

## VšĮ Tarptautinis pilietinių iniciatyvų centras "Mūsų namai"

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Dear Katrin, Jurgita and all our friends from IGFM!

On behalf of the Belarusian diaspora in Lithuania, Belarusian refugees and relocants, and on behalf of our human rights organization "Our House" I would like to express our deepest gratitude for the humanitarian aid that we received on October 17, 2021.

Special thanks for the two washing machines, that will be used to wash the refugees' things, and also for the houseware, warm blankets and clothes. Such objects are especially important right now, because winter is coming, and many people are without warm clothes; first of all, those, who had to flee the country in summer. Warm clothes for children are of particular importance.

Two weeks ago, in Vilnius, a baby was born in a family of Belarusian refugees, therefore diapers, baby cloths and other baby things were essential and very timely.

Now a lot of families run here from Belarus, including families with elderly parents, so medical appliances they you have sent are just what the doctor ordered 😊.

Right now, we are sorting all the clothes and give them to those in need. Also, the Bealrusian diaspora from Poland and Latvia have asked us for help, as well as people from inside Belarus. Therefore, everything that will not be given to people in Lithuania, will go in small freights to Belarus, Poland or Latvia, where the refugee support system is much weaker, and people also are in a desperate need of warm clothes and other things.

Of course, our top priority are the families of political prisoners and political prisoners in jails. We are going to send warm clothes to them, so that people don't have to spend their money on winter clothes for their loved ones, as usually families of political prisoners are short of financial means: their breadwinner might be in jail, or fired for the civic stance, they have to bear huge expenses on lawyers and parcels to prisons. Such families are in a desperate need for help and support.

Toys and books were used to create a space for children of refugees (you can see it on the photos that we have taken). Children can come here, play, read books and socialize.

Finally, we are planning to give 6 chairs to homeless animal shelter, where our Belarusian refugees are volunteering. They have asked us for chairs many times: they have nothing to sit on there. Also, we will give about 10 towels to the animal shelter.

Once again let us express our deepest gratitude for everything you do, for your precious assistance, that you offer Belarusians that are in a difficult crisis situation, that have suffered from repression for their civic and political stance. Such help and support will definitely play its role in our struggle and hasten our victory.

Thank you very much!

Kind regards,  
Olga Karatch  
director

