Volunteer Highlights: Europe, Middle East, and Africa

Budapest, Hungary

The Budapest office joined the used/unwanted mobile phone collection campaign of the Jane Goodall Institute, “Pass Back Bro.” These collections help protect the environment by reducing e-waste and our ecological footprint. Mobile phones contain minerals such as gold, cobalt, tungsten, tin, and coltan. Mining for these minerals in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (EDRC) drives illegal bushmeat hunting, destroys crucial chimpanzee and gorilla habitats, and has been the cause of human conflict. Recycling old and unwanted devices can both reduce the need for new minerals to be mined and help raise funds to support the Jane Goodall Institute’s work to protect endangered chimpanzees and gorillas in EDRC.

Employees participated in the annual AmCham Foundation Corporate Volunteer’s Day, a jubilee tree-planting. Three venues were chosen for the event: Aprónép Alapítvány János Kórház Gyermekosztály, Hűvösvölgyi Gyermekotthon and Burattino Gyermekotthon.

The Adopt a Kindergarten (Örökbe fogadok egy ovit!) movement was initiated in 2019 by a mom of two, to help kindergartens in the country find sponsors. These institutions are located mainly in small towns where unemployment is high and the majority of kids are disadvantaged. The Budapest office decided to join this initiative and adopt a kindergarten in Pári (Tolna County). Money raised from the December Cookie Fair went to support this adopted school.

Geneva, Switzerland

In 2019, Lexmark Geneva offices renewed their partnership with Caritas, a NGO engaged in humanitarian assistance, integral human development, social services, and advocacy. Thanks to the generosity of Lexmark employees, more than 400 kg of clothing have been collected and redistributed to the beneficiaries of the “Social Locker Room.”
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**Orléans, France**

In 2019, Lexmark France participated in the BlueBiz CO2ZERO program. Through this program, companies can cash in blue credits earned from employee travel with Air France, KLM or Delta Air Lines to neutralize CO2 emissions of their flights. Lexmark’s contribution helped invest in planting new trees, maintaining existing forests and supporting local communities in Panama through the reforestation project CO2OL Tropical Mix offsetting 90.1 metric tons of CO2.

**Milan, Italy**

Lexmark Italy sponsored the Lexmark “Circular Economy” Award as part of the Sustainable Cities Cresco Award program in 2019. Launched by Sodalitas Foundation in collaboration with ANCI-National Association of Italian Municipalities, the Cresco Award program aims to enhance sustainable innovation in Italian municipalities and reward the most effective initiatives.

Lexmark, always committed to a sustainable business model based on the principles of resource efficiency, presents this award to the municipality that has distinguished itself for having developed and implemented projects for the benefit of a circular economy in their territory, promoting reuse and recycling and creating a zero-waste value chain. The 2019 “Circular Economy” Award was presented to the Municipality of Rovereto for the project “InnoWEEE Trentino.”