

Cross-Border Friendship Continues with Relief for a Croatian Town from the Italian Scientology Community

Continuing the Croatia earthquake relief initiative, Scientology Volunteer Ministers bring supplies to help the town of Glina rebuild.

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, UNITED STATES, March 10, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- With hundreds of homes destroyed by the December 29 earthquake, volunteers from the Church of Scientology Padova returned to Croatia to help the region recover.

On their last trip in early February, when they helped reopen a local school that was destroyed by the temblor, they surveyed those affected by the disaster for what they need to rebuild. The Scientology community in Torino, Milano and Pordenone helped raise the donations and Padova Volunteer Ministers and another team from Rome took part in the latest relief effort.

Their bright yellow Volunteer Ministers vans were joined by the white van of Grantorto, a town near the Church of Scientology Padova, whose mayor decided to take part in their venture after they briefed him on the



Volunteer Ministers unload a refrigerator brought from Italy to help a Croatian family get their lives back to normal after the 29 December 2020 earthquake.



Bringing the refrigerator to its new home

destruction caused by the earthquake and the hardship it caused the people of the town of Glina.

The vans were loaded with refrigerators and other kitchen appliances and needed supplies.

On return to Padova, Volunteer
Minister Ettore Botter, who oversees
the humanitarian campaigns of the
Church of Scientology of Padova and
has participated in each of the
Scientologists' Croatia interventions,
organized a webinar called "To Help
Croatia and Beyond," to drum up
additional support to help the people
of Glina recover from this hardship.

The Church of Scientology <u>Volunteer</u> <u>Ministers program</u> is a religious social service created in the mid-1970s by Scientology Founder L. Ron Hubbard. It constitutes one of the world's largest independent relief forces.

With the events of the 9/11 terrorist attacks in New York City, Scientology ecclesiastical leader Mr. <u>David</u>
<u>Miscavige</u> called on Scientologists to redouble their efforts to aid their fellow man. He issued a directive entitled "The Wake-Up Call," which inspired astonishing growth within the Volunteer Minister program.



Two Volunteer Ministers point out some of the earthquake's destruction to the mayor of Grantorto (center) who joined them on this relief mission.



The arrival of the white van of Grantorto and the bright yellow vans of the Scientology Volunteer Ministers, loaded with equipment and supplies, was covered by local TV.

The following year, Volunteer Ministers of Italy formed Pro.Civi.Co.S, which was entered into the registry of the National Department of Civil Defense.

Scientology Volunteer Ministers of Pro.Civi.Co.S responded to Italy's L'Aquila and Amitrice earthquakes, the Haiti earthquake in 2010 and the South Asia tsunami in Indonesia in 2005.

A Volunteer Minister's mandate is to be "a person who helps his fellow man on a volunteer basis by restoring purpose, truth and spiritual values to the lives of others." Their creed: "A Volunteer Minister does not shut his eyes to the pain, evil and injustice of existence. Rather, he is trained to

handle these things and help others achieve relief from them and new personal strength as well."

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Volunteer Minister Ettore Botter in Glina, Croatia, where he continues to bring needed supplies to help the town recover and rebuild.

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