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VERŻJONI BIL-MALT





E.T. GEORGE VELLA

Il-President ta' Malta

MESSAĠĠ MILL-E.T. IL-PRESIDENT TA' MALTA

Il-Malta Community Chest Fund u l-Prezidenza ta' pajjizna saru sinonimi. Din l-istituzzjoni li tagħmel tant ġid, u li lejha jduraw dawk li sfortunatament jolqothom jew il-mard, jew inkella xorti hażina fil-ħajja, illum tant kibret li għandha l-identità tagħha, it-tmexxija tagħha u l-problemi tagħha.

Mal haħra tiegħi bħala President, kif kien dovut għamilt minn kollox biex nassigura li l-bidla fil-Prezidenza ma taffettwax il-ħidma ta' din l-istituzzjoni ta' karità u wens. Hassejt li kien għaqli li ma nbiddel lil hadd mis-sinjuri, li b'tant dedikazzjoni u b'mod volontarju taw kontribut mhux żgħir fil-Kunsill tas-Superviżjoni, l-Board tal-Amministraturi, u l-kumitati speċifiċi li jirċievu, jevalwaw u japprovaw l-applikazzjonijiet għall-għajnuna.

Middejt għonqi biex nassigura li l-events il-kbar li jsiru tradizzjonalment biex jingabru fondi fosthom l-August Moon Ball, Fun Run, Rockestra, u eventwalment l-Istrina, isiru b'suċċess.

Hawn irrid niringrazzja bis-shieħ lil kull min ta s-sehem tiegħu, kultant taħt pressjoni u ċirkostanzi li mhux dejjem kienu faċli.

Hassejt li kien hemm bżonn ftit kontroll fuq min kien jikkwalifika għal ċertu benefiċċji u dan sar billi bdew jiġu applikati '*means testing*' bħal ma jsir anke f'postijiet governattivi.

Irrid ngħid li l-akbar uġiegh ta' ras kienet l-ispiża dejjem tikber għall-medicina ta' kontra l-kanċer. Il-prezzijiet għolew u sfortunatament in-numru ta' pazjenti żdied.

Jien dejjem emmint li dan huwa settur li fl-aħħar mill-aħħar għandu jmur taħt il-kontroll tal-awtoritajiet tas-saħħa, imma s'issa, minkejja diskussjonijiet li kelli ma' kull min huwa interessat, għadna ma sibniex kif dan jista' jsir.

Matul ix-xhur kien ta' sodisfazzjon kbir li ssir taf personalment dawk li tradizzjonalment kienu

l-kontributori l-kbar li dejjem għenu finanzjarjament lill-Malta Community Chest Fund. Lil dawn niringrazzjom minn qalbi f'isem il-poplu Malti u Ghawdx.

Daqstant ieħor sabieħ kien li tiltaqa' ma' dawk l-eluf ta' donaturi 'żgħar' li matul ix-xhur jibgħatu għotjiet, jew jagħtuk għotjiet meta jiltaqqju miegħek x'imkien.

Bħala tabib u bħala missier, ma nistgħax ma nsemmix l-għafsa ta' qalb li wieħed iħoss kull darba li jkollu x'jaqsa ma' każ ġdid ta' mard, speċjalment fil-pazjenti żgħar.

Jien u marti Miriam dan għaddejna minnu b'mod speċjali meta żorna l-pazjenti Maltin fl-Ingilterra, u fihmna aktar dak li jkollhom jgħaddu minnu dawk kollha li jkollhom jiġu riferuti barra għall-kura aktar speċjalizzata.

Irrid nagħti ħajr speċjali lil dawk kollha li b'xi mod jgħinu f'każi bħal dawn. Grazzi kbira tmur lill-voluntiera kollha li matul is-snin jagħtu minn hinhom biex jgħinu lil dawk anqas ixxurtjati minnhom. Irrid hawnhekk niringrazzja ukoll lis-Sinjura Marlene Mizzi li b'mod volontarju assumiet r-rwol ta' Chair Tal-Bord tal-Amministraturi tal-Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation, u tagħti tant hin minn tagħha biex tara li din l-istituzzjoni tkompli mixja 'l quddiem. Irrid ukoll niringrazzja l-istaff kollu ta' l-Uffiċċju tiegħi li fix-xogħol tagħhom ta' kuljum ma jagħmlu ebda distinzjoni bejn dak li huwa xogħol tal-Prezidenza u dak tal-Malta Community Chest Fund u lill-ħaddiema kollha tal-Fondazzjoni għall-ħidma tagħhom.

Fl-aħħar mill-aħħar inwiegħed li kemm jien kif ukoll marti Miriam se nibqgħu nqisu l-ħarsien tal-Malta Community Chest Fund bħala missjoni importanti u parti sħiħa mill-Prezidenza, u nwiegħdu li nkomplu nagħtuha l-attenzzjoni kollha meħtieġa biex tibqa tkun ħajta ta' kenn, u għajn ta' tama għal kull min jiġi bżonn is-servizzi li toffri.



MARLENE MIZZI

Chairperson tal-Bord tal-Amministraturi

MESAĠĠ MIC-CHAIRPERSON

“

Meta taghti, ma taghtix biss biex tagħmel donazzjoni. Taghti, biex tagħmel differenza.

”

Kathy Calvin

Dan huwa l-ewwel rapport tal-Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation (MCCFF) taht din il-Presidenza. L-E.T. Dr George Vella, ħa l-gurament bhala l-Kap tal-Istat ta' Malta fl-4 ta' April 2019.

F'dan ir-rigward, nixtieq niehu l-opportunità biex niringrazzja lill-President Emeritu Marie Louise Coleiro Preca li l-MCCFF kienet taht il-patrocinju tagħha sat-3 ta' April 2019.

Jiena ngrazzi mat-tim ta' voluntiera fuq stedina tal-E.T. il-President f'Gunju 2019 bhala ċ-Chairperson tal-Bord tal-Amministraturi. Kien vjaġġ mill-isbaħ fejn għalkemm tiltaqa' ma' stejjer ta' qsim il-qalb, hemm ukoll is-sodisfazzjon li tara stejjer ta' suċċess ta' fejqan u rkupru.

Fil-missjoni tagħha, il-MCCFF tosserva governanza assoluta, u tibbaża l-hidma tagħha fuq tliet prinċipji prinċipali: trasparenza, kontabilità u ġustizzja. Il-Fondazzjoni tiddependi esklussivament minn donazzjonijiet mill-membri tas-soċjetà, individwi u kumpaniji, kif ukoll għajna finanzjarja mill-Gvern meta dan ikun meħtieġ. Il-fondi jingabru wkoll minn attivitajiet organizzati ta' għir ta' fondi, fosthom il-Ballu tal-Qamar ta' Awwissu, il-Fun Run, Rockestra u l-Istrina. Sfortunatament, il-Fun Run li kellha ssir f'Ottubru 2019, kellha tithassar minħabba l-maltemp.

Aħna għandna l-obbligu li niżguraw li kull ċenteżmu, mhux talli nagħtu rendikont tiegħu bl-aktar mod trasparenti, talli nużawh biex ngħinu lil dawk l-aktar vulnerabbli fis-soċjetà tagħna. Ġew introdotti linji gwida biex niżguraw tgħarbil diligenti u ġust tal-applikanti. Permezz tal-means *testing* niżguraw ukoll li jiġi osservat il-prinċipju ta' ġustizzja billi ngħinu biss lill-individwi li tassew għandhom bżonn.

It-talba għal għajna finanzjarja, b'mod partikolari għat-trattament u l-medicini għall-kancer, żdiedet b'mod progressiv minn €8.5m fl-2018 għal €13.2m fl-2019. Il-firxa ta' individwi tas-soċjetà li jfittxu l-għajna tal-Fondazzjoni hija wiesgħa u varjata. Il-MCCFF tistinka biex tgħin lil kemm jista' jkun persuni, iżda l-isfida finanzjarja hija waħda kostanti.

L-għajna finanzjarja ma tkoprix biss individwi li jbatu b'diversi mard serju u li jaffaċċjaw spejjeż enormi ta' trattament, kemm f'Malta kif ukoll barra minn Malta; iżda tkopri wkoll lil familji li jinsabu taht il-linja tal-faqar billi niffinanzjaw htigijiet bażiċi u *food vouchers* sabiex ikunu jistgħu jgħixu ħajja dinjituża; lil persuni li jakkumpanjaw lil qraba, normalment tfal, li jkunu jeħtieġu trattament barra minn Malta, kif ukoll lil persuni li jkunu għaddejjin minn kimoterapija u jkunu jeħtieġu parrokki bhala konsegwenza tat-trattament, u għajna oħra skont il-bżonn.

Nixtieq nikkonkludi billi niringrazzja lill-E.T. il-President, Dr George Vella u lis-Sinjura Miriam Vella, li l-enerġija u d-dedikazzjoni tagħhom lejn membri vulnerabbli tas-soċjetà tagħna, huma ta' ispirazzjoni għalina lkoll. Nixtieq niringrazzja wkoll lill-membri tal-Bord tal-Amministraturi, lill-membri tal-Kunsill Supervizorju, lill-impjegati u l-voluntiera tal-MCCFF, u b'mod speċjali lill-membri tal-Unità tal-Għajna Medika, tal-Unità tal-Għajna Soċjali. Fuq kollox niringrazzja lill-pubbliku ingenerali u sponsors li l-ġenerożità tagħhom tagħmilha possibbli biex aħna nkunu nistgħu nagħmlu differenza lil dawk li jiġu għandna għall-għajna.

Lilkom il-koll, grazzi!



APPENDIĊI 1

Membri tal-Unit tal-Assistenza Medika u Diżabilta:

Is-Sra Miriam Vella - Chairperson

Is-Sa Claire Micallef Pule - Segretarja

Dr Antoine Vella - Membru

Is-Sur Mark Mizzi – Membru

Is-Sur Charles Messina - Membru

APPENDIĊI 2

Membri tal-Unit tal-Assistenza Soċjali:

Is-Sur Joe Sammut - Chairperson

Is-Sa Carla Caramagna - Segretarja

Is-Sra Miriam Vella - Membru

Is-Sa Josephine Muscat - Membru

Is-Sa Adriana Zarb Adami - Membru

APPENDIĊI 3

Żjarat fi sptarijiet barra mill-pajjiż:

SPTAR	GRUPP TA' PAZJENTI	KOMPETENZA	PAZJENTI MALTIN
Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH)	Pazjenti Pedjatriċi	Kwalunkwe kondizzjoni għal dawk taħt it-18-il sena	Kanċer, tumur, kliewi, kondizzjonijiet tal-qalb, allergiji, każijiet ta' NICU
King's College Hospital	Tfal u Adulti	Fwied u stonku	Trapjanti tal-fwied
Moorfields Hospital	Tfal u Adulti	Għajnejn (klinika ta' matul il-ġurnata)	eż. tumur fl-għajnejn, nuqqas ta' dawl, glawkoma
Royal Marsden ta' Sutton	Tfal u Adulti	Kanċer	Lewkimja
National Hospital of Neurology	Adulti	Newrokirurgija	Każijiet ta' sarkoma



**CHRISTINE
SCHEMBRI**

Christine ilha tbat minn problemi fil-fwied għal dawn l-aħħar 21 sena. Fl-2016, tobbja Maltin bagħtuha għal aktar testijiet f'Londra fejn giet iddijanostikata bis-sindromu ta' Budd-Chiari.

Fl-2018 il-kondizzjoni tas-saħħa tagħha marret għall-agħar u ntbagħtet Londra għal trapjant tal-fwied. Damet kważi sentejn tistenna sakemm instab fwied li jaqbel magħha. Christine giet operata u l-fwied il-ġdid gie ttrapjantat f'Ġunju li għadda.

Fiz-żmien li għamlet barra minn Malta, aktar minn 24 xahar, Christine kienet akkumpanjata mis-sieheb tagħha u l-Malta Community Chest Fund għenithom matul dan iż-żmien kollu billi ħallset it-titjiriet, l-akkomodazzjoni, l-ikket u spejjeż ta' kuljum.



**MARIA
MARIELLA
ATTARD**

Maria Mariella ilha għaddejja minn kimoterapija speċjalizzata għal dawn l-aħħar erba' snin u nofs wara li giet iddijanostikata b'kanċer tas-sider. Boċċa żgħira li ħasset, bidlilha ħajjitha kompletament u beda vjaġġ iebes ta' testijiet, appuntamenti l-isptar, kimoterapija u l-effetti tagħha.

Il-kimoterapija mhix trattament faċli, iżda hija essenzjali biex tiġi miġġielda l-marda fiha, għalhekk Maria Mariella kienet taf li din kienet l-unika għażla tagħha. Il-kimoterapija ta' Maria Mariella tammonta għal €5,600 fix-xahar u kieku ma sabitx l-ghajnuna tal-Malta Community Chest Fund ma kienx jirnexxilha tħallas għat-trattament tagħha. S'issa, hija ngħatat għajnuna ta' €200,300.



**KENDRA
ATTARD**

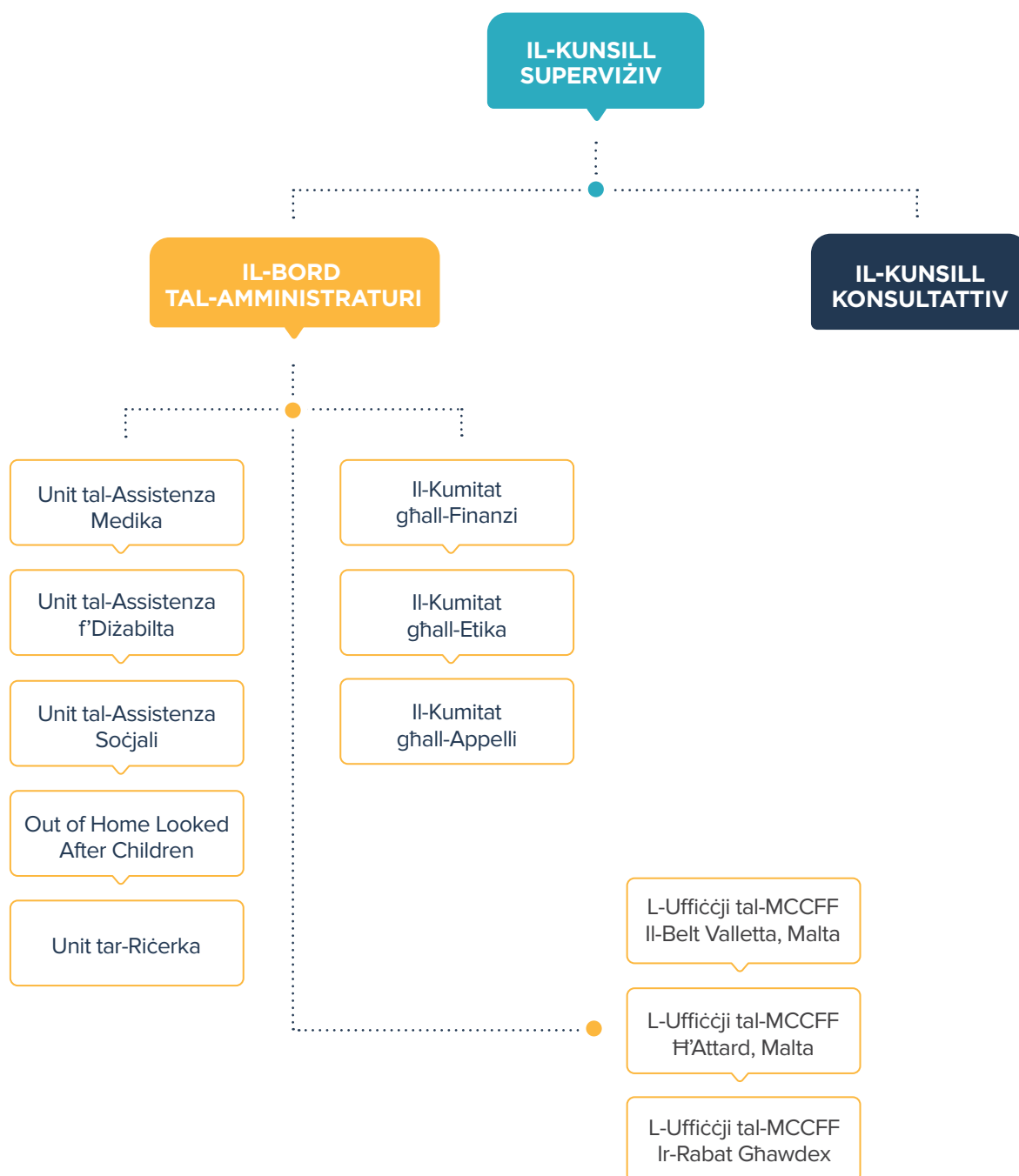
Kendra hija tifla ta' 5 snin mimlija ħajja u ferħ. Tliet snin ilu, vista normali għal uġigh fil-grizmejn wasslet f'inkubu għal ommha Joelene, hekk kif Kendra giet iddijanostikata b'retinoblastoma akuta u f'inqas minn 48 siegħa kellha tiġri lejn Londra fejn ommha giet informata li sabiex Kendra tkompli tgħix, għajnya kellha titneħħa għalkollox, inkella l-possibbiltà li l-kanċer jinfirx kienet ser tkun kbira wisq.

B'qalb imtaqqla, ommha kellha tiffirma l-permess biex titneħħa għajn bintha. Minn dakinhar, Kendra marret Londra diversi drabi għal visti ta' wara l-operazzjoni. Minkejja dak kollu li għaddiet minnu, hija tgħix ħajja normali mdawra bil-familja u l-ħbieb tagħha.

Kendra għandha żewġ ħutha, għalhekk għal ommha, biex tkun tista' ssiefer magħha u tħalli warajha lit-tfal l-oħra, kienet sfida kbira, apparti l-piż finanzjarju li kellhom iġarrbu. Joelene tinsisti li kieku ma kinitx il-Malta Community Chest Fund li għenithom kull darba li kellhom isiefru, żgur ma kienx jirnexxilhom ikampaw.

ORGANIGRAMMA

THE MALTA COMMUNITY CHEST FUND FOUNDATION





ATTIVITAJIET U INIZJATTIVI 2019



IL-BALLU TAL-PRESIDENT

Il-Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation organizzat din l-attività ġdida fi Frar tal-2019. Attività li serviet ta' esperjenza unika għal kull min attenda il-Ballu tal-President.



IL-BALLU TAL-QAMAR T'AWWISSU

Bħal kull sena fl-ewwel Sibt ta' Awwissu, sar il-Ballu tal-Qamar t'Awwissu fil-Palazz Verdala. Il-mistednin kienu milqugħa mill-E.T. George Vella, President ta' Malta u s-Sinjura Vella.



ROCKESTRA

Għal darboħra sar il-kunċert ta' Rockestra bil-partecipazzjoni numeruża tal-publiku. L-Orkestra Filarmonika ta' Malta flimkien ma għadd ta' artisti Maltin u barranin taw gmiel ta' spettaklu lil daww kollha prezenti.



TISJIR MILL-QALB

Il-ktieb Tisjir mill-Qalb, ta' kull sena jiġbor fih numru ta' riċetti minn diversi kokijiet magħrufa Maltin.

ĦARĠIET KULTURALI

Grupp ta' voluntiera jieħdu hsieb jorganizzaw ħarġiet kulturali darba fix-xahar. Dawn il-ħarġiet jibdwu b'quddiesa fil-Palazz ta' Sant' Anton u wara jkomplu bi żjara f'postijiet storiċi u kulturali. Il-gruppi jkunu dejjem akkumpanjati minn gwida.

SOLIDARJETÀ BL-ISPORTS

Inizzjattiva minn numru ta' għaqdiet sportivi li matul is-sena organizzaw attivitajiet ta' għir ta' fondi b'risq il-Fondazzjoni relatati ma l-isport.

SOUVENIRS U DONAZZJONIJIET GĦAL OKKAŻJONIJIET SPEĊJALI

Min ikun se jiċcelebra xi okkażjoni speċjali, jista' jagħti donazzjoni lil MCCFF flok jixtri 'souvenirs'. Jingħataw 'bookmarks' sbieħ biex jirringrazzjaw lill-mistednin.



L-ISTRINA BOV PIGGY BANK CAMPAIGN 2019

Il-Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation tqassam karus lil kull klassi fl-iskejjel sabiex it-tfal jagħtu donazzjoni żgħira għal min hu fil-bżonn. Is-Sinjura Vella żaret l-iskejjel fl-aħħa tliet xhur tas-sena fejn tkellmet mat-tfal u l-għalliema dwar l-importanza li ngħinu lil ħutna fil-bżonn.

BEJGH TA' GĦAMARA ANTIKA

Madwar 300 biċċa għamara antika li ngħataw lill-Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation bħala donazzjoni nbiegħu fuq żewġ weekends, bil-flus miġbura jmorru għall-Fondazzjoni.



L-ISTRINA

Din hija l-maratona televiżiva annwali tal-Fondazzjoni, li ddum 12-il siegħa, ssir fis-26 ta' Diċembru. Dan l-avveniment huwa l-akbar wiehed li jsir matul is-sena bl-għan li jingabru fondi għall-Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation. Ghadd ta' personalitajiet lokali jagħtu daqqa t'id bl-appelli u l-partecipazzjoni tagħhom f'numru ta' *shows* organizzati għal divertiment.

Dan l-avveniment huwa opportunità għall-Maltin u l-Għawdxin kollha biex juru s-solidarjetà dejjiema tagħhom mal-persuni fil-bżonn.

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 2019 up to the date of this report were as follows:

SUPERVISORY COUNCIL

His Excellency George Vella

(Chairperson), (Appointed 4 April 2019)

Her Excellency Marie-Louise Coleiro Preca

(Chairperson), (Resigned 4 April 2019)

Mr Michael Grech

(Resigned 3 April 2019), (Appointed 4 April 2019)

Prof Carmel Borg

(Resigned 3 April 2019), (Appointed 4 April 2019)

Mr Anton Borg

(Resigned 3 April 2019), (Appointed 4 April 2019)

Mr Carm Briffa

(Resigned 3 April 2019)

Mr John Cassar White

(Resigned 3 April 2019), (Appointed 4 April 2019),
(Resigned 1 November 2019)

Ms Mariella Dimech

(Resigned 3 April 2019), (Appointed 4 April 2019),
(Resigned 22 November 2019)

Mr Anthony Guillaumier

(Resigned 3 April 2019), (Appointed 4 April 2019)

Prof Godfrey Laferla

(Resigned 3 April 2019), (Appointed 4 April 2019)

Mr Anthony Miceli Demajo

(Resigned 3 April 2019), (Appointed 4 April 2019)

Mr Mauro Pace Parascandolo

(Resigned 3 April 2019), (Appointed 4 April 2019)

Fr Gordon Refalo

(Resigned 3 April 2019), (Appointed 4 April 2019)

Ms Claudia Taylor East

(Resigned 3 April 2019), (Appointed 4 April 2019)

Mrs Rosette Spiteri Cachia

(Appointed 4 June 2019)

Mr David Xuereb

(Appointed 23 June 2020)

Mrs Marlene Mizzi

(ex-officio), (Appointed 4 June 2019)

Mr Olaph Terribile

(ex-officio), (Appointed 4 April 2019)

Mr John Huber

(ex-officio), (Appointed 4 April 2019)

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATORS

Mrs Marlene Mizzi

(Chairperson), (Appointed 4 June 2019)

Mr John Camilleri

(Chairperson), (Resigned 3 April 2019)

Ms Matilde Cordina

(Resigned 3 April 2019), (Appointed 4 April 2019)

Marchesino Daniel De Petri Testaferrata

(Resigned 3 April 2019), (Appointed 4 April 2019)

Dr George Grech

(Resigned 3 April 2019), (Appointed 4 April 2019)

Mr John Huber

(Resigned 3 April 2019), (Appointed 4 April 2019)

Mr Mark Mizzi

(Resigned 3 April 2019), (Appointed 4 April 2019)

Mr Joseph Sammut

(Resigned 3 April 2019), (Appointed 4 April 2019)

Ms Claire Micallef Pule

(Resigned 3 April 2019), (Appointed 4 April 2019)

Mrs Rosette Spiteri Cachia

(ex-officio), (Appointed 4 April 2019)

Mr Olaph Terribile

(ex-officio), (Appointed 4 April 2019)

SECRETARY TO THE FOUNDATION

Mr David Grech

(Appointed 4 June 2019)

Ms Dorothy Vassallo

(Resigned 3 April 2019)

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 2019

The Board of Administrators presents its report of The Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation (the "Foundation") for the year ended 31 December 2019.

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 surplus of **€851,682**.

Total contributions for the year amounted to **€6,489,526** whilst reimbursement from Government, for oncology medication, amounted to **€11,044,313**. As at 31 December 2019, total assets exceeded total liabilities by **€1,838,296**.

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.



Mrs Marlene Mizzi
Madam Chairman, Board of Administrators

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 publishes a summary of the financial statements namely Income Statement and Balance Sheet, which are in representation of its operations and transactions, a clear 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 23 October 2020 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr Mark Mizzi
Chief Financial Officer

OVERSEAS ASSISTANCE, MEDICAL TREATMENT, ONCOLOGY DRUGS AND SPECIAL EQUIPMENT GIVEN TO INDIVIDUALS

2014*

MARCH - APRIL

1,288,985



380,245



1,669,230

2015*

MARCH - APRIL

1,438,896



273,774



1,712,670

2015**

APRIL - DECEMBER

1,337,910



333,398



1,671,308

2016***

JANUARY - DECEMBER

2,920,849



548,212



3,469,061

2017***

JANUARY - DECEMBER

4,989,452



656,649



5,646,101

2018***

JANUARY - DECEMBER

9,181,987



559,118



9,741,105

2019***

JANUARY - DECEMBER

13,692,202



394,290



14,086,492

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.





Medical and Special Equipment






Overseas Travel for Medical Treatment

MEDICAL AND TREATMENT ABROAD UNIT

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

	Approved Applications	> 1,400
	Different Types of Specialised Chemotherapy	36

TREATMENT ABROAD ASSISTANCE

	Approved Applications	apx. 261
	Air Tickets	>200
	Accommodation in Number of Nights	1,500

WIGS

	Wigs Distributed	173
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SOCIAL ASSISTANCE UNIT

	Number of Families	apx. 2,200
	Number of Individuals	>8,940

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE UNIT

	Approved Applications	apx. 618
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> = more than **apx.** = approximately

THE MALTA COMMUNITY CHEST FUND FOUNDATION

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2019

	2019 €	2018 €
ASSETS		
Property, plant and equipment	185,282	225,895
Intangible asset	42,631	66,626
NON-CURRENT ASSETS	227,913	292,521
Receivables	3,741,545	2,145,227
Inventory	6,683	6,877
Cash and cash equivalents	2,196,456	3,183,930
CURRENT ASSETS	5,944,684	5,336,034
TOTAL ASSETS	6,172,597	5,628,555
LIABILITIES		
Pledged financial assistance	765,155	1,306,220
Payables	3,569,146	3,335,721
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	4,334,301	4,641,941
NET ASSETS	1,838,296	986,614
REPRESENTED BY		
General fund	1,553,064	726,382
Specific funds	285,232	260,232
	1,838,296	986,614

The financial statements on pages 26 to 27 were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Administrators on 23 October 2020 and signed on their behalf by:



Mrs Marlene Mizzi
Madam Chairman, Board of Administrators



Mr Mark Mizzi
Chief Financial Officer

THE MALTA COMMUNITY CHEST FUND FOUNDATION

INCOME STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019

	2019 €	2018 €
Contributions		
Fund raising activities	6,054,513	6,655,374
Donations	435,013	369,970
Other net (expenses)/income	(36,291)	50,472
Total contributions	6,453,235	7,075,816
Other income - Reimbursement from Government for Chemotherapy Medicine and other net settlements	11,044,313	5,109,289
Fund raising activity expenses	(725,074)	(814,160)
Assistance given to individuals and societies	(1,069,896)	(2,104,548)
Overseas assistance, medical treatment and special equipment given to individuals	(14,086,492)	(9,741,105)
Net contributions / (distributions)	1,616,086	(474,708)
Administrative expenses	(764,404)	(693,573)
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	851,682	(1,168,281)



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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 2019 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 2019.

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.



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THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND OUR REPORT THEREON

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited financial statements in our report dated 23 October 2020.

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.

KPMG
Registered Auditors

23 October 2020



ENGLISH VERSION





H.E. GEORGE VELLA
President of Malta

MESSAGE FROM H.E. PRESIDENT OF MALTA

The Malta Community Chest Fund and the Presidency of our country have now become synonymous. This institution that helps so many people who are unfortunately affected by either illness or misfortune in life, has grown so much that it has its own identity, its own leadership, and its own challenges.

Since I was sworn in as President, I have done my utmost to ensure that the change of Presidency does not affect the work of this charitable institution. I felt it was wise not to change any of the individuals, who voluntarily and with so much dedication made a significant contribution through the Supervisory Council, the Board of Administrators, and the specific committees that receive, screen and approve assistance applications.

I set my sights on making sure that the traditionally held big fund-raising events, including the August Moon Ball, the Fun Run, Rockestra, and eventually L-Istrina, are a success.

In this regard, I want to give my heartfelt thanks to all those involved, sometimes working under pressure and in trying circumstances.

I felt that there was a need for some control over who qualified for certain benefits and this was done by starting to apply '*means testing*' as is also done in government housing applications.

I have to say that the biggest worry was the rising cost of anti-cancer medicine. Prices have gone up and unfortunately the number of patients has increased as well.

I always believed that this is a sector that should ultimately be managed by the health authorities, but so far, despite discussions I have had with all interested parties, we have not yet found a way of how this can be done.

Over the months it has been very gratifying to get to personally know those who have traditionally been the big financial contributors of the Malta Community Chest Fund.

I sincerely thank them on behalf of the people of Malta and Gozo.

It was just as nice to meet those thousands of 'small' donors who send out donations over the months or give you a donation wherever they meet you.

As a doctor and father, I cannot help but mention the heartache one feels each time when dealing with a new case of illness, especially in young patients.

My wife Miriam and I experienced this, particularly when visiting Maltese patients in England, and we understood better the hardships they face when being referred abroad for more specialised care.

I want to give special thanks to all those who help in such cases. A big thank you goes to all the volunteers who over the years give some of their time to help those less fortunate. I would also like to thank Mrs Marlene Mizzi who voluntarily assumed the role of Chair of the Board of Administrators of the Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation, and gives a lot of her time to ensure that this institution continues to move forward. I would also like to thank all the staff of my Office who in their daily work make no distinction between the work of the Presidency and that of the Malta Community Chest Fund and to all the staff of the Foundation for their work.

Lastly, I promise that both my wife Miriam and I will continue to consider the functioning of the Malta Community Chest Fund as an important mission and a full part of the Presidency, and we promise to continue to address all the needs for it to remain a shelter and a beacon of hope to anyone who needs the services it offers.



MARLENE MIZZI

Chairperson, Board of Administrators

CHAIRPERSON'S STATEMENT

“ *Giving is not only about making a donation. It is about making a difference.* ”

Kathy Calvin

This is the first report of the Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation (MCCFF) under the current presidency. H.E. Dr George Vella was sworn in as Malta's Head of State on 4th April 2019.

In this regard, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the President Emeritus Marie Louise Celerio Preca who was the patron of the MCCFF until 3rd April 2019.

I joined the team of volunteers on the invitation of H.E. the President in June 2019 as the Chair of the Board of Administrators. It has been a wonderful and fulfilling journey, encountering heart-breaking stories, but also experiencing the satisfaction of witnessing success stories of healing and recovery.

The MCCFF keenly observes proper governance in its mission, and basis its operation on three major principles: transparency, accountability, and justice. The Foundation is exclusively dependent on donations by members of our society, individuals, and companies, as well as financial assistance by the government when this is necessary. Funds are also raised through organised fund-raising activities, including the Ball of the August Moon, the Fun Run, Rockestra and L-Istrina. Unfortunately, the Fun Run, which was meant to be held in October 2019, had to be cancelled due to inclement weather.

We are obliged to ensure that each cent is not only accounted for in the most transparent manner but is used to help the most vulnerable of our society. A set of guidelines have been introduced to ensure diligent and fair vetting of applicants. Through *means testing*, it is also ensured that the principles of fairness and justice are observed by assisting only genuinely deserving individuals.

The request for financial assistance, particularly for cancer treatment and medication has spiralled from €8.5m in 2018 to €13.2m in 2019. The spectrum of society which embraces those who turn to the Foundation for help is wide and varied. The MCCFF endeavours to assist as many as is possible, but the financial challenge is consistently daunting.

Financial assistance does not only cover individuals suffering from a variety of serious illnesses and who face exorbitant cost of treatment, both in Malta and abroad; but also covers families living below the poverty line by financing basic needs and *food vouchers* in order for them to lead a dignified life; to persons who accompany relatives, usually children, needing treatment abroad, as well as to persons undergoing chemotherapy and who need wigs as a consequence of the treatment, and other assistance as the need arises.

I would like to conclude by thanking H.E. Dr George Vella, President of Malta and the Mrs Miriam Vella, whose energy and dedication towards vulnerable members of our society, is an inspiration to us all. Thanks, are also due to the members of the Board of Administrators, the members of the Supervisory Council, MCCFF staff and volunteers, especially the members of the Medical Assistance Unit and the Social Assistance Unit. Above all, I would like to thank the general public and sponsors whose generosity make it possible for us to make a difference to those who turn to us for help.

To all of you, thank you.



APPENDIX 1

Members of the Medical & Disability Assistance Unit:

Mrs Miriam Vella - Chairperson

Ms Claire Micallef Pule - Secretary

Dr Antoine Vella - Member

Mr Mark Mizzi - Member

Mr Charles Messina - Member

APPENDIX 2

Members of the Social Assistance Unit:

Mr Joe Sammut - Chairperson

Ms Carla Caramagna - Secretary

Mrs Miriam Vella - Member

Ms Josephine Muscat - Member

Ms Adriana Zarb Adami - Member

APPENDIX 3

Visits to hospitals abroad:

HOSPITAL	PATIENT GROUP	EXPERTISE	MALTESE PATIENTS
Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH)	Paediatrics	Any condition for those under 18 years	Cancer, tumour, kidney, heart conditions, allergies, NICU cases
King's College Hospital	Children and Adults	Liver and gastro	Liver transplants
Moorfields Hospital	Children and Adults	Eyes (day clinic)	e.g. eye tumour, blindness, glaucoma
Royal Marsden of Sutton	Children and Adults	Cancer	Leukaemia
National Hospital of Neurology	Adults	Neurosurgery	Sarcoma cases



**CHRISTINE
SCHEMBRI**

Christine had been struggling with liver problems for these past 21 years. In 2016 Maltese Doctors sent her for further investigations to London where she was diagnosed with Budd-Chiari syndrome.

In 2018 her health condition deteriorated and was sent to London for a liver transplant. The wait for the right liver match took almost 2 years. Christine was operated and the new liver transplanted last June.

During Christine's stay abroad for over 24 months she was accompanied by her partner and the Malta Community Chest Fund was there for them throughout paying his flights, accommodation, meals and everyday expenses.



**MARIA
MARIELLA
ATTARD**

Maria Mariella has for these past four and half years been on a specialized chemotherapy after she was diagnosed with breast cancer. A tiny lump she felt changed her life drastically and a hard road of tests, hospital appointments, chemotherapy and its effects started.

Chemotherapy is not an easy ride, but essential to fight the disease within so Mariella knew it was her only option. The chemotherapy Maria Mariella takes costs €5,600 each month and had she not found the Malta Community Chest Fund's help she would not have managed to pay for her treatment. To date she has been assisted with a total of €200,300.



**KENDRA
ATTARD**

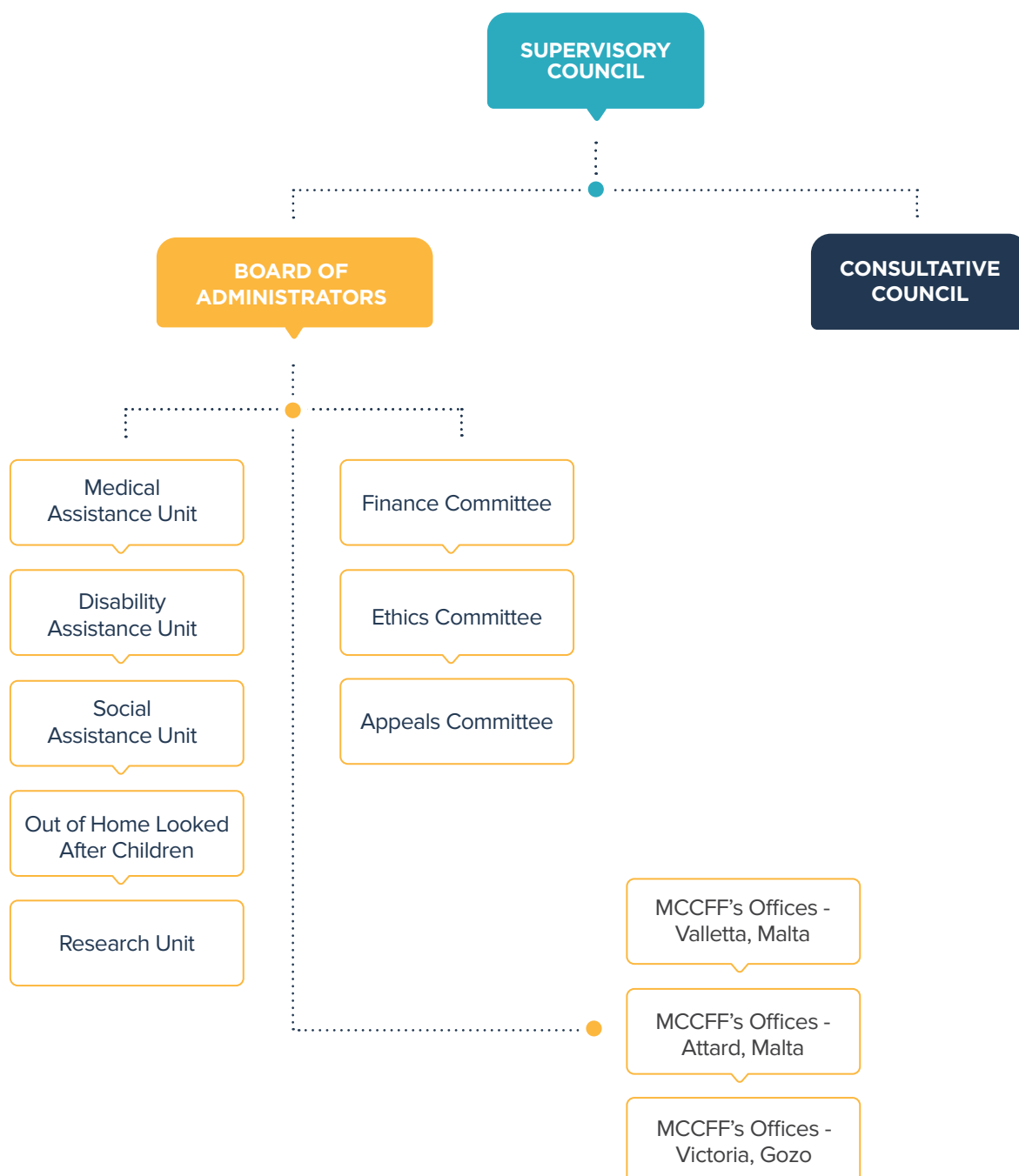
Kendra is a 5 year old girl full of life and happiness. Three years ago, a routine check up for a sore throat resulted into a nightmare for her mother Joelene where Kendra was diagnosed with acute retinoblastoma and in less than 48 hours she had to be rushed to London where her mother was informed that in order for Kendra to live, her eye had to be completely removed otherwise the chance of the cancer spreading was too high.

With a heavy heart her mother had to sign the permission to have her daughter's eye removed. Since then, Kendra has travelled numerous times to London for post operation check-ups. In spite of what she went through she leads a normal life surrounded by her family and friends.

Kendra has two other siblings, so for her mother to travel abroad with her and to leave her other children behind was also a great challenge, apart from the financial burdens they had to go through. Joelene insists that had it not been the Malta Community Chest Fund who assisted them each time they had to travel they definitely would not have managed.

ORGANIGRAM

THE MALTA COMMUNITY CHEST FUND FOUNDATION





ACTIVITIES & INITIATIVES 2019



THE PRESIDENT'S BALL

The Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation organised this new event in February 2019 - an activity that served as a unique experience for everyone who attended this Ball.



THE BALL OF THE AUGUST MOON

As every year, the Ball of the August Moon is held on the first Saturday of August. Guests were welcomed by H.E. George Vella, President of Malta and Mrs Vella. The magical atmosphere of the Verdala Palace once again provided a elegant experience for all those who attended.



ROCKESTRA

Rockestra was once again held with the overwhelming participation of the public. The Malta Philharmonic Orchestra together with various local and foreign artists gave a wonderful performance to the appreciative audience.



TISJIR MILL-QALB

The publication 'Tisjir mill-Qalb' brings new recipes from well-known local chefs every year.

CULTURAL TOURS

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

SOLIDARJETÀ BL-ISPORTS

A number of sports organisations have throughout the year organised various sports related fund-raising activities in aid of the Foundation.

SPECIAL OCCASION SOUVENIRS & DONATIONS

Anyone celebrating a special occasion can give a donation to the MCCFF instead of buying souvenirs. Lovely bookmarks are given to thank the guests.



L-ISTRINA BOV PIGGY BANK CAMPAIGN 2019

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

SALE OF ANTIQUE FURNITURE

Around 300 pieces of antique furniture, donated to the Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation, were sold over two weekends with all proceeds going towards the Foundation.



L-ISTRINA

The Foundation's annual 12-hour televised marathon is held on the 26th of December. This event is the largest of all the events held during the year with the aim to raise funds towards the Malta Community Chest Fund Foundation. A number of local personalities lend a helping hand with their appeals and participation in a number of shows organised as entertainment.

This event is an opportunity for all Maltese and Gozitans to show their undying solidarity and generosity with those in need.





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