

Media information

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Funds donated during the *Galactico* charity project *Charity Wall* have helped to implement five charity plans

***Galactico* project *Charity Wall, Let's Help Together!* charity collection boxes in nine months have gathered more than 7000 euros, which have been used to implement five significant charity projects. Donated funds were used to improve the rehabilitation and physical therapy services for severely ill children, pay for veterinary services for shelter animals, to provide video monitoring of Durbe sea hawks' nest, and also to organize training for improving life quality for severely disabled people.**

In all five *Galactico* shopping centres *Alfa, Mols, Dole, Origo* and *Galerija Centrs* charity boxes of five organizations – *Apeirons*, Union of People with Disabilities and their Friends, *Children's Hospital Foundation*, the *Latvian Nature Fund*, *Ulubele* animal shelter and *Ziedot.lv*, were placed with an aim to gather funds for various charity goals.

„We thank every visitor of our shopping centres – *Alfa, Origo, Galerija Centrs, Mols* and *Dole*, on behalf of *Linstow Center Management* and all participating organizations. The funds donated in *Charity Wall, Let's Help Together!* donation boxes were used for important projects, which provide support and help to those, who need it the most. We are satisfied with what we have achieved, and we invite everyone to donate to one of the five projects", said Evija Majevska, Commercial Director of Shopping Centres, SIA *Linstow Center Management*.

Apeirons, Union of People with Disabilities and their Friends will use the donated funds to implement a project called *Independent life training*, which is aimed to help people with severe and critical disabilities. 1062.06 euro will be used to organize a week long intensive training for 15 disabled people in June. During the training various experts will help to improve quality of life of each participant. In Latvia it is a new and very necessary approach to the disabled people integration process.

2218.14 euro were donated to *Ziedot.lv* via the *Charity Wall* charity box. The funds will be used to provide help to terminally ill children with developmental disorders – to equip a physical therapy room in children's rehabilitation centre *Poga* with *bobota* equipment, which will help at least 144 children per year to develop in accordance with their biological age. Therapy for children with developmental disorders helps to ensure normal and correct psychomotor development.

Society provided help in amount of 1785.97 euros to animals of *Ulubele* animal shelter– 200 dogs, 150 cats and one crow. The donated funds were used to pay for veterinary services and to purchase veterinary goods. *Galactico* charity project has provided a regular additional financing, which is very important to cover the daily expenses of the animal shelter.

Donations to the *Latvian Nature Fund* in amount of 1158.42 euros were used to provide a live video stream of Durbe sea hawks' nest for the duration of the whole year. Previously video monitoring was performed only during summer period, however now the researches have an opportunity to monitor all banded birds that visit the nest during autumn and winter months, as well as to precisely determine the start of nesting season. During nesting season each live feed internet camera is visited by an average of 500 thousand unique users from Baltics, Europe and other countries.

Children's Hospital Foundation will use the donated funds to improve and develop rehabilitation services for children with severe functional and perception disorders. 943.71 euro will be invested in purchase of a special

Activity chair, which will significantly ease acquisition of various skills for children, who are unable to sit by themselves. It is significantly important that such equipment is available at the institution in which a child has already started treatment, thus allowing the child to develop skills, which will be necessary when the child returns home.

SLA Linstow Center Management, the Galactico shopping centre developer (Alfa, Galerija Centrs, Origo, Mols and Dole Shopping Centres) and real estate operator, has already been operating in Latvia for 19 years. Total floor space of shopping centres managed by LCM in Latvia amounts to over 230,000 m² and 329,000 m² in all Baltic countries (LCM is also the operator of Ülemiste, the largest shopping centre in Estonia).

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