

# NURDOR

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## THE FIRST PARENT'S HOUSE IN NIŠ

The first Parent's House in Niš will serve to accommodate children cured from malignant illness, accompanied by their parents, from the whole Serbian southern region. These are children who are being cured at the Hemato-Onkological Department of the Childrens Clinic in Niš. The Parents House premises have been granted to Nurdor, free of charge, for the period of ten years, by the Niš Municipality.

On 19th April, the cooperation agreement was executed by Miloš Simonović, the Mayor of Niš and Mr Todor Mančić, the President of NURDOR. The agreement stipulates support of the Municipality regarding payment of community charges and the rent during the above mentioned ten years period.



The representative of Italian AGEOP Ricerca association, with whom Nurdor has signed the twin program, has also attended this Conference.

The staff of the Clinic Department in Niš is excellent and has the advanced approach.

NURDOR has focused its assistance to Niš hoping the radio-therapy would soon be possible to introduce, pointed out Ms **Francesca Testoni** of the Bologna Association. Treatments will be humanized and we believe this is the way to trigger smiles on these children's faces. In periods free of intensive treatments, children will be in the House that is in the neighborhood of the St. Sava park - pointed out Ms **Gordana Kostić**, the Head of the Department for hematology and oncology. The premises are of 260 m2, and architects should propose how the Parents House with 4 to 6 family rooms, large living room, playroom, 3 bathrooms, kitchen, warehouse and Nurdor office — branch Niš should look like.

## WE HAVE FOUGHT FOR THE REHABILITATION RIGHT

After more than three years of various activities on resolving the issue of rehabilitation of children cured from malignant illness, including two finalized rehab camps, help of the group of pediatric hemato-oncologists to produce the list of indicative areas, the public representations, numerous meetings, letters, invitations, correspondence and media coverage, the *Rulebook on Children's Oncological Rehabilitation* was finally amended.

As of 18 May 2012, children being cured from malignant illness have officially (up to 18 years of age) the right to medical rehabilitation at the expense of the State (Official Gazette of RS no. 48/2012).

**The rehabilitation has been approved for the following diagnosis:**

From C 00 to C 97, D 42, D 43, D 45, D 46, D 47, D 61, D 75 and D 76

**Rehabilitation is performed:**

- Once after finalized oncological therapy
- In the remission phase with maintenance therapy up to 5 years after the remission achieved, at the latest
- The rehabilitation length: 15 days
- The rehab is performed in the *Special Rehabilitation hospital in Ivanjica and Institute for Rehabilitation in Beograd – Selters spa, Mladenovac*

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### Important info

- In Serbia, every day one child become sick of cancer
- In Serbia, every week one child dies of cancer
- In Serbia, more than 400 children are cured from cancer annually
- Luckily, the percentage of effected cure is high, i.e. 60% of children are successfully cured
- The most frequent children's malignant decease is an acute leukemia. The percentage of effected cure is the highest, and

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## EASTER EGGS AND CHILDREN'S SMILES



Humanitarian *Nurdor* Easter activities in Belgrade, Niš and Novi Sad have cheered up numerous passersby and children. On the occasion of Easter we have organized actions in all medical centers for the purpose of raising funds to equip the Parents House in Niš.

Our stands in Belgrade and Novi Sad were set on two locations. During the activity, people were able to get information on the work and activities of *NURDOR* and to grant donations.

The Easter humanitarian activity in Niš was organized in cooperation with the *Volunteers center* and with support of the *Art School and the Legal and Business School*. The activity was supported by the huge number of Niš citizens, and therefore we were able to accomodate our children in the warm ambience of the Niš



Parent's House.

During this activity in Belgrade, Niš and Novi Sad, the total of 226,616 dinars was raised. Many thanks to all participants who have generously helped reconstruction of the Parent's House in Niš.

## NIS IN THE EASTER ACTIVITY "LOVE HEALS"

In the premises of *NIS*, the Easter activity was organized and significantly supported by *NIS* employees, to raise funds for adaptation and equipping of the Parent's House in Niš. The House will be used by children during their treatments as well by their parents, while staying in this city. For every pecuniary donation, each *NIS employee* has received an Easter wooden egg or other small related gift, as the symbol of shown solidarity. The generous team of *NIS employees* has gathered 173,000 dinars. In their humanitarian programs and this specific activity, *NIS* wishes to spread awareness to social and corporate responsibility.



## PRIMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL WALKS FOR OUR SMALL FRIENDS

The „Walk a mile for a smile“ activity, organised by *PRIMA International School Belgrade*, at the stadium of *Military High School Boarding House* in Humska street, was supported by the vast number of its pupils and teachers, as well as the school friends and *Nurdor*.

The funds were raised by selling of *NURDOR* T-shirts (500 dinars - this was also the walk start fee) and the balloons.

All funds raised, totaling 600,000 dinars, *PRIMA International School Belgrade* has donated to *Nurdor* as the support for the Parent's House project in Niš. The activity was also supported by Momčilo Bajagić—Bajaga, our well known musician.

A big THANKS to all!





## ART-IVAL FOR UNIVERSITY CHILDREN'S CLINIC



Each year, on the occasion of the Easter festivities, the *Art-Ival* company organizes humanitarian auction of artistic chocolate eggs.

This year, the organizer (supported by *Nurdor* and the Assembly of the City of Belgrade) has directed all donations for improving quality of treatments of children under cure, i.e. for the purchase of necessary equipment for Hemato – Oncological Department of the University Childrens Clinic in Belgrade.

At the auction, the total of 80,400 dinars was raised. As the result, the Department has received and is already using the medical aspirator New Hospivac 400.

The remaining funds will also be used for the needs of the Hemato-Oncological Department in Tiršova street – for replacing of old window joinery. All 33 auctioned artistic chocolate eggs were sold. They were the product of our well known chocolate masters.



"It was our wish that chocolate eggs become the motivation for gathering of people, who would use this opportunity and at least partially restore hope for the better life to our little children and their parents—pointed out Ms Tanja Vučićević, the owner of *Art-Ival*."

## NURDOR AT THE LUXEMBOURG CONFERENCE

From 13th to 15 April, the third Conference of the European members of the *International Confederation of Childhood Cancer Parent Organizations*, ICCCP, was held in Luxembourg. Our national association - *NURDOR* took the active role. The Conference has gathered 46 representatives of the national and local associations from 16 European countries.

The Conference covered the actual topics regarding children cancer treatments and nursing of the patients. Main themes were the early diagnostics, home and combined nursing of patients, the purpose of clinic research and modern methods in this area.

The news regarding non-invasive methods of treatments, the European cure standards, as well as the news in working of the organization were also discussed.



## AS NON-LIFE INSURANCE A.D.O. BEOGRAD DONATED TO NURDOR 100,000 DINARS



*AS non-life insurance a.d.o. Beograd* has donated to *Nurdor* 100,00 dinars for the adaptation and equipping of the Parent's House in Niš, at the event of celebrating its three years anniversary. We would like to give warm thanks to Mr Sandi Pecić, general manager, who handed us over a check. We are grateful the company has recognized the need for speeding up the finalization of the Parent's House in Niš and therefore



gave us a trust and provided us additional motivation to move forward.

## NURDOR AT THE 25th BELGRADE MARATHON



Again this year, *Nurdor* has participated in Belgrade's marathon and defended the colors of our children in the „Race of Joy“. With the slogan– Together we are stronger, our team was joined by a large number of friends. *Nurdor* stand was located on the board of the Pionirski park, at the very start of the „Race of Joy“ – just across the Parliament, and those who have managed to finalize either marathon or half-marathon were greeted by us in Kolarčeva street – at the race finish.



We would like to thank all Belgrade citizens who have donated total of 27,210 dinars and therefore helped reconstruction of the Parent's House in

Niš. Special thanks we owe to our dear volunteers, participants of the „Race of Joy“, hoping their inflamed muscles were not an obstacle in their daily activities!

## MINI EDUCATION OF NURDOR VOLUNTEERS



Another successful education of volunteers has been finalized! On 9 June the mini education was held in the premises of *Nurdor*.

Interesting topics and lectures from the field of medicine and psychology were presented and experiences shared by dr Jelena Bokun and Mr Vukašin Čiobeljić, psychologist, to whom we give warm thanks!

During education, volunteers have learned about the Mission and the Vision of *Nurdor*. Also, new volunteers were introduced with knowledge and

experience of our volunteers who have already participated in the huge number of programs.

The topic „The camp of love and hope“ was presented by our Ms Mirta Torović. We have been planning and organizing this camp in Ivanjica already third year in a row.

**Dear volunteers, we are glad to meet with you. We appreciate the positive energy you share with us!**



## NURDOR AT THE CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS FAIR



The third Belgrade Civil Society Organizations Fair was held on 24th and 25th of May at the Nikola Pašić square.

This Fair is organized by the Municipality of Belgrade and the Agency for cooperation with the NGOs and European harmonization. This year the Fair



has been attended by 64 organizations of the civil society. During two days of the Fair, organizations had the opportunity to cooperate, exchange experiences and promote different forms of civil activism.



## LARA'S RACE

Again this year, *Nurdor* has participated at the 7th Memorial orienting *Lara's race*, in the memory of Lara Radovanović, a small girl who had to leave the race too early due to malignant disease.

Again this year, *SD Jasenica* has organized the race on the streets of Smederevska Palanka, Lara's hometown. After medals and diplomas were handed out, all participants were asked to join the refreshment, prepared each year by Mr Baća, the generous host. During the race and after the finish, the participants, guests and visitors had the opportunity to give contributions in the battle against the children's malignant disease. On this occasion, the donations raised totaled 11,720 dinars.

We would like to thank citizens of Smederevska Palanka not only for raising voluntary funds but also for providing their warm welcome.



## NURDOR TEAM AT THE WINNING GAMES IN MOSCOW



The unique sports event took place in Moscow, capital of Russia, in the period from 31 st May to 3rd June. It gathered children cured from cancer from 12 European countries, including children from Serbia, gathered by Nurdor.

Sports event 'World children winning games', biggest of its kind in the world, hosted during three days more than 350 children who successfully effected a cure, from 7 to 16 years of age. The Gift of Life, the Russian non-profit foundation to assist children suffering of cancer and other serious diseases, organizes this event for the third time in the row, under sponsorship of Sberbank Russia.

The children from Germany, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Israel, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Ukraine, Belorussia, Lithuania, Serbia and Russia, have competed in six sports - athletics, table tennis, indoor soccer, swimming, chess, and archery. Walking on walking aids and the race in the wheelchair were offered as separate disciplines, for children with disabilities.

Our team consisted of five children. Their preparation and travel to "Winning Games" in Moscow were sponsored by: *Naftna industrija Srbije, Sport network, Swimming Team Partizan and Nothingam d.o.o.*

*NURDOR* team in Moscow has won one gold and one bronze medal! Our "Čavić" has won a gold in Moscow. Golden Aleksandar Veljković climbed on the podium after winning the 25 meters free style swimming race. Our athlete Nevena Stanić has won the bronze medal in the 60 meters race in Moscow.

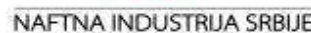
Bojana Stojanović, Milica Šimonović and Marija Cvijanović have won excellent forth places in archery and chess in their categories.



**BRAVO!**

## Many thanks to:

- Nurdor volunteers who have organized humanitarian projects in Niš, for the purpose of raising funds for the Parent's House in Niš.
- Pupils and teachers of Zemun „Kosta Cukić“ High School who have gathered a huge number of books, PS and board games for the children in the Parents House in Belgrade.
- *Students Forum AEGEE* Beograd, who have organized the cheerful gathering with our children during the Easter festivities.
- Organizers of Fruška Gora marathon and *PSD Železničar*, Novi Sad, where Nurdor had its own stand. Every purchase of the T-shirt meant one step closer to improved lives of children cured from cancer.
- Publishing company *LIBER NOVUS* that donated us 80 books from the new children books edition named *MALI GENIJALCI (Small Geniuses)*. The books were distributed to all (five) hemato-onkological departments in the country.
- Dr. Miroslav Žunjić, the president of „*Toy Lovers Club*“ who has donated toys for children in our two Parents Houses in Belgrade.
- Mirjana Arsić, who has inspired and put to action her grandchildren and their friends, pupils of „Svetozar Marković“ Elementary school, together with the school director and the teachers.



**NURDOR**, the National Association of Parents of Children with Cancer, [www.nurdor.org.rs](http://www.nurdor.org.rs), is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, nongovernmental organization founded by parents of cured or deceased children, the medical staff of oncology departments, and volunteers who recognized the need for systematic and effective support for parents of children with cancer. The National Association began its work in 2004, and it brings together parents and friends of children from all over Serbia. The main objective of the organization is to support families of children with cancer by providing high quality treatment, rehabilitation and socialization of children, infected or healed. NURDOR is a member of the International Confederation of Childhood Cancer Parent Organizations (ICCCPO), [www.icccpo.org](http://www.icccpo.org) and works closely with the International Society of Oncology Pediatrics (SIOP), [www.siop.nl](http://www.siop.nl).

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