

Generous Hibs' fans raise over £1000 to help refugees



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The idea came about from a thread on fans' forum hibs.net and within a few days, dozens of individual supporters contributed.

In addition, as a show of solidarity, a green coloured banner measuring 7 meters by 1.5 meters reading 'Refugees Welcome' was displayed from the rear of the East Stand during Saturday's game against Alloa Athletic.

The banner has since been taken to the 'Edinburgh Sees Syria' vigil outside the Scottish Parliament and has been given to the group so that it can be used over and over again.

The money raised has been divided between the charities 'Edinburgh Direct Aid' and 'Mercy Corps'

A spokesman for the organisers thanked everyone who contributed and also St Patrick's Hibernian supporters Club for their donation as well as taking the lead in getting the banner into position ahead of the game which was attended by 7774 supporters.

'Edinburgh Direct Aid' delivers aid to people in desperate need in far away places. It is an all-volunteer charity: no-one is paid except local staff in destination countries. does not use expensive advertising or percentage fund-raisers and delivers aid and a hand of friendship, in person.

Mercy Corps helps people in the world's toughest places turn the crises of natural disaster, poverty and conflict into opportunities for progress. Driven by local needs, their

programmes provide communities with the tools and support they need to transform their own lives.