

NURDOR

National Association of Parents of Children with Cancer

SERBIA TELECOM'S DONATION TO PEDIATRIC HEMATOONCOLOGICAL WARD



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Serbia Telecom's substantial donation resulted in today's opening of a new and equipped hematology and oncology ward for children at *Internal Clinic for childhood diseases of Clinic Center* in Niš. In this way the basic conditions for curing children with cancer were improved. Over one million dinars worth donation is used to provide new medical equipment and to reconstruct children's hemo an oncology ward. Among the donated equipment there are precise devices for receiving therapy which enables better and easier everyday dealing with the youngest patients. New infusion pumps were also provided, as well as central oxygen input and pulse oximeters. The toilets and the kitchen were also adapted.

It is very important that our friends from *Telecom* understood our goals to improve the quality of treating children at hematology and oncology wards throughout Serbia. Our aim, which is also a realistic and great need, is to level and balance treating conditions at all wards. A great step in this direction was made due to Telecom's donation, says mr. Todor Mancic, the head of *National Association of Parents of Children with Cancer*. During the visit to *Internal Children's Clinic*, Milica Markovic, the director of PR Sector in *Serbia Telecom*, surprised the children with gifts. Vladimir Lučić, the director of *Telecom's* Commercial sector, also attended and announced further plans of supporting *Clinical Center* in Niš- 'Besides this donation that is already realised, we are planning to set free wireless internet connection and provide the children patients with lap tops; thus they can communicate with their friends and hospital days will be easier and shorter- says mr. Lučić.

Important Information :

- Every day a child is diagnosed with cancer in Serbia ;
- Every week one child dies from cancer in Serbia ;
- Over 400 children are cured annually from cancer in Serbia ;
- Luckily, the percent cured is high, with 60% successfully cured;
- The most common malignant illness in children is acute leukemia, where the percent cured is the highest and therapy lasts 105 weeks.



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ICCCPO CONFERENCE IN BONN

From May the 20th to 22nd, a second conference of European members of the *International Confederation of Childhood Cancer Parent Organization* or *ICCCPO* was held in Bonn, where *Nurdor* equally participated, being a long term member as well. The conference discussed different topics including the Survivors teams, ethical aspects of clinical research, building a Dutch national pediatric oncology center, European standards of care and curing malignancy, *ICCCPO's* participating in drugs testing. Also, the *EUROPEAN NETWORK for CANCER research in CHILDREN and ADOLESCENTS* or *ENCCA* was introduced.



GRAZIA AND NURDOR TOGETHER IN ACTION IN BELGRADE AND NIŠ

Within *Grazia's shopping night*, *NURDOR* and *Grazia* organised a joint action on the 13th of May for the third time. The action was aimed at raising funds for Parent's house *Doctor's tower* which will be used for housing children with cancer from all over Serbia while being treated in Belgrade. For each donation of over 100 RSD, our ladies from Belgrade could choose one *Grazia* handbag.

During one night, with great support of our volunteers, we gave away over 900 handbags and raised 92,398 RSD.

The same action just a few days ago, on the 5th of May, was organised for the first time in Niš. The ladies from Niš also answered the invitation and walked to our stand to donate. 42,060 RSD were funded.

We are grateful to our friends from *Grazia* magazine for their constant support and help, hoping that this friendship will result in other many actions.



ANNUAL NURDOR'S ASSEMBLY

This year's regular annual Assembly of our association was held on Saturday, the 14th of May.

Following the planned daily agenda, the chairman Novka Tomić, presented the financial report as well as last year's activities report. After presenting activities plan for 2011., the chairman thanked all present members for their long term support in the association's work and activities, and also regretdedly resigned out of personal and helth resons. The Assembly continued with a discussion and voting for electing

association's new members who applied last year. The new members, 53 of them, were admitted to Nurdor. The next item on the agenda was changing and amending the current Statut. It was voted and decided to apoint a position of honorable chairman in the Board. It was also decided to form a Technical science council. The number of Board members should be variable (5 to 9) and with enabled cooptation. Furthermore, the Board will decide about new members monthly instead of the Assembly on yearly basis. A

new positon of executive director is apointed.

The poll for new members of the admistrative body followed and after the discussion, Zorica Manojlović, Žana Korolija, Suzana Antić, Nadica Dordević, Joland Korora, Ljubiša Stanić and Todor Mancić were elected.

The Assembly was also attended by our dear friend from AGOP, Francesca Tesstoni, who stated her experiences and working principles of her association.

CHILDREN'S FAIR 20th TO 22nd OF MAY



Seventh time in a row "Children fair" was held in Belgrade, at the hall number 3 of Belgrade Fair building, starting on Friday the 20th until May the 22nd. Within the manifestation, at *NURDOR's* stand there was an art workshop for all children who visited our stand. Also, funds were raised for the reconstruction of the building *Doctor's tower*, that is going to be redecorated into a parent's house for children with cancer coming from all over Serbia, together with

parents, and are being medically treated in Belgrade. Together with numerous drawings of our future parent's house, we managed to gather 23,740 RSD. Thank you!



UNIFORMS FOR MEDICAL STAFF AT EACH CHILDREN'S WARD



During last week *Nurdor* distributed to haem oncology wards' medical staff over 150 uniforms and blouses. Each devoted doctor, nurse, kindergarten teacher and cleaning ladies who look after our small patients daily will be given new and more than necessary uniforms. We also wanted our children forget the fear of white uniforms.

This *NURDOR's* donation was over 300, 000 RSD worth, but then again some things are truly priceless.



LOW AND BUSINESS SCHOOL FROM NIŠ AND NURDOR



During the manifestation of School Day, the students at Law and Business school in Niš organized a sales exhibition of their creative work for humanitarian purposes to help Children's haem oncology ward in Niš.

We thank these young people for their humanity, as well as the school's principal, professor Zvonko and his staff who all contributed.

It was really nice to see how creative these young people were!!



THE SINGIDUNUM GALERY SUPPORTS EASTER ACTION

-A SMILE LASTES LONGER WITH AN EASTER EGG-

At the *Singidunum* galery, in Knez Mihajlova 40 Street, from the 29th of April to May the 12th, Easter Eggs were at sale. These Easter eggs were decorated and painted at by the most famous Serbian painters due to Easter action organized by National Association of Parents of Children with Cancer.

In this humanitarian action called 'A smile lasts longer with an Easter egg', painters such as Slobodanka Rakić Sefer, Mića Trnavac, Biljana Prvulj,



On this occasion, the gallery Singidunum renounced his sales commission in favor of a NURDOR.

Gordana Petronijev, Mirjana Marić Krstevska, naive painters from the galery Babka from Kovačica, and many other painters, demonstrated their artistic talent and generously donated its result.

The complete income from this sale will be placed at *NURDOR's* funds for reconstructing Doctor's tower, a building which will be adapted into a Parent's house for children with cancer coming from all over Serbia but are treated in Belgrade.

A DONATION IN TECHNICAL APPLIANCES FOR HEMOONCOLOGY WARDS

National Association of Parents of Children with Cancer, upon being contacted for help, has provided five technical appliances (a refrigerator, two washing machines and two tumble dryers) that were necessary for equipping the two hemooncology wards at the *Mother and Child Institute 'Dr Vukan Cupic'*, in New Belgrade. The donation has been made possible in cooperation with *Dermatology Center Epilion* (they provided the fridge), *Komnenović Car* (a tumble dryer) and *Gorenje* which granted two washing machines and a tumble dryer. The company *Gorenje* has also provided a hemooncology ward in Nis with a washing machine and a tumble dryer.

The association *NURDOR* has enabled this donation in their regular programme of providing additional equipment for all hemooncology clinics in Serbia (Nis, Novi Sad, and Belgrade) where children with cancer are treated. These activities are aimed at improving treatment and care conditions for children with cancer throughout Serbia.

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PREPARATIONS FOR THE CAMP OF LOVE AND HOPE

Traditionally and this year also, *NURDOR* is organizing a camp for children cured of malignant diseases. The camp of love and hope will take place in *Rehabilitation Center in Ivanjica*, from the 15th to the 25th of August 2011. The Camp planned a number of various sport and recreation activities, creative and educational workshops, psychology workshops, entertaining programme and similar. The funds are already being pro-



vided, and some of our dear friends that helped are: *Lasta, Enco Book, Tropic Trade, Optimum, Pertini Toys, SAVPO, Fruvita, Univerzal, Football Club Bežanijska Kosa, Mirna Kuća* agency. The children will have a chance to ride horses with the help of daddy Steva, and to try diving and learn orientation. Besides their parents and psychologists, the children will be accompanied by *Nurdor's* volunteers and *Ivanjica Red Cross* volunteers, as well as the two dear friends and volunteers from Croatia.

NURDOR, National Association of Parents of Children with Cancer www.nurdor.org.rs is a *nonprofit*, nonpolitical, non-governmental organization whose founders are parents of healed and deceased kids, medical staff from hemato-oncological departments and volunteers who recognised the need for systematic and efficient support for parents of children with cancer. National Association started working in 2004. and it gathers parents and friends of kids from whole Serbia. Basic goal of association is supporting families of children with cancer with a goal to ensure high quality of treatment, rehabilitation and resocialization of ill and healed kids. *NURDOR* is a member of *International Confederation of Childhood Cancer Parent Organizations - ICCCP* www.icccpo.org which closely cooperate with *sa International Society of Paediatric Oncology, SIOP* www.siop.nl.

Number of **NURDOR's** bank account, on which you can donate in Unicredit bank is: **170003001071500082**

These children are small but brave, and you be big and ready to help them.

Do not forget that their life depends on the maturity of our adults.

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