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verzjoni bil-MALTI

DAFILA

E.T. MARIE-LOUISE COLEIRO PRECA, **PRESIDENT TA' MALTA**

Nixtieq naqsam ftit riflessjonijiet dwar I-esperjenza tiegħi tul dawn il-ħames snin, li matulhom ħdimt, mill-qrib, flimkien mal-impjegati, mal-voluntiera, mal-familji u mal-komunitajiet li jifformaw parti mill-Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation.

Irrid nistqarr li kont impressjonata bid-dedikazzjoni u I-impenn ta' dawk kollha li kkontribwew minn qalbhom biex I-MCCFF setgħet tkompli il-ħidma tagħha b'risq dawk kollha li ġew bżonn. Grazzi għall-isforzi ta' dawn in-nies ġenwini u ddedikati, il-poplu Malti u Għawdxi setgħa jibbenefika minn għajnuna u sapport li kien jeħtieġ.

Kien tassew ta' sodisfazzjon, kull meta Itqajt ma' individwi u familji li kienu għaddejin minn żmien ta' vulnerabbilta' u ta' sfidi soċjali, meta esprimew li bis-saħħa ta' din l-għajnuna u s-sapport ħassewhom li ngħataw dinjita', rispett, u tama.

Kien ta' sodisfazzjon ukoll, li bit-trasformazzjoni ta' l-MCCFF f'Fondazzjoni fit-22 ta' April 2015, saru diversi bidliet bil-għan li l-operat isir aktar effiċjenti u trasparenti.

Dan ix-xogħol kollu li wettqet I-MCCFF ma' kienx ikun possibbli mingħajr il-ġenerożita' kbira ta' individwi, familji u I-komunita' tan-negozju fil-gżejjer tagħna, li tul dawn il-ħames snin ikkontribwew b'aktar minn €26 miljun.

Għaldaqstant irrid nagħti ħajr minn qalbi lil dawk kollha fil-gżejjer tagħna sostnew l-impenn tagħhom favur il-valur tas-solidarjeta', u li bis-saħħa tagħhom, offrejna raġġ ta' tama lil dawk kollha fostna li għaddew, minn żminijiet diffiċli. FI-aħħarnett, irrid nirringrazzja lill-Membri tal-Kunsill tas-Superviżjoni, lill-Membri tal-Bord ta' I-Amministraturi, lill-membri tal-Units, lill-ħaddiema u lill-voluntiera kollha li kkontribwew biex flimkien stajna nagħmlu l-ġid ma' madwar 16,000 persuna fil-gżejjer tagħna.

Kien ta' privileģģ għalija li naħdem mill-qrib ma' dan it-tim iddedikat.

Jien konvinta li I-Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation ser tkompli tipprovdi servizz essenzjali, u nawgura li tibqa' tkun sors ta' solidarjeta'.

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RAPPORT AMMINISTRATIV

IS-SUR JOHN CAMILLERI, CHAIRMAN TAL-BORD TAL-AMMINISTRATTURI THE MALTA COMMUNITY CHEST FUND FOUNDATION

INTRODUZZJONI

Illum qed nippreżentaw ir-Rapport ta' Ħidma u dak finanzjaraju tal-Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation, għas-sena kalendarja 2018.

Matul dan iż-żmien ukoll, it-talbiet għall-għajnuna komplew jiżdiedu. Talbiet minn familji u ndividwi li ltaqgħu ma' xi saram, kemm minħabba mard, diżabilità u sitwazzjonijiet soċjali. Minkejja li t-talbiet komplew jiżdiedu, b'sodisfazzjon ninnotaw li anke l-għajnuna u s-sapport komplew jiżdiedu, kif se jkun spjegat aktar 'il quddiem.

L-ISTRUTTURA TAL-FONDAZZJONI

L-operat tal-Fondazzjoni jaħdem permezz ta' din l-istruttura:

- 1. Il-Kunsill tas-Superviżjoni li jfassal u jiddeċiedi il-politika tal-Fondazzjoni.
- 2. Il-Bord tal-Amministratturi li jimplimenta d-deċiżjonijiet tal-Kunsill tas-Superviżjoni.
- 3. II-Units specifici jircievu, jevalwaw u japprovaw l-applikazzjonijiet għall-għajnuna.

IL-UNITS GHALL-ASSISTENZA SPEĊIFIKA

Unit għall-Assistenza Medika

II-Unit għall-Assistenza Medika jirċievi, jevalwa u japprova applikazzjonijiet għall-għajnuna għallkimoterapija speċjalizzata, mediċini għall-mard kroniku u sever, u mediċini oħra li l-individwi jew il-familja ma tkunx f'qagħda finanzjarja li ma tkunx tista' tlaħħaq magħhom. Matul I-2018, dan il-unit għen 809 pazjent.

II-Unit għall-Assistenza Medika jgħin ukoll lill-pazjenti li jimorru għall-kura barra minn Malta kif ukoll lill-familjari li jakkumpanjawhom. Din l-għajnuna tikkonsisti fi spejjeż ta' akkomodazzjoni, trasport u ikel. Matul l-2018 kien hemm 351 pazjenti u familjari li bbenifikaw minn din l-għajnuna. Dan l-ammont ikopri aktar minn 250 biljett u 1,700 f'iljieli ta' akkomodazzjoni.

II-membri ta' dan il-unit jinsabu f'Appendići numru 1

Unit għall-Assistenza Soċjali

II-Unit għall-Assistenza Soċjali jirċievi, jevalwa u japprova l-applikazzjonijiet għall-għajunua soċjali ta' individwi u familji vulnerabbli. Din l-għajnuna tikkonsisti f'apparat domestiku, għajnuna f'ikel, uniformijiet tal-iskola, faċilitajiet oħra edukattivi għat-tfal, għamara u xi bżonnijiet oħra. Matul l-2018 dan il-unit għen iktar minn 3,500 familja.

Dan il-unit jaħdem fil-qrib mat-tim ta' professjonisti psikosoċjali tal-istess Fondazzjoni sabiex jiġi assigurat fejn hu poossibbli, li jingħata servizz ħolistiku lil dawn il-familji/idnividwi.

II-membri ta' dan il-unit jinsabu f'Appendiċi numru 2

Unit għall-Assistenza għall-Persuni b'Diżabilita

II-Unit għall-Assistenza għall-Persuni b'Diżabilità jirċievi, jevalwa u japprova applikazzjonijiet ta' minn persuni b'diżabilità, anzjani u persuni oħra morda li jkollhom bżonnijiet partikolari. L-għajnuna li tingħata minn dan il-unit tikkonsisti f'xiri ta' tagħmir speċjalizzat, ħlas ta' programmi terapewtiċi għal tfal, żgħażagħ u anke adulti.

Matul I-2018 dan il-Unit għen 618 persuna.

Dan I-aħħar II-Kunsill tas-Superviżjoni wara analiżi tal-ħidma ta' dan il-unit, iddeċieda li I-unit jingħaqad mal-Unit għall-Assistenza Medika, minħabba li ħafna applikazzjonijiet ikunu jinħtieġu I-għajnuna miż-żewġ units. B'hekk it-talbiet imressqa jkunu jistgħu jiġu evalwati b'mod ħolistiku.

Unit Out of Home Care

II-Unit tal-Out of Home Care jiltaqgħu maż-żgħażagħ li jagħmlu talbiet għall-għajnuna u jirrikmanda I-aħjar għajnuna li tista' tingħatalhom, sabiex itejbu l-ħajja tagħhom u jibdew jgħixu ħajja indipendenti.

Tim ta' Professjonisti Psikosoċjali

Dan it-tim jevalwa il-każijiet imressqa mill-units rispettivi sabiex l-għajnuna li tingħata tkun waħda ġusta u ħolistika. Għaldaqstant dan it-tim jikkumplimenta x-xogħol tal-units l-oħra, biex jiddentifikaw il-problema mill-għeruq, ħalli l-għajnuna li tingħata tkun waħda sostenibbli u dan isir ukoll bili jaħdmu mill-qrib ma' entitajiet oħra fil-pajjiż sabiex jiżguraw li tingħata l-għajnuna kollha meħtieġa.

DONAZZJONI TA' PARROKKI

II-Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation kompliet bI-inizjattiva li mix-xagħar li jingħata b'donazzjzoni, jintbagħat barra, biex jinħadem f'parrokki li jinġabu lura Malta sabiex jingħataw liII- Maltin u Għawdxin li jkollhom bżonn.

Matul is-sena 2018 tqassmu 186 parrokka.

UFFIĊĊJU FIĊ-ĊENTRU TAL-ONKOLOĠIJA

II-Fondazzjoni toffri servizz mill-uffiċċju li jinstab fiċ-Ċentru tal-Onkoloġija sabiex tkun qrib il-pazjenti u ittaffi l-iskariġġ tal-pazjenti u l-familjari. Dan l-istess uffiċċju jiffaċilita l-applikazzjonijiet magħmula lill-Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation, kif ukoll joffri servizz ta' terapiji kumplimentari. Fost dawn it-terapiji kumplimentari insibu; Reflexology, Clinical Aromatherapy, Therapeutic Massage u Mind and body Therapy.

II-Pazjenti li jingħataw dawn is-servizzi kumplimentari jiġu riferuti lil dan l-uffiċċju mid- Dipartiment tal-Occupational Therapy, mid-Dipartiment tal-Fiżjoterapija, mill-infermiera, mis-social workers, mill-ispeċjalisti tal-kura paljattiva u mill-familjari tal-pazjenti.

Dan is-servizz li ilu jingħata erba' snin, issa organizza ruħu fi grupp ta' terapisti li huwa magħruf bħala 'The Azure Butterflies Project'.

FOND GHALL-GHAQDIET VOLONTARJI

F'dawn I-aħħar erba' snin it-tmexxija tal-Fond għall-Għaqdiet Volontarji fi ħdan il-Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation wettqet bidliet drastiċi bil-għan li żżid it-trasparenza, il-kontabilità u I-ħaqq fit-tqassim tal-fondi.

Ma' kull sejha sehh titjib, frott ir-riflessjoni nterna u l-kummenti tal-ghaqdiet volontarji nfushom. Fost il-miżuri li ddahhlu tul l-erba' snin insibu:

- Viżjoni u għanijiet ċari. Kemm il-viżjoni kif ukoll l-għanijiet taw direzzjoni lill-Fond u ddistingwewh minn fondi oħrajn. Għalhekk, sar possibbli li l-benefiċjarji potenzjali jifhmu li l-Fond qiegħed hemm għal għanijiet speċifiċi u li mhuwiex fond ta' kollox u għal kulħadd;
- Iddaħlet I-idea li I-Fond jitlaq minn prijoritajiet li għal tliet sejħiet wara xulxin kienu I-miri tan-Nazzjonijiet Magħquda għall-Iżvilupp Sostenibbli;
- Issaħħet I-applikazzjoni biex id-dettalji li jingħataw ikunu sodi biżżejjed biex wieħed jiġġudika I-proġett minn kull aspett - għanijiet, passat amministrattiv tal-għaqda, amministrazzjoni ġenerali u tħaddim tal-flus;
- Temmejna ż-żmien fejn għaqdiet volontarji mhux reġistrati setgħu japplikaw. Wasalna f'punt fejn min japplika mhux biss ikun reġistrat iżda wkoll komformi mal-obbligi tiegħu bħala reġistrant;
- Għal kull sejħa nħatar bord ta' esperti biex jiġġudikaw l-applikazzjonijiet u jinnominaw il-benefiċjarji.
 Id-deċiżjoni finali dejjem baqgħet f'idejn il-kumitat tat-tmexxija u, fl-aħħar, tal-Kunsill ta' Superviżjoni;
- 6. Iddaħlet is-sistema ta' ħlas fi tliet atti, marbuta ma' rapport interim u ieħor finali;
- FI-aħħar sejħa saret distinzjoni bejn proġetti żgħar u oħrajn akbar biex kulħadd ikun jista' japplika skont il-kapaċità amministrattiva tiegħu;
- 8. Fl-aħħar sejħa ddaħlet ukoll il-kategorija tal-'platforms';
- Iddaħħal I-appell għal dawk I-applikanti li xtaqu li jsiru jafu aktar dwar id-deċiżjoni. Uħud talbu lill-MCCFF terġa' tikkunsidra d-deċiżjoni tagħha;
- 10. Kull beneficjarju kien mitlub jiffirma kuntratt li jorbot lill-partijiet kollha. Il-kuntratti kollha, ta'kull sejħa, ġew iffirmati waqt ċerimonja pubblika, fil-preżenza tal-midja. Fl-aħħar ċerimonja ddaħħal il-livestreaming biex il-pubbliku nteressat isegwi b'mod dirett dak li kien qiegħed jiġri. L-aħħar ċerimonja tal-firma tal-kuntratti saret nhar it-13 ta' Jannar 2018. Permezz tal-firma tal-kuntratti fil-jum imsemmi bdew jitwettqu l-aħħar proġetti fiċ-ċiklu tal-Presidenza tal-ET Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca - sbatax-il proġett ta' tmintax-il xahar li jintemmu f'Ġunju 2019.

Tajjeb li wieħed ifakkar li l-aħħar sejħa kienet waħda rekord għall-ammont ta' flus ivvutati - miljun ewro żieda ta' mitejn elf Ewro fuq is-somma medja vvutata fi-sejħiet preċedenti.

II-beneficjarji ta' din I-aħħar sejħa jinsabu f'appendiċi numru 3

L-NGO's kollha li ngħataw ghajnuna fis-sejħiet ta qabel jinsabu f'Appendići numru 4

GĦAJNUNA LILL-GĦAQDIET TAS-SOĊJETÀ ĊIVILI

Matul I-2018 il-Bord tal-Amministraturi kellu diveris talbiet minn diversi organizzazzjanoijiet mhux governattivi oħra. Dawn kienu talbiet għall-għajnuna biex itejbu il-ħidma tagħhom. Għaldaqstant il-Bord tal-Amministraturi approva l-għajnuna lil dawn l-għaqdiet; Church Homes for The Elderly, St Domnic Home Gozo, Dar Suara, Kummissjoni Ejjew Għandi, Emergency Response and Rescue Corps, Migrant Women, LAND (Living Ability with Disability), St Angela Nursery School, Dar Osanna Pia, Steps Ahead, Franciscan Sisters, u lil Caritas.

PROĠETTI OĦRA

Televiżjonijiet fid-Day Centre taċ-Ċentru tal-Onkoloģija

Mal-installar tas-70 televiżjoni fil-kmamar individwali qed jiġu installati 6 televiżjonijiet fid-Day Centre tal-istess Ċentru.

Għajnuna oħra liċ-Ċentru tal-Onkologija

Fuq talba tal-istaff tal-Palliative Care Ward, il-Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation ġiet mitluba tissuplixxi numru ta' folding beds biex jintużaw mill-familjari tal-pazjenti f'din is-sala.

Riċerka u Edukazzjoni

Ġew ukoll organizzati laqgħat ta' tagħrif u diskussjoni, immirati għall-pubbliku fejn ġew mistiedna esperti f'diversi oqsma li għandhom x'jaqsmu mas-saħħa tal-bniedem. It-temi magħżula kienu, l-ikel u s-sintomi fl-uġiegħ fl-istonku, l-ostjoporożi, trattament għall-kura tal-kancer, mard trasmess mis-sess u mard mentali.

II-Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation kompliet tkun proattiva billi tat fondi ghar-ricerka lill-Research, Innovation and Development Trust fi ħdan I-Universita ta' Malta, għall-studju dwar il-mard fl-għajnejn.

II-Fondazzjoni investiet wkoll fondi għar-riċerka mal-isptarijiet fl-Ingilterra fejn jintbagħtu pazjenti Maltin u Għawdxin għall-kura speċjalizzata.

ŻJARAT FI SPTARIJIET BARRA L-PAJJIŻ

Komplew iz-zjarat fi sptarijiet fl-Ingilterra fejn pazjenti Maltin u Għawdxin, jintbagħtu għall-kura. F'dawn iż-żjarat barra li jsiru laqgħat mal-pazjenti u l-qraba tagħhom, isiru laqgħat mat-tmexxija tal-isptar fuq diversi aspetti.

Lista ta' dawn l-isptarijiet tinsab f'Appendiċi numru 5

KONKLUŻJONI

F'Isem il-Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation irrid nirringrazzja lill-Eċċellenza Tagħha I-President Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca għall-ħidma sfieqa tagħha sabiex jinġabru I-flus, u tingħata għajnuna lil kull min kellu bżonn.

Nirringrazzja lill-membri tal-Kunsill tas-Superviżjoni, lill-membri tal-Bord tal-Amministraturi u lill-membri tal-Units u lill-ħaddiema għad-dedikazzjoni tagħhom.

Nirringrazzja lill-voluntiera li b'tant dedikazzjoni jirrikorru sabiex joffru ħinhom waqt l-attivitajiet organizzati mill-Fondazzjoni sabiex jinġabru fondi.

Fl-aħħar u mhux l-anqas, nirringrazzja lill-poplu Malti u Għawdxi talli dejjem emmen fil-ħidma tal-Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation u kkontribwixxa f'donazzjonijiet. Mingħajr dawn il-kontribuzzjonijiet il-Fondazzjoni ma setatx tkompli twettaq il-missjoni tagħha.

APPENDIĊI 1

II-membri tal-Unit għall-Assistenza Medika huma:

Is-Sur Edgar Preca – Chairman Is-Sa Claire Micallef Pulè - Segretarja Dr Antoine Vella – Membru Is-Sur Charles Messina – Membru Is-Sur John Camilleri – Membru Is-Sur Mark Mizzi – Membru

APPENDIĊI 2

II-membri tal-Unit għall-Assistenza Soċjali huma:

Is-Sur Joe Sammut – Chairman Is-Sa Carla Caramagna – Segretarja Is-Sa Josephine Muscat – Membru Is-Sur Emanuel Scicluna – Membru Is-Sa Adriana Zarb Adami – Membru

APPENDIĊI 3

II-Beneficjarji tal-aħħar sejħa kienu:

PHROM Malta Hospice Movement JRS SOS Malta CORE Platform – Malta Chamber of Commerce St John Rescue Corps St Jeanne Antide Foundation Richmond Foundation Intellegent Transport System Dar Gużeppa Debono Youtheme Foundation Cross Culture International Foundation Eden/Razzett Foundation Fondazzjoni Wens u Għaqda Żgħażagħ b'Diżabilità Friends of Thuret Malta Red Cross Society Fondazzjoni Mid-Dlam għad-Dawl Equal Partners Foundation

APPENDIĊI 4

Lista ta' NGO's li ingħataw l-għajnuna fis-sejħiet ta' qabel:

Pre Youths Centre (Qawra) Third World Group Victim Support Malta Physically Handicapped Rehabilitation Fund St Lazarus Foundation Salesian Oratory Sliema Dar Meħba Bik Foundation Żgħażagħ Azzjoni Kattolika The Province of The Sisters of Charity Kummissjoni Emigranti Malta (KEM) Malta Girl Guides Down Syndrome Association Fondazzjoni Rise Solidarity Overseas Service Malta Gozo Association for the Deaf Salesian Brigade Inspire Foundation Malta Hospice Movement Mental Health Association Din I-Art Ħelwa Richmond Foundation Puttinu Cares Media for Development Foundation Fondazzjoni Suriet il-Bniedem St John Association Malta Emergency Response & Rescue Corp Cross Culture International Foundation Malta Għaqda Żgħażagħ b'Diżabilità

Dr Klown

The Malta Health Association Theatre Anon Arts Foundation Inspire - The Eden & Razzett Foundation Action for Breast Foundation Paulo Freire Institute European Prison Education Association Malta Branch The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Malta Segretariat for Catholic Education Schools Foundation for Independent Living Malta Chamber of Pharmacists Women's Right Foundation Associjazzjoni Maltija tal-Foster Care Youtheme Foundation Ċentru Tbexbix SOS Malta Arzella Childcare Centre National Council of Women Life Cycle Foundation Socjeta Duttrina Nisranija Museum (Sezzjoni Femminili) Dar il-Kaptan CAM/CPI Fondazzjoni Bormliża għall-persuni b'Diżabilità Platform of Human Rights Organisation in Malta (PHROM) European Prison Education Association Malta Branch Dar Osanna Pia Write Deal Association Intellegent Transport System (ITS Malta) Foundation for Independent Living Prison Fellow Ship Malta ADHD Family Support Group JRS Malta Foundation Men Against Violence Foundation for Shelter and Support to Migrants Karl Vella Foundation Transplant Support Group Friends of the Earth Ghaxaq Football Club Youth Nursery New Hope Foundation for The Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers Step Up for Parkinsons The Emergency Fire and Rescue Unit Touring Club Malta CORE Platform - Malta Chamber of Commerce

Equal Partners Foundation Fondazzjoni Wens u Għaqda Żgħażagħ b'Diżabilità Friends of Thuret Malta Red Cross Society St John Rescue Corps

APPENDIĊI 5

Żjarat fi sptarijiet barra minn Malta fejn il-pazjenti Maltin u Għawdxin imorru għall-kura

Children's Hospital Charing Cross Hospital Great Ormond Street Hospital Guy's Hospital John Birmingham Radcliffe Oxford King's College Hospital Moorfields Eye Hospital National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre Oxford Royal Free Hospital Royal London Hospital Royal Marsden Hospital Sutton Royal Marsden Hospital Fulham Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital Stanmore Royal National Throat, Nose and Ear St Bartholomew's Hospital St Mark's Hospital St Thomas Hospital Leicester University Teaching Hospital Ismett Palermo

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ORGANOGRAM

TAL-MALTA COMMUNITY CHEST FUND FOUNDATION



ATTIVITAJIET U INIZJATTIVI 2018



IL-FESTA TAĊ-ĊITRU

Ta' kull sena, f'Jannar issir il-Festa taċ-Ċitru fil-Palazz ta' San Anton. Ftit ġranet qabel l-attivita' grupp ta' studenti jingħaqdu mas-Sur Edgar Preca sabiex jgħinu fil-qtugħ tal-frott taċ-ċitru. Il-frott miġbur jiġi maħsul u mwieżen minn grupp ta' voluntiera sabiex jinbiegħ lill-pubbliku li jiġi għall-Festa taċ-Ċitru. Apparti l-frott, dakinhar il-pubbliku jkun jista' jixtri wkoll ġamm, kejkijiet, muffins u sopop li lkoll huma magħmula miċ-ċitru. Dawn ikunu ppreparati mill-Kċina tal-Palazz. Il-pubbliku jkun jista' jidħol u jgawdi s-sbuħija tal-Palazz ta' Sant' Anton. Għas-sena 2018, il-Festa taċ-Ċitru saret b'risq l-għaqdiet ta' l-annimali.

IL-BALLU TAL-QAMAR T'AWWISSU

Bhal kull sena fl-ewwel Sibt t'Awwissu, sar il-Ballu tal-Qamar t'Awwissu fil-Palazz Verdala. Il-mistednin kienu milqgħuha mill-Eċċellenza Tagħha Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, President ta' Malta. L-atmosfera maġika li joffri I-Palazz Verdala kienet esperjenza unika għal min attenda I-ballu.



MOZART AT MIDNIGHT

L-Orkestra Filarmonika ta' Malta, għal darb'oħra, organizzat edizzjoni oħra ta' dan il-kunċert speċjali, ta' mużika klassika, tard bil-lejl, fil-Palazz tal-Belt Valletta, ntitolat "Mozart at Midnight." Għalkemm dawn it-tip ta' kunċerti qiegħdin iżidu fil-popolarita' tagħhom barra minn Malta, għall-pajjiżna, kien propju fis-sena 2017, li dan it-tip ta'kunċert sar għall-ewwel darba. Il-Kunċert beda fil-ħdax u nofs ta' filgħaxija, b'risq il-Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation. Il-kunċett ta' dan il-kunċert kien imnebbaħ minn Mozart innifsu, li kien magħruf li jorganizza u jospita kunċerti li kienu jibqgħu għaddejin sas-sigħat bikrin ta' filgħodu



FINE ARTS AUCTION

Numru ta' artisti lokali taw b'donazjoni pitturi li penġew huma stess sabiex jiġu rkantati b'riżq il-Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation. Dawn il-pitturi kienu esibiti għal ġimgħa sħiħa fil-Palazz ta' Sant' Anton, fejn imbagħad sar l-irkant.









ROCKESTRA

Għal darb'oħra sar il-kunċert ta' Rockestra, bis-sehem tal-Orkestra Filarmonika ta' Malta, fil-Malta Fairs and Conventions Centre f'Ta' Qali. L-Orkestra flimkien ma' kantanti lokali taw spettaklu mill-isbaħ lill-udjenza li attendiet għal dan il-kunċert.

EZIO BOSSO AND THE PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

F'Marzu wkoll, is-Surmast, Kompożitur u Mużićist ta' fama internazzjonali, Ezio Bosso, mexxa lill-Orkestra Filarmonika ta' Malta, f'kunċert mill-isbaħ, ġewwa t-Teatru Manoel. Magħruf bħala wieħed mill-aktar kompożituri kontemporanji nfluwenti, Ezio Bosso, oriġinarjament minn Turin fl-Italja, għamel id-debutt tiegħu ta sittax-il sena ġewwa Franza. Dan il-kunċert sar b'risq il-Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation.



VIENNA BOYS' CHOIR IN CONCERT

Ghall-ewwel darba f'Malta, it-Teatru Manoel Iaqa' ġo fih il-Kor ta' fama internazzjonali tas-Subien ta' Vjenna, għal kunċert b'risq il-Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation. II-Vienna Boys Choir jaf il-bidu tiegħu fis-sena 1498, u huwa magħmul minn mitt tifel bl-etajiet ivarjaw minn disgħa sa' erbatax-il sena. Ta' kull sena, il-kor jagħmel mat-300 kunċert madwar id-dinja.



THE PRESIDENT'S SOLIDARITY FUN RUN

Din l-attività li ssir ta' kull sena, reġgħet għal darb'oħra għaqdet folol ta' nies sabiex ilkoll flimkien imxew jew ġrew b'sens ta' solidarjetà ma' min hu fil-bżonn. Bħal kull sena kien hemm numru ta' kumpaniji li ħeġġew lil numru ta' impjegati sabiex jipparteċipaw flimkien.

CULTURAL TOURS

Grupp ta' voluntiera jieħdu ħsieb u jorganizzaw ħarġiet kulturali darba kull xahar. Dawn il-ħarġiet jibdew b'quddiesa fil-Palazz ta' San Anton u wara l-grupp jitlaq lejn il-postijiet storiċi u kulturali, imbagħad jirritornaw lura San Anton. Il-gruppi jkunu dejjem akkumpanjati minn gwida.

SOLIDARJETÀ BL-ISPORTS

II-Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation theġġeġ numru ta' għaqdiet sportivi sabiex jagħmlu attivitajiet b'riżq il-fondazzjoni.

THE BOV PIGGY BANK CAMPAIGN 2018

II-Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation tqassam karus lil kull klassi fl-iskejjel sabiex it-tfal jagħtu donazjoni żgħira sabiex jgħinu lil min hu fil-bżonn. Is-Sur Preca, tul I-aħħar tlett xhur tas-sena jżur diversi skejjel ġewwa Malta u Għawdex fejn jitkellem mat-tfal u ma' I-għalliema dwar I-importanza li ngħinu lil dawk ħutna fil-bżonn.



ISTRINA CENT STUNT

F'weekend f'Diċembru, u bi preparazzjoni għall-Istrina 2018, għal darb'oħra ġiet organizzata I-Istrina Cent Stunt ġewwa Bieb il-Belt. Għadd ta' personalitajiet ipparteċipaw f'din I-attivita', fejn in-nies li kienu deħlin il-Belt Valletta kienu mħeġġa jiddonaw €1 sabiex jimlew il-logo tal-Istrina b'muniti tal-ewro.



TISJIR MILL-QALB

II-Ktieb Tisjir mill-Qalb, ta' kull sena jiġbor fih numru ta' riċetti minn diversi kokiet tal-Gżejjer tagħna. Għas-sena 2018, ir-riċetti ta' Tisjir mill-Qalb ġew ppreparati minn studenti ta' diversi skejjel sekondarji ta' Malta u Għawdex.



FESTA PALAZZ

Fis-sena 2018, Festa Palazz, kienet opportunita' sabiex il-pubbliku, għall-ewwel darba jkun jista' jżur il-Kmamar Statali ġodda li infetħu wara restawr estensiv li sar fil-Palazz ta' Sant' Anton, flimkien mas-suite tal-Mistednin Statali Mikiel Anton Vassalli, li ser kienet miftuħa għall-pubbliku għal din l-okkażjoni. Il-kmamar kieku animati minn nies lebsin ilbies professjonali ta' l-epoka.



SAMUEL AND THE MAGIC TOOTH

Waqt li kien mistieden tal-programm Xarabank, fil-Milied 2017, iċ-ċkejken Samuel Farrugia, kien ippreżenta lill-President Coleiro Preca, bi draft ta' storja li kien kiteb dwar id-dinosawri, li huma tant għal qalbu. Il-President wegħditu li dan id-draft kien ser jiġi ippubblikat professjonalment. Tul I-2018 din il-ħolma ta' Samuel saret realta', u ġie mniedi il-ktieb Samuel and the Magic Tooth. Samuel kien iddeċieda li dan il-ktieb jinbiegħ b'risq il-Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation.





REPORT AND SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GOVERNANCE OF THE FOUNDATION

The Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation (hereinafter referred to as "the Foundation") is structured in a number of administrative bodies, namely the Supervisory Council, the Board of Administrators, the Consultative Council and other supporting Units in line with its statute. The members of the Supervisory Council and of the Board of Administrators from 1 January 2018 up to the date of this report were as follows:

Supervisory Council	Members of the Board of Administrators
Her Excellency Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca	Mr John Camilleri
(Chairperson)	(Chairman)
Mr Michael Grech	Dr Lisa Brooke (Resigned 15 October 2018)
Prof Carmel Borg	Ms Matilde Cordina
Mr Anton Borg	Marchesino Daniel De Petri Testaferrata
Mr Carm Briffa	Ms Romina Fenech (Resigned 24 January 2018)
Mr John Cassar White	Ms Charlotte Geronimi (Resigned 15 October 2018)
Ms Mariella Dimech	Dr George Grech
Mr Anthony Guillaumier	Mr John Huber
Prof Godfrey Laferla	Ms Carolyn Marmara' Jacono (Resigned 24 January
Mr Anthony Miceli Demajo	2018)
Mr Mauro Pace Parascandolo	Mr Mark Mizzi
Fr Gordon Refalo	Mr Joseph Sammut
Ms Claudia Taylor East	Ms Claire Micallef Pule (Appointed 15 October 2018)

Secretary to The Foundation

Dorothy Vassallo

The role of the Supervisory Council is to monitor and supervise the activities of the Foundation to ensure that these are carried out in accordance with the Foundation's Statute. In addition, it ensures that the Foundation establishes policies and systems of communication and accounting which ensure proper transfer of information to the Supervisory Council and generally suitable transparency at all times relating to its activities, receipts and expenditure, selection of employees, and day to day operations.

The responsibilities of the Board of Administrators is to report regularly in suitable detail to the Supervisory Council on all matters relating to the activities of the Foundation, which are material. This Board seeks guidance from the Supervisory Council to establish consensus on the integrity and transparency of the processes and methodologies adopted by the Foundation.

PURPOSES AND OBJECTS OF THE FOUNDATION

The purpose of the Foundation is to provide financial, material and professional support in Malta and Gozo to:

(i) individuals;

(ii) families and communities;

(iii) voluntary organisations which are enrolled with the Commissioner of Voluntary Organisations; and (iv) other organisations which satisfy all the criteria as set out by the Foundation from time to time,

This support is provided with the aim of improving the quality of life and care of individuals and society in general, and this without any form of discrimination on the basis of social class, gender identity, ethnicity, age, ability, health, status or religion, in the case of individuals and families, and size, membership or public benefit purposes, in the case of organisations.

The Foundation may provide the support described even overseas when necessary and appropriate.

The purposes and/or objectives of the Foundation shall be achieved by ensuring the effective and transparent application of disbursement of funds raised through fund raising activities, donations, contributions, bequests, endowments and legacies or otherwise, and include the following:

(i) to enhance the support and contributions from any source or sector of Maltese society to social justice, democracy and sustainable development in Malta;

(ii) to strengthen solidarity through civil society development;

(iii) to enable solidarity and social enterprise;

(iv) to advance the education and dignity of underprivileged children, particularly those who, are or have been, in care systems;

(v) to promote international collaboration in research and aid in conformity with the purposes and objects of the Foundation; and

(vi) to carry out such activities as may be ancillary to the above as may be necessary or desirable to achieve the above purposes and objects.

The Foundation shall support organisations which have similar purposes and objects to those of the Foundation as outlined above in serving individuals, families and communities in need

THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATORS' REPORT

For the Year ended 31 December 2018

The Board of Administrators presents its report of The Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation (the "Foundation") for the year ended 31 December 2018.

Principal activities

The Foundation is a philanthropic organisation regulated by the Civil Code under the auspices of the President of Malta with the principal aims as set out in Purposes and Objects of the Foundation section of this Report.

Review of activities for the year

During the year under review, the Foundation reported a deficit of €1,168,281.

Total contributions for the year amounted to €7,075,816. As at 31 December 2018, total assets exceeded total liabilities by €986,614.

On the 3 October 2017, a number of victims involved in the Paqpaqli ghall-Istrina incident which took place on the 4 October 2015, had commenced legal proceedings against the Foundation and other parties, in respect of injuries suffered in the said incident. The actions against the Foundation have since been withdrawn following an out of court settlement which, given the assistance received from the Government, resulted in no financial impact on the Foundation.

Responsibilities of the Administrators

The administration and management of the Foundation is vested in the Board of Administrators, who shall manage the Foundation in accordance with the purposes and objects of the Foundation, and subject to the terms of its Statute and applicable law.

The Board of Administrators shall be responsible for the executive management of the Foundation, and shall be responsible for the execution and implementation of the decisions taken by itself and the Supervisory Council.

The duties of the members of the Board of Administrators shall inter alia include the proper keeping of books of accounts, record all income and expenditure of the Foundation and other records which properly and fully reflect the operations and transactions of the Foundation.

In terms of the above-mentioned duties, the Foundation is hereby presenting a summary of the financial statements namely Income Statement and Balance Sheet, which are in representation of its operations and transactions, a financial communication of both collections and assistance distributed in line with the Foundations transparency intentions.

Board members

The members of the Board of Administrators who held office during the year are set out in the Governance of the Foundation section of this Report. The Chairperson of the Supervisory Council appoints the members of the Board of Administrators from time to time.

Auditors

A decision to re-appoint KPMG as auditors of the Foundation will be proposed at the forthcoming Board of Administrators meeting.

Approved by the Board of Administrators on 25 March 2019 and signed on its behalf by:

Mr. John Camilleri Chairman, Board of Administrators

Mr. Mark Mizzi Chief Financial Officer

OVERSEAS ASSISTANCE, MEDICAL TREATMENT AND SPECIAL EQUIPMENT GIVEN TO INDIVIDUALS



NOTES

- * For financial years ending 31 March.
- ** For financial period April 2015 to December 2015, due to a change in year end.
- *** For financial year ending 31 December, following a change in year end.





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MEDICAL AND TREATMENT ABROAD UNIT

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Approved A	pplications	>1,300	
Different Ty Chemothera	pes of Specialised	39	
TREATMENT ABROAD ASSISTANCE			
Approved A	Applications	apx. 351	
Air Tickets		>250	
Accomodati	ion in Number of Night	s 1,700	

WIGS

Wigs Distributed

186

SOCIAL ASSISTANCE UNIT

Number of Families

apx. 3,500

ດໍດິດໍດີ Number of Individuals >14,220

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE UNIT

Approved Applications

apx. 618

> = more than apx. = approximately





The Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation

Balance Sheet As at 31 December 2018

	2018	2017
	€	€
ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	225,895	230,508
Intangible Asset	66,626	13,800
Non-current assets	292,521	244,308
Receivables	2,145,227	1,947,244
Inventory	6,877	7,163
Cash and cash equivalents	3,183,930	2,588,063
Current assets	5,336,034	4,542,470
Total	5,628,555	4,786,778
LIABILITIES		
Pledged financial assistance	1,306,220	1,574,139
Payables	3,335,721	1,057,744
Total Current Liabilities	4,641,941	2,631,883
Net Assets	986,614	2,154,895
REPRESENTED BY		
General Fund	796 709	1 010 667
	726,382	1,919,663
Specific Funds	260,232	235,232
	986,614	2,154,895

The summary financial statements on pages 33 to 34 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Administrators on 25 March 2019 and signed on their behalf by:

Mr. John Camilleri Chairman, Board of Administrators

Mr. Mark Mizzi Chief Financial Officer

The Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation

Income Statement

For the Year ended 31 December 2018

	2018	2017
-	€	€
CONTRIBUTIONS		
Fundraising - Istrina and other activities	6,655,374	5,566,129
Donations	369,970	460,493
Other income	50,472	25,584
Total Contributions	7,075,816	6,052,206
Other income – Reimbursement from Government for Chemotherapy Medicine and other net settlements	5,109,289	2,100,000
Fundraising activity expenses - Istrina	(814,160)	(793,783)
Assistence given to individuals and societies	(2,104,548)	(2,032,216)
Overseas assistance, medical treatment and special equipment given to individuals	(9,741,105)	(5,646,101)
Net Distributions	(474,708)	(319,894)
Administrative Expenses	(693,573)	(565,727)
Deficit for the year	(1,168,281)	(885,621)



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TO THE SUPERVISORY COUNCIL OF THE MALTA COMMUNITY CHEST FUND FOUNDATION

Opinion

The summary financial statements, which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2018 and the income statement for the year then ended are derived from the audited financial statements of The Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation for the year ended 31 December 2018.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements, in accordance with the criteria established by the administrators for presenting summary financial statements, being a representation of the Malta Community Chest Fund Foundations' operations and transactions, a financial communication of both collections and assistance distributed in line with the Foundation's transparency intentions.

Summary financial statements

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by the Accountancy Profession (General Accounting Principles for Small and Medium-Sized Entities) Regulations, 2015 and the Schedule accompanying and forming part of those Regulations. Reading the summary financial statements and our report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements and our report thereon.

The audited financial statements and our report thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited financial statements in our report dated 25 March 2019.

The firm is registered as a partnership of Certified Public Accountants in terms of the Accountancy Profession Act. A list of partners and directors of the firm is available at Portico Building, Marina Street, Pietà, PTA9044, Malta.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -continued

Administrators' responsibility for the summary financial statements

The administrators are responsible for the preparation of the summary financial statements in accordance with the criteria established by the administrators for presenting summary financial statements, being a representation of the Malta Community Chest Fund Foundations' operations and transactions, a financial communication of both collections and assistance distributed in line with the Foundation's transparency intentions.

Auditors' responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with International Standard on Auditing (ISA) 810 (Revised), *Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements*.

The Principal authorised to sign on behalf of KPMG on the engagement resulting in this report is Claude Ellul.

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KPMG Registered Auditors

25 March 2019

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H.E. MARIE-LOUISE COLEIRO PRECA, **PRESIDENT OF MALTA**

I would like to share some brief reflections, about my experiences over the past five years. During this time, I have worked very closely with the various professionals, volunteers, families, and communities, who form part of the Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation.

I have been impressed by the dedication and commitment of all the people who are making such a heartfelt contribution, to ensure that the MCCFF continues its essential work, on behalf of people in need.

Thanks to the efforts of these passionate and hardworking individuals, the people of Malta and Gozo have benefitted from the necessary assistance and timely support.

Furthermore, it was a pleasure to meet with many individuals and families, all of whom shared their experiences with me, of being treated with dignity, respect, and goodwill, during some of the most challenging and vulnerable periods in their lives.

I am also pleased to note that, with the transformation of the MCCF into a registered Foundation on 22 April 2015, the running of Malta's national charity has become more efficient and more transparent.

All of the work that the Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation does would not be possible, without the immense generosity of so many individuals, families, and the business community in the Maltese Islands. In fact, over the past five years, their contributions have exceeded 26 million euros.

Therefore, let me express my heartfelt thanks to all of the people who have contributed their efforts, to put the principles of social solidarity into practice.

Thanks to your efforts, we are shining a ray of hope for individuals and families who are enduring such challenging and difficult times.

On concluding, let me thank the Members of the Supervisory Council, the Members of the Board

of Administrators, the Unit members, employees, and all of the volunteers who make an essential contribution. By working together, we have achieved a positive impact in the lives of over 16,000 people, who call the Maltese Islands their home.

It was my privilege to work so closely with this dedicated team.

Finally, I am convinced that the Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation will continue to provide its crucial services in the future, and I augur that the MCCFF will always be a source of solidarity and support.

"let me express my heartfelt thanks to all of the people who have contributed their efforts, to put the principles of social solidarity into practice."

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

MR JOHN CAMILLERI, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF ADMINISTRATORS THE MALTA COMMUNITY CHEST FUND FOUNDATION

INTRODUCTION

Today, we present the Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation Annual Report and Financial Report for calendar year 2018.

During this period, demands for assistance continued to grow. These were by both individuals and families who found themselves in difficult situations because of illness, disability, or social cases. Although the demand increased, we are delighted to report that help and support increased as well, as will be explained further on.

Structure of the Foundation

The Foundation operates with this structure:

- 1. The Supervisory Council lays out and decides the policy of the Foundation.
- 2. The Board of Administrators implements the decisions of the Supervisory Council.
- 3. Specific Units that receive, evaluate, and approve applications for assistance.

UNITS FOR ASSISTANCE

Unit for Medical Assistance

The Unit for Medical Assistance receives, evaluates, and approves applications for assistance for specialised chemotherapy, medicines for chronic and severe disease, and other medicine that individuals or families whose financial situations prevent them from buying.

During 2018, this unit helped 809 patients.

The Unit for Medical Assistance also helps patients and their families who go abroad for treatment. The Unit assists with expenses related to accommodation, transport and meals. In 2018, there were 351 patients and relatives who benefited from this help. This figure covers 250 in flight tickets and 1,700 nights of stay.

The members in this unit are listed in Appendix 1.

Unit for Social Assistance

The Unit for Social Assistance receives, evaluates, and approves applications for social assistance for vulnerable individuals and families. Assistance consists of domestic equipment, meals, school uniforms, educational facilities, furniture and other needs. During 2018, this unit helped more than 3,500 families. This unit works closely with a team of psycho-social professionals within the Foundation to be able to provide a holistic service to families/individuals.

The members in this unit are listed in Appendix 2.

Unit for Assistance to Persons with Disability

The Unit for Assistance to Persons with Disability receives, evaluates, and approves applications from

persons with disabilities, elderly and other people with special needs. Assistance provided by this unit consists of purchasing of specialised equipment, sponsorship of therapeutic programmes for children, young people and adults.

During 2018, this Unit assisted 618 persons.

After a review by the Supervisory Council, this unit was recently merged with the Unit for Medical Assistance, as many applications needed the support of both units. In this manner, requests are being assessed in a holistic manner.

Out of Home Care Unit

The Out of Home Care Unit meets young people who request help and recommends the type of assistance for their cases to achieve life improvement and independent living.

Psychosocial Professionals Team

This team makes assessments on cases referred by the respective units to provide a holistic and just response. The role of this team is to complement the other units and to identify the roots of problems, ensuring that assistance can be sustainable. The team collaborates closely with other entities in the country to provide the best possible care.

WIG DONATION

The Community Chest Fund Foundation continued its measure of collecting hair donations and sending them abroad to be made into wigs, which are then distributed to people in need in Malta and Gozo.

During 2018, 186 wigs were donated.

Office at Sir Anthony Mamo Oncology Centre

The Foundation provides service from its office at Sir Anthony Mamo Oncology Centre to be close to the patients and minimise inconvenient to their relatives. This office facilitates the applications for help with Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation, while also offering complimentary therapy services. Among these are: Reflexology, Clinical Aromatherapy, Therapeutic Massage, and Mind and Body Therapy.

Patients are referred for these complimentary services by the Department of Occupational Therapy, the Department of Physiotherapy, nurses, social worker, palliative care specialists, and patient's relatives.

The service has now been available for the past four years and is now composed of a team of therapists known as 'The Azure Butterflies Project'.

FUND FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

In the last four years, the Voluntary Organisations Fund within the Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation made drastic changes to increase transparency, accountability, and justice in the allocation of funds. Improvements were observed with every new call, after a process of internal examinations and feedback from voluntary organisations. Some of the measures introduced in the past four years are:

- Clear vision and goals. The established vision and goals gave the Fund new direction and distinguished it from other funds. Beneficiaries can now better understand what the specific purposes of the Fund are, and that it is not for everything and everyone;
- The fund introduced the idea of priorities, which in three calls were based on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals;
- The application process was changed to include more details, enabling assessors to evaluate different aspects of the project – aims, administrative history of the organisation, general administration, and management of funds;
- 4. Applications are now only open for registered organisations. New standards not only require applicants to be registered but demands that they comply with their obligations;
- A board was set up for each call for applications, to assess and nominate the beneficiaries. The final decision remained in the hands of the Administrative Committee and, ultimately, the Supervisory Council;
- 6. A system of payments in three acts was introduced, tied to reports at interim and final stages;
- 7. The last call for applications differentiated between small and large projects, to allocate more fairly according to different administration capacities;
- 8. The last call, also, established the category of 'platforms';
- 9. Appeals were instituted to allow applicants to learn more about decisions. Some of them requested the MCCFF to reconsider its decisions;
- 10. Every beneficiary was requested to sign a contract involving all parties. Every contract, in every call, were signed during a public ceremony in the presence of the media. In the last ceremony, live streaming was available, allowing the public to follow directly.

The last ceremony of the signing of contracts was held on the 13th of January 2018. With the signing of the contracts in the said date, the final cycle of projects under the Presidency of HE Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca came into effect – seventeen projects over eighteen months ending in June 2019.

It should be noted that the last call registered a record sum in term of allocated funds - one million euros - an increase of two hundred thousand from the average total allocated in previous calls.

The beneficiaries of this call are found in Appendix 3.

The NGOs that received funds in previous calls are found in Appendix 4.

ASSISTANCE TO CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS

During 2018, the Board of Administrators received various requests from other non-governmental organisations. These represented requests for assistance to improve their operations. The Board of Administrators approved help for these entities: Church Homes for The Elderly, St Dominic Home Gozo, Dar Suara, Kummissjoni Ejjew Għandi, Emergency Response and Rescue Corps, Migrant Women, LAND (Living Ability with Disability), St Angela Nursery School, Dar Osanna Pia, Steps Ahead, Franciscan Sisters, and Caritas.

OTHER PROJECTS

Televisions in the Day Centre at Sir Anthony Mamo Oncology Centre

Besides the installation of 70 televisions in individual rooms, six TV set are being installed in the Day Centre of the Oncology Centre.

Other Assistance given at Sir Anthony Mamo Oncology Centre

The Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation was asked by the staff at the Palliative Care Ward for folding beds to be used by the relatives of patients in the ward.

Research and Education

A series of information meetings and discussion were organised for the public, featuring experts in various fields related to health. The chosen themes were nutrition and symptoms of stomach ache, osteoporosis, the treatment of cancer, sexually-transmitted disease, and mental health.

The Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation was proactive by granting research funds to the Research, Innovation, and Development Trust within the University of Malta, to conduct studies on a cure of eyerelated diseases.

The Foundation also invested in research by hospitals in the UK, where patients from Malta and Gozo were admitted for specialised treatment.

VISITS TO HOSPITALS ABROAD

A list of these hospitals is found in Appendix 5.

CONCLUSION

On behalf of the Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation I wish to thank Her Excellency Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, President of Malta, for her relentless work to collect funds and assist people in need.

I thank the members of the Supervisory Council, the members of the Board of Administrators, the Unit members, and the employees for their dedication.

I thank the volunteers who offer their time to help during fundraising event organised by the Foundation.

Last but not least, I thank the people of Malta and Gozo for trusting in the effort of the Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation and contributed with donations. Without these donations, the Foundation would not have been able to carry out its mission.

APPENDIX 1

The members of the Medical Assistance Unit are: Mr Edgar Preca - Chairman Ms Claire Micallef Pule - Secretary Dr Antoine Vella - Member Mr Charles Messina - Member Mr John Camilleri - Member Mr Mark Mizzi - Member

APPENDIX 2

The members of the Social Assistance Unit are: Mr Joe Sammut – Chairman Ms Carla Caramagna – Secretary Ms Josephine Muscat – Member Ms Emanuel Scicluna – Member Ms Adriana Zarb Adami – Member

APPENDIX 3

The Beneficiaries of the last call are:

PHROM Malta Hospice Movement JRS SOS Malta CORE Platform - Malta Chamber of Commerce St John Rescue Corps St Jeanne Antide Foundation Richmond Foundation Intellegent Transport System Dar Gużeppa Debono Youtheme Foundation Cross Culture International Foundation Eden/Razzett Foundation Fondazzjoni Wens u Għaqda Żgħażagħ b'Diżabilità Friends of Thuret Malta Red Cross Society Fondazzjoni Mid-Dlam għad-Dawl **Equal Partners Foundation**

APPENDIX 4

The list of NGOs that received assistance in the previous calls:

Pre Youths Centre (Qawra) Third World Group Victim Support Malta Physically Handicapped Rehabilitation Fund St Lazarus Foundation Salesian Oratory Sliema Dar Meħba Bik Foundation Żgħażagħ Azzjoni Kattolika The Province of The Sisters of Charity Kummissjoni Emigranti Malta (KEM) Malta Girl Guides Down Syndrome Association Fondazzjoni Rise Solidarity Overseas Service Malta Gozo Association for the Deaf Salesian Brigade Inspire Foundation Malta Hospice Movement Mental Health Association Din I-Art Ħelwa Richmond Foundation Puttinu Cares Media for Development Foundation Fondazzjoni Suriet il-Bniedem St John Association Malta Emergency Response & Rescue Corp Cross Culture International Foundation Malta Għaqda Żgħażagħ b'Diżabilita Dr Klown The Malta Health Association Theatre Anon Arts Foundation Inspire - The Eden & Razzett Foundation Action for Breast Foundation Paulo Freire Institute European Prison Education Association Malta Branch The Multiple Sclerosis Society of Malta Segretariat for Catholic Education Schools Foundation for Independent Living Malta Chamber of Pharmacists Women's Right Foundation Assocjazzjoni Maltija tal-Foster Care Youtheme Foundation

Ċentru Tbexbix SOS Malta Arzella Childcare Centre National Council of Women Life Cycle Foundation Socjeta Duttrina Nisranija Museum (Sezzjoni Femminili) Dar il-Kaptan CAM/CPI Fondazzjoni Bormliża għall-persuni b'Diżabilita Platform of Human Rights Organisation in Malta (PHROM) European Prison Education Association Malta Branch Dar Osanna Pia Write Deal Association Intellegent Transport System (ITS Malta) Foundation for Independent Living Prison Fellow Ship Malta ADHD Family Support Group JRS Malta Foundation Men Against Violence Foundation for Shelter and Support to Migrants Karl Vella Foundation Transplant Support Group Friends of the Earth Għaxaq Football Club Youth Nursery New Hope Foundation for The Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers Step Up for Parkinsons The Emergency Fire and Rescue Unit Touring Club Malta CORE Platform - Malta Chamber of Commerce Equal Partners Foundation Fondazzjoni Wens u Għaqda Żgħażagħ b'Diżabilità Friends of Thuret Malta Red Cross Society St John Rescue Corps

APPENDIX 5

- Visits to hospitals abroad where Maltese and Gozitans go for treatment Children's Hospital Charing Cross Hospital Great Ormond Street Hospital Guy's Hospital John Birmingham Radcliffe Oxford King's College Hospital Moorfields Eye Hospital National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre Oxford Royal Free Hospital Royal London Hospital Royal Marsden Hospital Sutton Royal Marsden Hospital Fulham Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital Stanmore Royal National Throat, Nose and Ear St Bartholomew's Hospital St Mark's Hospital St Thomas Hospital Leicester University Teaching Hospital
- Ismett Palermo

THE FIRST MALTESE PATIENT TO BE IMPLANTED WITH A THYMUS GLAND

'At the age of four months, Nick was the first Maltese patient to be implanted with a thymus gland, all thanks to the help of the Malta Community Chest Fund.' Giulia Magri



'So much work goes on behind the Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation, not only by helping patients, but every single family member going through that difficult time'.

Malcolm Cutajar spoke to Giulia Magri about the numerous treatments and two surgeries Nick, his youngest son of three children has already undergone at such a young age.

How Nick was the first patient to have a thymus gland surgically implanted at just a few months old, and how, it is at such difficult time that we realise just how much charity, aid and empathy the Maltese people have.

Nick, who is now two years old, was born with numerous complications, which also included heart problems. 'My wife, Marilyn had a healthy pregnancy and there were no signs of any problems before he was born, so when we were informed that he would need heart surgery we were under a lot of shock.'

Apart from having heart problems, Nick was also born without a thymus gland, which is an important gland that produces T-cells which form part of the body's immunity to protect against germs, viruses and infections.

'At first we did not realise how big of an issue this was as we were so concerned about his heart problems and his surgery.' For the first three months, Nick and his parents lived at the hospital taking numerous tests and treatments, and shortly after they travelled to the UK for Nick's open heart surgery.

'It was a period of travelling to and fro to the hospital via the underground. The surgery was successful, and when we finally came home we realised how all the travelling, expenses and support would not have been possible without the aid of the Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation.'

Malcolm explained how he and his family balanced out work, school, hospital appointments and everyday life. After spending four weeks in the UK the first time for his heart surgery, Nick and his parents travelled back three months later for his thymus transplant.

'When we had to travel with our son, my daughter Jade and son Liam would stay with either my parents or my wife's. We are very lucky that they helped us so much during this time.' Malcolm said that it was not just family members that helped but also the Karl Vella Foundation. A foundation which provides educational and psychological assistance to those children in families who are going through a difficult phase due to a serious illness.

'The MCCFF also aids such foundations to keep running, so indirectly MCCFF helps not just Nick, but also my two other children, which we are all so grateful for all this support.' He also highlighted the fantastic staff at the Disney Ward and Paediatric Day Care at Mater Dei.

'All the doctors, nurses and specialists are always so caring and patient and were there to teach us everything about Nick's illness. This journey would have been much more difficult without their constant aid and support.'

Nick still needs constant treatment due to having such a weak immune system. Malcolm explained that once every three weeks Nick is taken to hospital for IVIG (artificial immune system), a treatment which takes practically a whole day. So far it is hard to say if and when they would need to go up for treatment again, and when the last trip would be.

He said that Nick's toys growing up would be medical equipment, such as a stethoscope and syringes. 'We need to be very careful where we take him because we never know what could happen to him.'

He explained that since his immunity is so weak, Nick has not started playschool yet, and when his brother or sister are not feeling well, they go stay with their grandparents.

'Jade and Liam are very observant for their age and take a lot of care of their brother, if they are out and see that someone is coughing a lot for example, they make sure we take extra care of Nick. Right now, seeing him play like this with other children makes me feel happy, but at the back of my mind I am still aware that I need to always alert.' He points out that despite the daily hospital appointments and treatment, Nick has a playful and happy-go-lucky personality, as he smiles and waves at his father whilst playing and running around. 'At the ward sometimes Nick can be hesitant, he would cry a bit at first but then he would give out his hand for the doctor put his cannula tube in, showing everyone that he is aware of what is happening.'

Malcolm and his family are truly grateful for all the work MCCFF have done, not just for Nick but for

so many other families which are going through a difficult time.

'We look at how much we have travelled, so many hospital appointments and treatments taken for Nick, and it would not have been possible at all without the help of MCCFF, especially Claire Micallef Pule, who now is also a dear friend of ours.' He explained that as a nation we do not realise how much charity and aid is done for people in need, and not just financial aid, but emotional and psychological empathy and care.

'The operations that Nick had cost thousands, and MCCFF have helped us not just financially, but they are there every step of the way, and we are so lucky and grateful to have so much support and care for our little one.



L-Istrina, the annual fundraising telethon in aid of the Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation, will be held on 26th December, starting at noon



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'THE SITUATION I AM FACED WITH HAS GIVEN ME A DEEPER APPRECIATION FOR LIFE'

Ethel Vento Zahra, a dentist by profession, has always had a strong personality. Being diagnosed with cancer has come with many difficulties, but also a new way of perceiving life. She spoke to Giulia Magri.

Ethel first went for a check-up in when she realised she had a lump in her breast back in August 2014. "I got it checked out and the ultrasound looked normal and I was told that there was nothing I had to worry about, until June of the following year when started bleeding from the same breast."

Ethel was diagnosed with a pre-cancerous lesion, which still required treatment and surgery to remove the whole breast. Once she received the results of the pathology report, a small part of the breast which was removed had become cancerous, and therefore Ethel needed treatment.

What followed was a year of chemotherapy and IV infusion, which left Ethel exhausted but believing that everything what treated. "Last year I slipped and hurt my back badly and it was not getting any better. After some tests, it emerged that the cancer had spread to the bones and some organs, and that this time round I needed much more treatment."

Ethel explained the type of treatment she now takes every three weeks, along with a CT scan every three months. "The treatment I take is to control the hormones which respond to my tumour, not technically chemotherapy, but a monoclonal antibody drug to stop the tumour from growing and spreading."

This type of treatment is not supplied by the Government but by the Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation (MCCFF). She explained how MCCFF provides her with this monoclonal antibody drug, which is a treatment which is only provided during Stage Four cases. The drug's job is to try and control the cancer, yet it also comes along with various side effects, affecting various organs such as the heart, lungs and liver.

She says it is a difficult experience to explain, "taking a drug trying to control the side effects of one illness, you are increasing the risk of other. Many don't realise that it is not just about how well the cancer is being controlled but it is also how the drugs are affecting the rest of your body."

Living the 'new normal'

Ethel says that now she and her family are living the "new normal", which includes a new and different routine which took some getting used to. The routine involved her to going for treatment, getting tested and waiting for test results. The hardest part of getting used to this new normal is making sure that Ethel's sixyear-old daughter's own routine remains normal.

"She was only three years old when I was first diagnosed. Looking back it was probably easier the first time round as the treatment was not something constantly ongoing. This time around it was more difficult as the area where the cancer had spread to included the hip, which mean that I needed help to get out of bed for a good two to three months."

"The hardest part is explaining to my daughter about my cancer and treatment, and I can only tell her so much which I feel is age appropriate and what she can cope with. It's all a learning process.' She said that even though she might not tell her daughter she would be going for treatment, her daughter notices the smallest shifts in routine, like when her husband accompanies their car ride to school, as he would then join Ethel to the hospital for treatment or tests. She said that her daughter noticed that before she was a very busy, active and independent character and then all of a sudden she wasn't.

The trials of balancing life, work and treatment The reality is that cancer has touched every family's life some way or another, so people know what it is like from their own different experience. For Ethel, the most important thing is to continue living life as normally as possible, not just for herself but for her partner, daughter and the people who have become part of an extended family.

Whilst going through chemotherapy, Ethel could not go to her clinic since her immunity was very weak, yet she said that she had been able to keep up with certain paper work and research from home, without seeing patients.

She also managed to keep attending lecturers so that her students were able to keep up with the scholastic year.

"I am grateful for my family members and friends who would offer to drive me to my appointments and lectures." Ethel said that this summer she started working at her dentistry clinic again, where she is able to meet clients and patients. She enjoys meeting her clients and the process of work helps her to keep her busy and her mind off the treatment.

"It is tricky to plan in advance due to my treatment and appointments, and now I plan my life in three-week slots; and when an appointment has to be moved or is cancelled it does frustrate me slightly."

Regardless of the nuisance of planning everything in advance, Ethel said that this September she and her family managed to go on a short holiday. "It is a time which we can spend together to recharge and enjoy one another during the hustle and bustle of everyday life."

Also, spending quality time together and eating good food after chemotherapy treatment is a huge bonus, Ethel said with a big smile.

Patients do not need treatment just around Christmas time

When asked about L-Istrina, Ethel said that for her it truly means that people living in Malta get together to do their utmost to support those in need. She said that a large majority of their funds - around €8,000 a month - are spent on chemotherapy, especially since cancer drugs are so expensive.

"I believe people should donate not just during Christmas time, but all year around, since at the end of the day patients do not just need treatment or support during the festive period but all year round. I now know exactly what it feels like to be on the receiving end, and to have so much support from MCCFF during such a difficult period in my life. I am lucky to have so much support from my family and friends, but not everyone is in the same situation, and the staff at MCCFF are amazing and are ready to support you from the moment you had in your application form."

She said that the people at MCCFF are aware that people do not just need financial aid, but also emotional support, which for Ethel is refreshing to see people being treated with care and empathy. "I am grateful to have my family, my husband and daughter, and all those who have continuously supported me throughout this time."

She also said that, through her treatment, she has met lovely people who work at Sir Anthony Mamo Oncology Centre, who have been extremely supportive to her and all the other patients there. "I am so thankful for what I have and enjoy my life as it comes, although I face limitations, I try not to focus on the negatives. Everyone has a cross to bear, and through these burdens I believe I have become stronger, and that cancer is just part of my story and not the whole narrative."





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ACTIVITIES & INITIATIVES 2018



IL-FESTA TAĊ-ĊITRU

Every year, in January, II-Festa taċ-Ċitru is held at San Anton Palace. A few days before, students join Mr Edgar Preca to help in the picking of the fruit. The collected citrus is then washed and weighed by volunteers before it is put for sale to the public on the day. Apart from fruit, people may also buy jams, cakes, muffins, and soups made of citrus, all prepared by the Palace Kitchen. The public can visit San Anton Palace and enjoy its beauty. The 2018 edition of the festival was organised in aid of animal welfare organisations.

THE BALL OF THE AUGUST MOON

As every year, the Ball of the August Moon was held on the first Saturday of August. Guests were welcomed by Her Excellency Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca, President of Malta. The magical atmosphere of the Verdala Palace once again provided a unique experience for participants.



MOZART AT MIDNIGHT

The Malta Philharmonic Orchestra held another edition of the late-night concert of classical music at the Valletta Palace named "Mozart at Midnight". While in other countries concert of this kind is growing in popularity, it was only in 2017 that this concert was held in Malta. The event started at half past eleven at night, in support of the Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation. The concept of the concert was inspired by Mozart himself, who was known to organise and host concerts that went on until the early hours of the morning.



FINE ARTS AUCTION

Several local artists donated works to be auctioned, with the proceeds going to the Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation. The pieces were exhibited at the San Anton Palace, where the auction then took place.









ROCKESTRA

Rockestra was once again held, with the participation of the Malta Philharmonic Orchestra, at the Malta Fairs and Conventions Centre in Ta' Qali. The orchestra and local artists gave a wonderful performance to the audience.

EZIO BOSSO AND THE PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

In March, too, the conductor of international fame Ezio Bosso led the National Philharmonic Orchestra of Malta at a concert in Teatru Manoel. One of the most influential contemporary composers, Ezio Bosso from Turin, Italy, made his debut aged 16 in France. The concert was held in aid of the Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation.



VIENNA BOYS' CHOIR IN CONCERT

World-famous Vienna Boys Choir visited Malta for the first time with a concert at the Teatru Manoel, in support of the Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation. The Vienna Boys Choir was founded in 1498 and is composed of a hundred boys between the ages of 9 and 14. The choir takes part in some 300 events every year.



THE PRESIDENT'S SOLIDARITY FUN RUN

This annual event brought many people together again to walk or run for solidarity with people in need. Several companies encouraged employees to take part in the event.

CULTURAL TOURS

Monthly cultural tours are organised by a team of volunteers. The visits start with mass at San Anton Palace after which the group leaves for the chosen cultural or historical site and returning to the Palace. Groups are led by guides.

SOLIDARITY IN SPORTS

The Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation encourages sports clubs to organise events in support of the foundation.

THE BOV PIGGY BANK CAMPAIGN 2018

The Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation distributes moneyboxes to every classroom, encouraging students to give a small donation for people in need. Mr Preca visit schools in Malta and Gozo in the last three months of the year to speak about the importance of helping others.



ISTRINA CENT STUNT

Over a weekend in December, and in the run-up to Istrina 2018, The Istrina Cent Stunt was once again organised at City Gate in Valletta. Various celebrities participated in this event, whereby people entering Valletta were encouraged to donate €1 to fill the Istrina Logo with euro coins.



TISJIR MILL-QALB

The publication 'Tisjir mill-Qalb' brings new recipes from local chefs every year. For the 2018 edition, the recipes were prepared by students in various secondary schools in Malta and Gozo.



FESTA PALAZZ

Festa Palazz in 2018 was an opportunity for the public to visit the newly-restored State Rooms in San Anton Palace, together with the Mikiel Anton Vassalli suite for State Guests, open for the occasion. The rooms were animated by people wearing professionally-made historical costumes.





SAMUEL AND THE MAGIC TOOTH

As a guest on TV programme Xarabank on Christmas 2017, young Samuel Farrugia presented a draft to a story about dinosaurs to President Coleiro Preca. The President promised him the story would be professionally published. In 2018 Samuel's dream became a reality and the book Samuel and The Magic Tooth was published. Samuel decided to donate the proceeds from the sales to the Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation.





