

# Anglický súhrn / English summary

## The Center for Philanthropy - Year 2008 in Nutshell

The Center for Philanthropy n.o. (CpF) was established in 2002 as a nonprofit organisation, providing welfare services based on the Act no. 213/97 Coll. It was registered by the Bratislava Regional Authority in the register of nonprofit organisations with the no. OVVS-530/49/2002-NO. The founders are Boris Strečanský, Zuzana Thullnerová and Marcel Dávid Zajac.

The aim of The Center for Philanthropy n.o. is to strengthen nonprofit non-governmental organisations and their status in the society through its activities, services and programs, to spread the values and models of philanthropy, charitable giving and volunteering, which are an expression of mutual solidarity and understanding among citizens themselves or the public and private sector, further support the ideas of participatory democracy and support the participation of citizens on decision-making processes of public interest.

(Extracted from the statute of the CpF n.o.)

**Our mission is the development of philanthropy and civil society. We use targeted activities to encourage philanthropic behavior of individuals and corporations with the aim of supporting the civil society. The Center**

**cooperates with corporate donors. It uses specific operational activities to support and develop philanthropic and charitable conduct and to contribute to discussions focusing on the creation of the legal and tax environment for donorship and the civil society.**

**The Center provides the following services, targeting the creation, development, protection, revival and presentation of spiritual and cultural values as well as the protection of human and civil rights and liberties:**

- organisation of seminars, workshops and conferences,
- educational events targeting institutional development of NGOs, supporting charitable giving, the civil society, the social status of young people, local and regional development and the protection of human and civil rights and liberties,
- services related to the elaboration and publishing of analytical and evaluation reports,
- lectures and other services in the areas of management and institutional development of nonprofit organisations, supporting charitable giving and organized philanthropy,
- services in the area of administration of grants and support programs,
- educational, organizational and information services in the area of preparation, realisation, management and evaluation of grant and other developmental programs.



**In 2008, we have continued with enthusiasm in our work and supported 1 333 individuals and organizations by total amount of 236 138 893 Sk (7 838 376 €).**

### Activities of CpF in 2008

- 1. Development of Corporate Giving in Slovakia** in cooperation with Konto Orange n.f., Foundation SPP, the Tatra Banka Foundation and EkoFond n.f..
- 2. Community activities support through received 2% tax assignation** in cooperation with Siemens s.r.o. and Baumit s.r.o..
- 3. Support to Civic Activism in Slovakia:** Grant program Advocacy of Citizens' Interests, implemented in cooperation with the Ekopolis Foundation.
- 4. Publishing of analytical and evaluation reports regarding civic society:** *"We and they" - NGOs' Influence on Decision-Making Processes in the Visegrad Group Countries"* supported by Sasakawa Peace Foundation and *Intelligent Money – Private Resources for Development: Regional Summary.*
- 5. Preparation of the annual list of the biggest foundations in Slovakia** in the cooperation with the economic analytical weekly Trend.
- 6. The CpF Award for the best class or graduate research/work** covering the theme of philanthropy for university students.





## Projects supported in the cooperation with The Center for Philanthropy in 2008

Partner	Grant programs	Registered project proposals	Supported projects	Total amount of support (SKK)	Total amount of support (EURO)	Advisory Committee Members
Konto Orange, n. f.	11	1552	589	21 734 970 Sk	721 469 €	110
Foundation SPP	11	928	559	175 820 000 Sk	5 836 155 €	29
Tatra Banka Foundation	7	186	106	13 297 730 Sk	441 404 €	32
Baumit, s.r.o.	2	83	23	819 000 Sk	27 186 €	6
Siemens s.r.o.	3	48	41	1 896 997 Sk	62 969 €	4
EkoFond, n. f.	4	46	15	22 570 196 Sk	749 193 €	20
<b>Together:</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>2843</b>	<b>1333</b>	<b>236 138 893 Sk</b>	<b>7 838 376 €</b>	<b>201</b>

We would like to thank all our donors and partners for their support, generosity and expressed trust. We would like to thank Konto Orange n.o., Foundation SPP, Tatra Banka Foundation, Baumit s.r.o., Siemens s.r.o., EkoFond n.f., The Sasakawa Central Europe Fund, Europe for Citizens Programme for their financial support in the year 2006.

## Our aim is to develop these areas by means of our partners' GRANT PROGRAMS:

### Education development and enhancement

- Change of teaching methods at elementary schools** – we support active and initiative elementary school teachers who are determined to change attitudes to pupils during lessons, who want to teach in more interesting, creative and inventive ways.
- Skills development of secondary school students** – we assist secondary school students in creating their own projects focused on various themes; thus helping them to develop their life skills. Program is focused on environmental issues, voluntariness, and support of school media or employing of students' ideas during lessons.
- Supporting university students' education** – we help students to overcome the limits of their schools and educational system so they can participate in creation of their own education and specialization in their field of interest. It is an opportunity to win grant for realization of one's own projects, which are either scientific or practical in nature and which enable to promote one's own expertise.
- Scholarship program for university students** – we support fellowships of university students abroad. Within the program we started activities of Brainies club, which provides activities such as outdoor experience training, course of project management or opportunity to win grant for one's own university.
- Supporting economic and management colleges** – it benefits the quality of teaching of particular subjects, themes or fields of education.
- Supporting post gradual students of economic colleges** – scholarships for full time PhD students from Slovak economic and management colleges.

### Development and protection of cultural values and leisure activities

- Supporting leisure activities based on "peer to peer" principle** – we support cultural events, sport activities, informal education of youth and voluntary activities for community benefit.
- Supporting national cultural heritage** – reconstruction of national cultural heritage across Slovakia.
- Supporting construction of multifunctional playgrounds** – building of playgrounds across Slovakia according to EU standards.

### Support of disadvantaged groups of people

- Scholarship for disadvantaged students of secondary schools and universities** – for students with medical handicap to enable them to study at secondary school or university according their choice. Scholarship helps them to eliminate barriers, which they encounter on daily basis.
- Leisure program for disadvantaged people** creates various possibilities for spending leisure time.
- Program focused on improving quality of life of socially disadvantaged people** – we support model, innovative and progressive approaches to improving quality of life of people with medical handicap, victims of domestic violence or otherwise socially disadvantaged people.
- Converging of majority with minorities, and minorities with each other** – supporting of self-help activities.
- Improving the position of women in society** – we support organizations and individuals, who focus on women issues and change their position in society.

## Field of charity and philanthropic activities

1. **We help people in difficult life and social situation** via volunteers with big heart open to requirements of those in need. It is mainly help to lonely elderly people, ill and handicapped people, children in hospitals, foster homes, poor families, people who lost someone and homeless people.
2. **Employment grant programs** are designated to the employees of our corporate partners. Programs focus on supporting the employees who are active in their community and engage in volunteer activities benefiting the public.
3. **Support of public donation** – it is realized on matching principle, i.e. after collecting of certain amount of money we contribute with the same amount.
4. **Support of people in need** – program for economically and socially disadvantaged people.
5. **Support of people affected by natural disaster.**

## Support and development of local regions

1. **Development of local regions** – we support active and initiative citizens who create projects focused on improving quality of life of people in local regions of Slovakia.
2. **Grant program “We like it here, we want to live here”** – idea of this program is that people who care about the world around them and who want to change it have opportunity to get financial help for their designs.
3. **Community activities, community philanthropy** – support for people who are engaged in their community and participate in development of community donorship.

## Protection of environment

1. **Support of education in environment management for local governments and environmental activists.**
2. **We support purchase and installation of progressive technologies for combined production of electric energy, heat and cold on the basis of natural gas** – co-generation and tri-generation units that are saving environment.
3. **Improvement of energetic properties of buildings** – we support replacement of windows, supplementary thermal insulation of and regulation of heating systems in public buildings, but also in apartment and family houses.
4. **We support development and utilization of alternative motor fuel CNG** (compressed natural gas) in Slovak public transport; thus we want to decrease emissions of harmful substances from transport into atmosphere.
5. **We support research and development of innovative technologies on the basis of natural gas** and pilot projects of their implementation.
6. **Contribution for a new boiler** – the aim of the project was to support installation of new, energetically efficient condensation boilers running on natural gas and thus contribute to protection of environment by ecological disposal of old boilers.

## Our PUBLIC EDUCATION, DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES focus on actively increasing the familiarity of public about culture of giving in Slovakia and abroad:

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**We realize also our own research activities focusing on civil society and philanthropy.** We consider it necessary to reflect the development in these fields and to create space for deeper contemplation about issues of philanthropy, civil society and non profit organizations.

III. Monitoring of legal and tax framework for civil society.

**We monitor development in legislative concerning civil gatherings, as well as tax and overall supporting environment for civil society and we respond to eventual proposals** by participation in work groups, public activities (articles) or civil organizing.

IV. Support of community foundations concept

**Since 1995 several of us are personally involved in the issue of developing of community foundations.** Community foundations are fastest growing form of organized philanthropy in present and in global merit. It is based on the idea that for someone to be a donor and philanthropic, s/he does not have to be a millionaire. Also people with modest means can be initiative, help improve life around them and thus strengthen the trust among people.

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