

Dear donors, supporters, readers,

resuming this year, we have to go back to our benefit gala evening *Míľniky* (Milestones), we organized at the end of 2008 and thus, we dedicate the third issue and the last in this year to this special event.



MILESTONES – STONES, ON THE WAY TO THE FUTURE

21 November 2008, early evening, hotel Tatra, Trenčín... ladies in long dresses and men in gala going up the stairs, welcome drink sparkling in the glasses. Long prepared evening devoted to donors and partners in order to say thanks is starting. Jarmila Hargašová is accompanying guests during the whole evening and right at the beginning, she expresses her warm sympathy to Trenčín – her home town. She starts with a quotation from a dictionary of Slovak

language: *“The word “milestone” stands for a stone next to a road indicating a distance to another city or town. Metaphorically it stands also for an important event in the life of a person or an organisation. Trenčianska nadácia was established on 6 December 2000, thus this evening it raised a milestone after 8 years of its existence.”*

GUESTS OF THE GALA EVENING WERE PERSONALITIES WHO HAS WARM RELATIONSHIP WITH TRENČÍN OR TRENČÍN FOUNDATION

Rob Swartbol, ambassador of Netherlands came to express his personal and warm-hearted relationship to Fond Dr. Klaun, whereas Keith Eddins, chargé d'affaires of US Embassy thought back on beginnings and setting-up of the foundation in Trenčín. Speech of the Mayor of Trenčín, Branislav Celler, was an appreciation of the work the Foundation had done. A couple of nice souvenirs about a beloved town added also other well known Trenčín citizens: Jarka Hargašová, Števo Skrúcaný and also Mr. Euro – Igor Barát, commissioner for implementation of Euro in Slovakia.



GREATER MILWAUKEE FOUNDATION



Among the most appreciated guests Trenčín Foundation had the pleasure to welcome Doris Heiser, the director for development of Greater Milwaukee Foundation, USA. She is a recognized authority in the field of donation and philanthropy and gives presentations and speeches around the world.

She accepted the invitation of Trenčín Foundation and came to Trenčín as she was fascinated by enthusiasm and the work of people around Trenčín Foundation.

It was astonishing to listen that also Greater Milwaukee Foundation, with its current 535 mil dollars of endowment, started with only some thousands of dollars but by consistent and persistent work, they established an institution which supports its region and people living in there.

DONOR 2008 AWARDS

The evening culminated by Donor 2008 Award – handing-over of awards to donors, who supported Trenčín Foundation and cooperated on a long-term basis in the last years. Decision on who would be the Donor of the year 2008 was difficult – every help is as a drop of dew. Alone, it does not save the world, but together, with other drops, it helps to grow grass, flowers even powerful trees. Dew was chosen by Trenčín Foundation as a truthful symbol of the work community foundation does. That is why grass stalks with drops of dew appeared also on the glass sculpture (award). The piece of art was designed by Jozef Vydrnák and realised by RONA Lednické Rovne.



Donor 2008 Award belongs to these personalities and institutions:

**Jacques van der Linden**

For an unique step – establishing one of the first foundations and for unceasing interest to invest to development of philanthropy beyond the frontiers of his country.

City of Trenčín

For supporting development of a community foundation in the city territory.

Tatra banka Foundation

For a strategic decision to support on a long-term basis organizations which works on development of regions they cover.

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For a modern example of co-existing of company and its employees and for the welfare work for the region they cover.

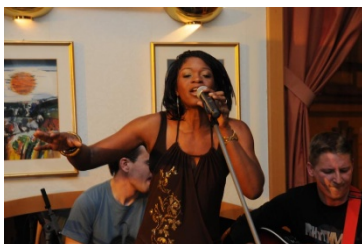
**POVAŽSKÝ NADAČNÝ FUND**

By 70 thousands SKK, donated to Trenčín Foundation, Johnson Controls became a founder of a new fund dedicated to the whole region of Trenčín. The Považský Nadačný Fund was also co-established by guests of this evening, who, by the entrance fee, increased the primary sum of money to 92 thousands SKK.

The first call for proposals in Považský Nadačný Fund will be introduced by Trenčín Foundation in the first quarter of 2009. Conditions of the call will be adjusted to vision and desire of the founder and to particularities of the region.

Štefan Skrúcaný and DONNA & BLADE

Štefan Skrúcaný and Donna Reene with her band Blade took care of amusement and reel of our guests. Felicity and charm sailed in with finalists of Miss Slovakia in models of Andrea Martiny Salon.



We hope that our beneficial gala evening, even damp and chilly weather outside, heat up our hearts and left a feeling that fellowship, sympathy or pleasure from donating have not disappeared and still belongs to the most appreciated human properties.



THE LAST INVITATION BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR

OPEN YOUR HEART, GIVE A BOOK means make children's dream come true. If in these days you walk up and down the city centre, do stop in Trenčín book shops. Christmas and books come together, moreover children book cannot be thought apart from children hands. Trenčín Foundation has been offering for four years the opportunity to give children from social disadvantaged conditions their dreamt-of books and pleasant feeling from donating to those who take advantage of this opportunity.

If you want to join us and make someone's dream come true, come to these book shops:

Kníhkupectvo Panta Rhei in DV Centre (Masaryčky)
Svet knihy (Vajanského 2)
Dom knihy (Braneckého 7)
Knihy ZOC MAX
and bioshop Malý princ (Mierové nám.)

Thank you.

MAY A PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS PASS OVER TO A SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Alena Karasová