

ACT – Guru Purnima Celebration 2022

On the occasion of Guru Purnima, **ACT Ecuador** delivered 570 kg of fruits for 1.600 rescued wild animals at Amaru Biopark. This park on a yearly basis gives vet services to over 400 animals that suffered illegal trafficking, were abused by humans, or were kept as pets. And some of them are no longer able to make it on their own in the wild. The park usually sustains itself from the entrance tickets, but due to a 3 week national strike in Ecuador they were struggling with providing food to their animals, and were very grateful for the received food. This activity was funded with the donations received from the Foundation ACT USA.



On July 13, 2022 **ACT MACEDONIA** distributed 40 fresh vegan meals to the homeless people from Skopje, Macedonia in front of the Mother Theresa Monument. We dedicated this event in infinite gratitude to the founder of ACT Foundation, Mohanji. Happy Guru Purnima!





On the occasion of Guru Purnima 2022, **ACT Foundation Bosnia and Herzegovina** volunteers donated 146 kg of food in Bijeljina, Prijedor and Sarajevo town.

In Bijeljina, they visited and made happy a grandmother who lives with two grandchildren, and an older granddaughter who has developmental difficulties. In Prijedor, 80 kilograms of food was donated to the soup kitchen in Ljubija, which currently has 40 users, and 70 potential users of the kitchen's services, which at the moment does not have enough staff and food to support them. In Sarajevo, volunteers visited a family of four with no income.



ACT Canada donated 136.6 kgs of nonperishable food and 12 lit of water, a pack of masks, and straws, on Guru Purnima to Shepherd's Cupboard Foodbank in Shelburne, Ontario. Also, 54 kg of Bird Feed was donated to Mohanji Datta Tapovan Ashram on this occasion.



In **Serbia**, volunteers of the Association “Mohanji Serbia” and “ACT” volunteers jointly organized a visit to the Center for the Homeless in Novi Sad and delivered a donation of 109 vegan meals and sweets. Then they visited a private shelter where one man takes care for about 100 abandoned dogs and cats in Srbobran and donated 250 kg of food for dogs and cats.

Volunteers from Belgrade visited the socially disadvantaged Pavlović family, where the mother of two children is fighting cancer. About 27 kg of food was donated, and in Pančevo they visited the Pendić family of seven and donated about 40 kg of food.

In Zrenjanin, volunteers visited ACT close friends, the "Green Paws" association, and donated 55 kg of food for dear little dogs. The shelter cares for more than 100 dogs, so any kind of help is welcome, and then volunteers distributed a donation of 65 kg of peaches for the needy people who come to get one cooked meal for themselves and their families in the Red Cross, which has 262 beneficiaries, including many children and old people for whom the obtained fruit will mean a lot.

Total 140 kg of vegan food donated.

Total 305kg of food for animals donated.

Total 109 vegan meals served.





Celebration of Guru Purnima in **Croatia**

Pula visit of the homeless, socializing and donation 34 kg fruit

Grgin konak Association for the protection of animals, fellowship and donation 39 kg food

Split cooking a vegan meal for the homeless 40 meals

Feeling grateful to Mohanja, spreading unity and unconditional love.





ACT Brazil

The food seva supported by the ACT USA and organized by the BUVA vegan collective prepared 200 nutritious vegan meals (almost all organic ingredients) served in biodegradable boxes with wooden spoons. The meal consisted of rice with stewed cabbage, tomato and spices, cooked green lentils with sweet potatoes and pumpkin with lime juice to increase the iron absorption. The fragrance of the meal was wonderful and it took no more than 30 min to distribute all to the homeless people living in the streets of the Florianopolis city center. It was a very peaceful and joyous gathering filled with gratitude and humbleness of people receiving food. The same feeling was shared by volunteers serving the food, some of that participating for the first time, including me. I could not help but feel that everything was infused by Mohanji's presence and love.









COLETIVO BUVA ATIVISMO VEGANO POPULAR

O Coletivo Buva é um movimento social alinhado à União Vegana de Ativismo (UVA), com quem formamos uma rede de luta em defesa da libertação animal e humana. Pautamos o veganismo como posicionamento de prática ética-política.

Por que BUVA?



Buva é uma planta resistente, que incomoda o agronegócio (invade plantações) e rompe com a lógica do mercado, se encaixando perfeitamente nos princípios do coletivo Buva e servindo de inspiração para nossas ações e reflexões.

OBJETIVO

Construir uma sociedade antiespecista sendo um coletivo de referência estadual no veganismo interseccional, popular, antiespecista que atue a partir da materialidade concreta das comunidades da nossa região.



VALORES

- Antiespecismo
- Anticapitalismo
- Antirracismo
- Interseção das lutas anti-opressão
- Soberania alimentar antiespecista
- Libertação animal e libertação humana
- Horizontal e transparente
- Laicismo
- Apoio à populações vulneráveis

PELO FIM DA OPRESSÃO ANIMAL E HUMANA



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ACT USA

On the occasion of the very auspicious and divine festival of Guru Purnima, our ACT team volunteers took the opportunity to serve and spread Mohanji's message of ahimsa and

compassion for all. In his words "Food is Love. Food is just an expression. Love is the real nutrition." Collectively by the grace of our loving Guru, our volunteers humbly served by doing various food donations to the homeless and needy people, donating food for animal shelters and by carrying out fruit tree plantation.

Here is a summary of our donations with more details below :

Total Food donated in kgs: **66.2kgs**

Total Food donated for Animals in kgs: **315.5kgs**

Total Meals served: **95**

Cold Drinks: **19.3kgs**

FTPD: **11 Fruit Trees**

4 Pomegranate

2 Peaches

2 Fig Trees

1 Plum

1 Pear

1 Shade Tree

Other Donations:

5 bags of towels and blankets.

15 hours of service caring for animals



The northern CT team along with members from Long Island, NY served the animals and birds at Freedom Farm Animal Sanctuary, Middlebury CT. Over 540 lbs of food was donated which included 300 lbs of dry food such as corn and sweet feed and over 240 lbs. of vegetables and fruits such as watermelons, carrots, bananas, apples, lettuce, celery, and squash was donated. It is important to note that these abandoned or rescued animals and come from slaughter houses, live animal auctions, petting zoos and animal control centers. The family that runs the shelter provide medical help and a clean, loving forever home.

Yet another volunteer from Connecticut, donated sports drinks of about 11.282 Liters and water for maintenance workers, landscapers, Amazon, UPS truck drivers, delivery men, mailman, garbage, and recycling workers.

Our volunteer from Chattanooga, TN, donated 80 meals which included banana bread and strawberry cake. 20.4kgs of fresh fruits and vegetables was also donated to various homeless shelters by her. In addition to this, she also dedicated 15 hours of her time to care for homeless animals and donated 5 bags of towels and blankets for these animals. Our California volunteers donated 65kgs of food to a food bank and 50 meals including veggie pasta, garlic bread, salad, and cookies were served at the Family Supportive Housing shelter for single and both parent homeless families. In honor of Mohanji, our beloved Guru, one of our volunteers in North Carolina planted 11 fruit trees in her own backyard. These various acts of donation carried out by our volunteers are wonderful examples of the Guru's grace and kindness.



The Guru always acts as a beacon of light without whose help we cannot navigate the turbulent seas of life. Mohanji has time and again made us feel his presence in various ways inscrutable to us. Here is a testimonial of one of our volunteers Shambho, who has expressed his love and gratitude to Mohanji. In his own words, he says,

“Mohanji came to me on Guru Purnima 2020 through Lord Shiva and the Guru's grace when I was praying to Lord Shiva on one hot July morning. At that time, we were coming out of severe covid times, anxiety and stress from online work, lockdowns, isolations, and finally it was summer, so things seemed a little more hopeful, but there was still so much stress and confusion in the world. I really did not know anything much about Mohanji at that time. Sometime back then, I had watched a video on You tube about Mohanji & Sai Baba, as I was flipping thru Sai Baba bhajans, the summer prior in 2019, after a trip to India, but I guess I wasn't ready or maybe not spiritually matured then. Also, in India I had been right in Bangalore and Mysore but knew nothing about Mohanji. If I had I would have been knocking on His door asking for Darshan & Blessings.

On that day in July 2020, as I carried out my prayers, I did not even realize it was Guru purnima until I looked at my calendar after Mohanji's miraculous darshan. This made our meeting more auspicious and precious to me. Mohanji was not even in my vocabulary at that time. As I uttered my prayer, His name within a microsecond flashed inside my head like a lightning bolt. With the speed of light, letters of His Holy name flashed across my mind's movie screen

saying “MOHANJI “,as I begged Shiva & my deceased husband John for something to fill me up, to fill the emptiness I had been experiencing.

I needed relief and Mohanji came to my rescue. Wherever He was, He answered my desperate call, unconditionally, in a blink of an eye. I think after that lightning flash experience, I looked up Mohanji on the internet on my phone and called and left a message for Bhavani. That whole day I felt in separation. I didn't know any mantra of Mohanji's, so I made up my own mantra like Om Sri Mohanji Namaha as I walked outside to try and get grounded or in my Temple. Bhavani & Vidya I were the bridge to welcome me & bring me into the Mohanji Family. They both were so warm, kind, and compassionate to me. I was a lost orphan. They are gifted and amazing Acharyas who taught me more about Mohanji and His teachings and practices. I then began the 21 days of Gratitude Program, which was beautiful and healing. Later that fall I Met Vidya R. who lit the passion & fire of food Seva for me, which I am forever grateful to. It's a miraculous & healing phenomena to serve others. I've been doing that karma yoga for the last 2 years. Today's (Guru Purnima 2022) Satsang was so powerful & Inspiring to me. I felt full in heart and soul today doing my karma yoga, which the complete opposite from the depressed state I was in in 2020.

My Seva today to honor Mohanji was to finally put the completed **ACT for Hunger** Food Donation Box at my Local Health Food Grocery Store with help with on Graphics from my Local UPS Store. I included flyers to include with the donation box to educate customers who contribute food to Act 4 Hunger about all the Fantastic Humanitarian Work & Compassion Mohanji and His Devotees perform in the world. Later I put signs up at my condos's community center buildings on bulletin boards and put about 30 flyers in mailboxes on my street asking for Vegan non-perishable donations to be dropped off at my house once a month on a Saturday for the local Food Pantry we work with. I will put a table with a storage bin in my driveway for collections.

Our tradition is that of Abundance. May Mohanji bless this local outreach to collect and increase the food we donate monthly. The words “Bloom where you are Planted.” kept running through my mind tonight. Jai Mohanji”.



