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Annual REPORT 2022

Dear Friends & SUPPORTERS of WIENER TAFEL,

once again we are looking back at an eventful year reminding us that nothing in life is a given. On February 24th, 2022, a cruel war broke out shaking the foundations of our Western democracies. Thanks to your help, we were able to deliver two truck-loads of food and sanitary products to Ukraine and, at the same time, provide for refugees to Austria in cooperation with *Train of Hope* and other housing providers.

The second half of 2022 saw a spike in the demand placed upon our distribution network caused by the increase in prices of food in particular. The number of people affected by poverty we provide for together with almost 100 social institutions rose by 40 percent. At the same time, donations of goods decreased drastically, particularly those from retail companies. With all our commitment, and making a substantial additional effort, we were able to tap into other



ALEXANDRA GRUBER
General Manager Wiener Tafel



HERBERT HERDLICKA
Chairman Wiener Tafel

sources, mainly in the agricultural sector. It is a difficult endeavor that takes us to our limits on an almost daily basis. Still, we are confident that, with your support, we will be able to make it through the year 2023 providing even more food aid for people affected by poverty.

Thank you for supporting us in so many different ways, even in challenging times like these!

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About our WORK

Together, we fight poverty and waste: Thanks to the goods, money and time donated to us, we are able to supply around 100 social institutions with food and sanitary products.

We asked ourselves:

How is our aid being received?
98% of social institutions are (very) satisfied with the quality of Wiener Tafel's goods donations.

This is what **OUR WORK** means to our *clients* ...*



*93 social institutions took part in our Q1/2023 survey. Quotes are unprompted responses; survey data anonymized for analysis.



Sharing, not wasting

Wiener Tafel's mission has not changed since its foundation in 1999: We salvage edible food from being discarded and distribute it at no cost to social institutions where it is needed – now more than ever. Around 1.5 million people in Austria are at risk of poverty or marginalization. 482,000 people, that is 6.6 percent of the Austrian population, are affected by medium to severe food insecurity.

Our association started out small and has grown into a professional non-profit organization with around 25 employees, logistics, cooling and storage spaces over the course of 23 years. All of that has been possible thanks to the support from a large number of donors of money

and goods. Even so, voluntary work is still the foundation that Wiener Tafel depends on: Around 250 *knight of the table* make sure that up to four tons of food a day are salvaged, sorted and delivered to social institutions at no cost. That way, we also contribute to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Austria, particularly Goal 1 (*No poverty*), Goal 2 (*Zero hunger*) and Goal 12 (*Responsible consumption and production*).

Aside from social transfer (from abundance to need), our secondary mission is to create awareness of poverty, hunger and food waste. We direct attention to these topics through programs like our Sensory Lab for children and young adults, or our



Get to know
our **TEAM**



Is It Still Good? campaign explaining the implications of the MHD (date of minimum durability). After all, as Alexandra Gruber, Wiener Tafel's general manager explains it, „Over 1.3 billion tons of edible food are thrown away every year. Using less than a quarter of that amount, the 690 million people suffering from hunger in the world could be adequately supplied. We need to act together against that unacceptable waste of resources.“



Facts & figures

233
food donors

diligently supported our mission of *Sharing, Not Wasting* over the past year.

96 social institutions

received donations of goods from us in 2022. They provide professional structures to lift recipients up from poverty.

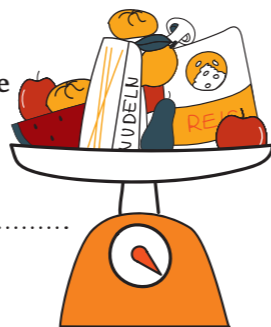


896,533 Kg

was the amount of perfectly edible food salvaged by Wiener Tafel in 2022, kept from being destroyed and distributed to people in need.

28,000
PEOPLE

were provided by Wiener Tafel with food and sanitary products at no cost.



253

volunteers

donated a total of **15,801 hours** of their time to Wiener Tafel in 2022 in an effort to save food from being wasted and facilitating the transfer from abundance to need.

SOURCES OF FUNDS 2022

[Amounts in Euros]

I. Donations	1,917,642.39
a. non-restricted	1,846,902.39
b. restricted	70,740.00
II. Membership fees	3,250.00
III. Operational revenue	30,816.74
a. from public funds	0.00
b. from other sources	30,816.74
IV. Public subsidies and grants	166,888.43
V. Other revenue	91,228.38
a. fund management	104.38
b. from other sources *	91,124.00
VI. Dissolution of liability accounts **	0.00
VII. Release of reserve funds	0.00
VIII. Annual loss	0.00
Sum of sources of funds	2,209,825.94

* unless covered under I.-IV.

** for as yet unused restricted donations/subsidies

USE OF FUNDS 2022

[Amounts in Euros]

I. Services for statutory purposes.	1,594,990.34
II. Fundraising.	263,449.27
III. Administrative expenses	305,036.77
IV. Other expenses not covered by I.-III.	0.00
V. Entries to liability accounts **.	0.00
VI. Entries to reserve funds	46,349.56
VII. Annual surplus	0.00
Sum of use of funds	2,209,825.94

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What we do: Selected Highlights



Together for Ukraine

The Russian war of aggression against Ukraine began on February 24th, 2022, shocking all of us and marking a fateful day for countless people. With your help, we were able to support them quickly and efficiently: 70 pallets of urgently needed food, water, baby and sanitary products, as well as 70,000 Euros taken out of the emergency aid fund were collected and distributed directly to Ukraine through our partnered food banks, and used here in Austria to help incoming refugees. Thanks to our associates *MyPlace – Selfstorage* and *Train of Hope* – and to you all!

Is This Still Good?

In an effort to take an even more dedicated stand against food waste, we launched an advisory board consisting of representatives from the areas of commerce, retail, industry and public welfare. In collaboration with that board, the *Is This Still Good?* campaign was launched in the summer of 2022 taking action against misconceptions about the *MHD* (date of minimum durability). Billboards, advertisements and social media activities pointed out common mistakes and other misunderstandings.

Learn more at:

wienertafel.at/ist-das-noch-gut



50 Years of Vienna's Wholesale Market

Großmarkt Wien is Austria's most important wholesale food market and also where Wiener Tafel's offices are located. About 400,000 tons of goods are traded here every year. Großmarkt Wien Betriebs GmbH proactively calls on its tenants to donate goods to Wiener Tafel. For a grand celebration of the market's 50th anniversary, many famous guests came to visit the market grounds – including Wiener Tafel's premises. Among them were Federal President Alexander Van der Bellen, mayor of Vienna Michael Ludwig, Vienna Economic Chamber president Walter Ruck and Wien Holding general manager Oliver Stribl.

World Savings Day with a Sense

Since 2018, we have been supplying Erste Bank with our popular product line *with a Sense*. In 2022, we continued our cooperation for the fourth time: Our professional chef turned 13 tons of salvaged organic sour cherries into the first produced batch of *Syrup with a Sense* (and with an organic certification). Thus, Erste Bank was able to provide a world savings day gift for their customers supporting both food rescue and poverty reduction.



15 Years of Soup with a Sense

For our annual winter donation drive *Soup with a Sense*, many restaurants dedicate a soup on their menu to a good cause. Of each bowl served, one Euro is donated to the Austrian food banks. Since 2007, more than 500,000 bowls of *Soup with a Sense* have been served this way. Wiener Tafel, the creator of the program, celebrated the campaign's anniversary at TIAN Bistro, whose manager Paul Ivic is one of the many supporters of *Soup with a Sense*. We would like to extend our thanks once again to all who have worked with us on this project over the past 15 years, and who have helped to make it so successful.

Find out more at:

suppemitsinn.at

Support from Radio FM4 with Licht ins Dunkel

At the beginning of December, Radio FM4 conducted a donation drive through the *Licht ins Dunkel* campaign benefitting Wiener Tafel, Pannonische Tafel and Flachgauer Tafel. Overall, 50,000 Euros were collected for these food banks, providing invaluable support in times of sharply rising demand and declining donations of goods. The funds were used to make urgently needed investments. FM4 also reported extensively on food poverty in Austria.

[in progress]

Facilitating Food Rescue

Most of the food waste in private households happens due to bad sanitary conditions and improper storage. Wiener Tafel wants to foster knowledge, create awareness and improve health by developing hygienic standards providing practical pointers and guidelines. At the same time, we are pushing for legal and political change to make the transfer of food simpler and more cost-efficient than throwing it away.



[in progress]

Knowledge Goes Around

In partnership with the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU) we are currently developing a traveling exhibition focusing on the topic of food waste. Why do we throw so much good food away? Who is the biggest producer of food waste? How does it affect our planet and what can we all do about it? The exhibition will provide answers to these and more questions in an easy-to-understand format with opportunities to participate hands-on, and will mainly be set up in schools.

What YOU Can Do

There are many ways for you to support Wiener Tafel. Whether you would like to donate money, goods, or your time – everyone can make a difference. These are some of the ways you can help:

- **Volunteer work:** Join us in the acquisition of goods, sorting, delivery, or attend events; without your participation, our work would not be possible.
- **Donate:** In order to support people affected by poverty, we are more dependent than ever on donations of money and goods.
- **Food Saving Box:** A toolkit full of pointers, recipes, jam etc. as a gift or to become a food rescuer yourself.

- **Food Collection Days:** Donate durable foodstuffs and sanitary products in supermarkets or online!
- **#WIRSINDTAFEL** Sharing is Caring. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram or LinkedIn and like, share and comment on our posts!

Learn more at:
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Environmental and social sustainability are among Wiener Tafel's most important values. We want to focus even more strongly on sustainability – which is why this annual report is printed on paper made from recycled corn. We hope that you like it!

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