

# Your home - my refuge



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Dear readers,

With great pleasure, gratitude and satisfaction are we looking back to our official opening of our project in Nahariya last Friday (2-28-2025).

We invited small starting business owners to come and join us to celebrate and commercialize our nonprofit project and their own.



We had several stands just outside of our building like Dutch stroopwafels, Dutch little pancakes, workshops on how to make musical instruments from recycled materials, making and selling jewelry, paper toys, Belgic pastry and art items, books and more.

We showed people around, had personal conversations and handed out our cards to people with trauma and other challenges. Many people offered to donate household items, clothes, toys and books and people registered as new volunteers. It was a day full of sunshine, joy and blessings, also financially. Many of the invited guests came but also people who were just passing by and people who read about the opening on social media.

A full week passed since the opening and it was a great week. Different people walked in and asked for help, donations of items started to come in and the first volunteers helped in the second hand & art shop. Even 2 volunteers from the Netherlands came to support and help. The shop on the first floor is attracting more and more attention and it gives us many opportunities to talk to people. The talk and treatment rooms on the first floor are decorated in a homely atmosphere so everyone can feel at home. The feedback we receive is that people feel safe and calm in our building.

One of our dogs, a young Belgic shepherd called Tico, is walking freely in the whole building every day. He is a very calm and sensitive dog and connects with people in a very friendly and comforting way. He is our "therapy" dog.

We attached a few pictures of our opening day.

★ The cease fire is still ongoing although not completely. We know that it is relative and temporary but it gives us more space and time to move freely and build our center and network.

★ Last week we received the good news that the ANBI status was given to our nonprofit, with retroactive effect to 1-1-2025.

★ We are feel blessed by your prayers and financial support and are witnessing every day what the effects are. Thank you and may God bless you!

