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### Huge donation of aid to Iraq

**Inside Out Trust project teams in prisons around the country have contributed to a major consignment of aid to Iraq.**

Volunteers from the Bradford-based Human Relief Foundation teamed up with Inside Out Trust at our Bradford store to load four 40ft containers with bikes, wheelchairs, sewing machines and other goods destined for Basra. Demand is so high in Iraq that two further containers are set to follow.

So far, 350 bikes, 20 wheelchairs, a large quantity of sewing machines, bike buggies and artificial limbs, all repaired and upgraded in Inside Out Trust workshops, have been delivered. The shipment went by road to Southampton, then by sea to Jordan and made the final part of its journey over land.

Yorkshire and North West Regional Co-ordinator, David Brown said "We must have donated thousands of pounds' worth of goods in just these four containers, but you can't place a big enough value on the sense of pride it gives to the prison teams that have helped".

Human Relief Foundation's Yousef Razaq said he will be making sure he visits prisoners in 2005 to tell them how their hard work has made a difference and how their donation of time and effort has been put to good use. "It's the first time we have sent bikes out but we know there is a need for them" he added. They will be given to children as Eid presents as well as to professionals like doctors and nurses who need to get around quickly when no other transport is available. In addition to the bikes, sewing machines will be used to provide training for women who want to get into the job market, computers will go into schools and colleges and the artificial limbs will be given to hospitals that are desperate for them.

Such was the success of this first Inside Out Trust shipment to Iraq, a further two containers will be on their way

