary partly at a couple of events in the East and West of Denmark. We will offer lectures, exhibitions and maybe more bazaars with collection, so we can continue to help.



## Thanks, from the Congregation in Moscow

Help is still needed, and perhaps even more help in and after the corona crisis. Many have lost wages during periods of isolation, or perhaps even lost their jobs. Before the crisis, many had to have several side jobs that they could not keep during the pandemic. We were very happy that we got to visit them in November where we could make some donations. Later, we also sent Christmas donations, which have saved several families in an economic crisis. And we must greet all donors and members of HumanCare Russia and say thank you.

Our coordinator / contact person Irina Smirnova and father Pavel sent photos and wrote:

We are deeply grateful to you and all members of HumanCare Russia for this invaluable help.

All of our parishioners say a heartfelt thank you to you and the members of HCR.

Best regards Father Pavel and Irina.

We have also received greetings directly from individual recipients. One writes: "Thank you very much for your help. It was really very important to me now. "Sincerely, E ...



## More photos from our visit to Moscow

We visited a grandmother whose 2 sons have smaller children. She showed us this little fairytale house that her grandchildren were very fond of.



When we had attended the service on Sunday, someone from the congregation talked to us. She knew we were coming from Connie's association and gave us a particularly blessed bread. Sunday afternoon we visited Irina K, who had a very old mother and a sick son. She served tea with some cakes and fruits. We showed Father Pavel the special bread, and he cut it up the way it should be done. The kitchen was very small, but of course there should be room for shelves with icons. The words on the blessed bread announces in Greek: Jesus Christ has triumphed.



## About the sad and tragic military intervention in Ukraine

Human Care Russia is an apolitical and peace-loving organization. Any kind of war hurts us. But that does not stop us from helping people who need help. The needy in the Moscow congregation will need more help if the tragic intervention leads to sanctions that harm the poor more than the rich. So we keep helping. But we are very sad for what happened.

We are preparing bazaars, new lectures as well as an exhibition about HumanCare Russia's work, where we also include our experiences from our recent visit to the congregation in Moscow.

### HumanCare Russia's Bazaar



We wish you a beautiful and blessed spring

<https://humancarerussia.dk/english.html>