

Akelius donates SEK 300 million to Doctors Without Borders

Property billionaire Roger Akelius donates another 300 million kroner, in addition to the annual Christmas campaign, to Doctors Without Borders.

He hopes the money will help the wounded in the wars in Ukraine and Gaza.

"Now it's Christmas and then you have to be extra kind," says the philanthropist to Di.

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Roger Akelius does it again - donates multi-million sums to those in need around the world.

"Tens of thousands of children and adults are brutally murdered in Ukraine and Gaza. You have seen pictures of dead people. The number of seriously injured is three times as many, at least, and they need doctors," he reasons.

According to the real estate tycoon, Doctors Without Borders is one of the most effective aid organizations in the world:

“They have low wages, low travel costs and no strange overheads. SEK 300 million is little compared to the need, but better than nothing.”

Why exactly SEK 300 million?

"The amount needs to be large enough to be able to make a difference and at the same time no larger than it is manageable for the aid organization."

The gift is completely separate from the ongoing Christmas campaign and is supposed to be transferred this Thursday.

"Doctors without borders can decide for themselves how the money is to be used. It would only disturb if I brought my aspects", adds Roger Akelius.

“I was poor when I was 20 years old. Since then I have earned some money and am raised to help others. There is nothing more sensible than being kind. I think most people want to help their fellow man. There are very few people who are hyper-egoistic.”

The annual Akelius campaign , in which the Akelius Foundation doubles other people's contributions, runs until December and is now entering its last trembling run.

"I am not up to date on the krone, but as far as I understand, this year's result will be around SEK 300 million, which the Akelius Foundation will therefore double."

This year the money goes to Unicef Sweden, SOS Children's Villages and Sweden for UNHCR, the UN's educational agency for refugee children. The settlement is expected to be completed in mid-January.

New for this year is that everyone who donates at least SEK 1,000 to these aid organizations during December will receive an art book, produced by the Akelius Foundation.

The book consists of 400 famous works of art by 50 artists and is used by students in refugee camps to learn English.

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