



Grand Priory of Hungary

Sovereign Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem Knights of Malta



Charity Report 2013

1. Borsod county region

This region is very poor, high unemployment, frequent floods, large families with miserable income) Our Grand Priory has sponsored this region for the past six years. All charity actions were organised by Chev. Miklós Nádler (then Hospitaller, now Marshall), Chev. Ottó Kürtössy de Kürtös COSJ, Hospitaller

- Due to hectic activities prior to Christmas, we have postponed the 2012 year's closing till February, when for nine villages we have distributed fresh meat from the four pigs we have slaughtered. The food parcels were given to 218 elderly persons of over 70 years, living alone. At the slaughtering of the pigs we, several town clerks and mayors participated in the preparation in a cold, snowy day.
- In the Roman Catholic church of Perkupa, there was an **ecumenical mass**, with a much appreciated musical performance of our cultural ambassador, **Chev. Benkő** and a young artist, Mark Csintalan. **Our new banners received blessings** from the Roman Catholic as well as from the Calvinist priests.
- Chev Ferenc Papp de kökényesd **donated ten PCs** to the Foundation of the disadvantaged Children, valued at 4000 Euros
- On behalf of the Grand Priory chev. Ottó Kurtössy **donated kitchen furnitures** for the nursing home/kinder-karten of Nagyzóvány village valued at 1000 Euro.
- The next donation was for the single parent „**Mother and Child**” home at Bodvaszilas amounting to 500 Euros, containing **30 boxes of clothes** and 60 boxes of other items to be distributed to the villages of **Varboc, Teresztenye, Szinpetri, Szin and Perkupa**. The distribution was assisted by the Calvinist church. The program was executed by Chev. Miklós Nádler. And valued at 1000 Euro.

The programs was helped by the local mayors and the local catholic priests.

2. Fót city Food Donation

- For the past six years in the Parish of the Fót's famous church, jointly with father Sándor, we have donated to 40 large households food packages as an offer of chev. István Jakab. Our offering was reciprocated by the Church organized youngsters singing and performing biblical scenes.
- Our Grand Priory has donated three pallets full of chocolates to the „City of Orphan Children”,
- an establishment to take care of orphans, neglected and homeless children in the park of an ancient castle. Some of the donation originates from the Bisantinian Knights of the holy Sepulchre of Austria.
- We are **committed to pay „school-meals” for 50 children** from poor family backgrounds. This is a commitment for three years, or more to assist children to attend school and being fed properly

3 Katymár-Vodica Project

- In the last 4 years we have participated in the **rebuilding and renovation** of the famous pilgrimage of „Holly well” of Vodica. On the „opening Ceremony” over 500 persons attended.. The ceremony was

blessed by the local town Major and a representative of the Roman Catholic church. Our Grand Priory offered donations to:

- i. The EU sponsored „childrens Home”.
 - ii. To the realization of the „educational trail” of the elementary school
 - iii. Assisted to furnish two guests rooms for the pilgrims in association with the Order of St Lazarious
 - iv. We have assigned provisions for an outstanding student, Fanni Ács, with four brothers, mother (unemployed), but no father.. Our Grand Priory will pay for her studies, and given her a PC, a mobile phone to assist her to pursue her studies.
 - v. We have visited the school camp and donated used clothings, food, chocolates and some money for food.
- We have invited the local children to attend a matiné performance of the Budapest Operahouse (organized by the LIONS Club Klausar) all apid by us for a bus load of 42 children. During their visit to Budapest, they could visit the Hungarian Parliament, one of the nicest buildings in the World, after that the kids could have a „Mcdonalds” as they probably never have been to the big „M”. The activities at Katymár were organized by chev. dr Zoltán Kutsch, who originates from that area.
 - We are financing the study of a very poor but excellent student: Fanni Ács in the high school nominated „József Katona” on Kecskemét city. She received from us a laptop (computer), mobile telephone with subscription, all sufficient books etc. and we are paying all extra expensis in th escool: excursion, extra study. We payed her hallyday too. For Christmas we donated HUF 20.000 for her Family. She is the best student in the high school!

4 Göd and Visonta village.

- The kindergarten of Göd received 2x800 piece of chocolate from the donation of the „Orden der Byzantinischen Ritter vom Heiligen Grab Großpriorat Österreich”, organised by Chancellor Gunter Helm.
- Assisted the local Agricultural School to organize a three days event of an exhibition. Nutrient booster was provided by chev. Kürtössy. The competition was to produce the „nicest” vegetable. The winner has received special nutrients by courtesy of Chev. Ottó Kürtössy, amounting to 1000 Euro.
- We received a fantastic historical album from our ex-King Sigmund ig Hungarian and in German language. (the value is HUF 1500/album). We started to donate the albums to the schools, museums, libraries in different cities of Hungary and to the Austrian Bisantian Order thinking their sponsorations.
- Chev. Ottó Kürtössy de Kürtös COSJ produced in his company different tools to the 900th Anniversary Investiture (shields, old soldiers armors, pulpit, etc.) Value are HUF 105.000.

5. School for the visually impaired

For the past seven years the Grand Priory is sponsoring the sports and other activities of the Visually Impaired and Blind School of Budapest. The School has organised an international sports competition with some 200 participants, for which a **donation of sport jerseys** were made.

- For Christmas we have **donated special tools to help their study and** to assist development of dexterity of the students.
- We donated to this school and to the same school in Debrecen city 150 tickets to the concert of the musician Caramel (value HUF 1.700.000) and 20 tickets to the exclusiv Christmas concert of Jose Carreras. It was a fantastic success between the blind students... Thanks to Chev. Csaba Fórizs Gr.Cdr.OSJ and Chev. Zoltán Köntös COSJ!

6 New strategie in our Charity Activity

To develop our charity activity we prepared our new strategic plan: our intention is – continuing our previous activities - to return to the original target of our Order: to help the needys on the field of health!

A. Rainmen childs project

We are helping the „Rainman Foundation” to found their second school (elementary and high school). Our Hospitaller II. Chev. Árpád Márkus COSJ prepared their tender to the EU for financing the project. Now we are organising the possibility a continuous (mounthly) sponsorship of the new school and the spezial treatment of the students.

B. Orphanage in Kenya, Africa

Our new Dama, Tünde Schröder OSJ (who conquered as mountaineer some mountains over meter 8000!!!) from years sponsored an „Orphanage” in Kenya. In the future the GP of Hungary will help to collect donations (money, dresses, toys, etc.) and we will have a nametable of our Order on the entrance of the institute. After our Investiture Chev. Alberto Serra sent 70 football-dresses tought Dama Tünde to the orphanage! Thanks Alberto!

We are decided to continue our charity activity but in each year is more difficult to collect the sufficient donations. We help to organise an international collaboration in charity too...

„UT UNUM SINT!”

Yours in St.John!

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