



Macedonia Welcome Centre
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Charity Bazaar



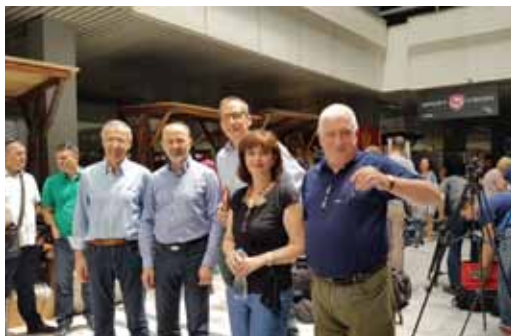


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The 2016 DMWC International Charity Bazaar took place on 4 June 2016 in the City Shopping Centre (GTC) under the auspices of the City of Skopje. The Honorary

President of the 2016 Bazaar was H. E. Charles Garrett, the British Ambassador to the Republic of Macedonia. Twenty-seven embassies and international organizations as well as the business community and many individual volunteers contributed to the success of the project. The City of Skopje supported the organization of this increasingly popular event dedicated to the International Children's Day with a grant to DMWC.

The bazaar raised the total of 368 270 denars for the Shuto Orizari Day Centre for Street Children in Skopje.





Children from the Centre attended the bazaar and took part in the children's programme alongside the children from Skopje's international schools and performing arts studios and societies: American School Macedonia, Cvetan Dimov Performing Arts Society, Ecole Francaise Internationale de Skopje, Kindermusik at Prima Danza, NOVA School, QSI International School of Skopje, Prima Danza.





Embassies and missions of international organizations participated in the event with bazaar stands, lottery donations and the sale of lottery tickets. The following embassies and organizations had stands promoting their countries and national products and/or their activities in Macedonia:



Embassy of the Republic of Albania



British Embassy



Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria



Embassy of the People's Republic of China



Embassy of the Republic of France



Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran





Embassy of the Republic of Italy



Embassy of Montenegro



Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands



Embassy of Romania



Embassy of the State of Qatar



Embassy of the Republic of Serbia



Embassy of the Slovak Republic



Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia



Embassy of the Kingdom of Spain



Embassy of the United States of America



European Union – Delegation of the European Union,



Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe – OSCE Mission to Skopje





United Nations Children's Fund – UNICEF



International Monetary Fund – IMF.

For the donations of lottery prizes we are also grateful to the following companies:

Acı Badem Sistina, Alchemist, Alkaloid AD, Arka Hotel, Art Skopje, Bitsiani, Confucius Institute, Deko, ECD-KOR, Gorenje, Gral Gallery, Ibis Hotel, IKF, Dr. Nina, Mango, Marriott, Mont, MPM, Parkovi i zelenilo, Pelagonia,

Pelister, Signori, Stopanska Banka AD Bitola, Suchico, TCC Grand Plaza Hotel, Teatar Hotel, Turkish Airlines, VERO, Villa Dihovo, Vitrum, ZTE;

and artists: Reshat Ameti, Angela Bereri, Jasmina Bosevska, Osman Demiri, Zaneta Gelevska Veljanoska, Xhezair Rexhepi, Safet Spahiu, and Luan Zenku.

NOVA International Schools sponsored the printing of 1500 lottery tickets, and volunteers from NOVA High School helped set up and run several stands.

Embassy of the Republic of Austria, British Embassy, Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria, Embassy of the People's Republic of China, Embassy of the Republic of France, Liaison Office of the Hellenic Republic, Embassy of Hungary, Embassy of the Republic of Italy, Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Embassy of Montenegro, Embassy of the Republic of Poland, Embassy of Romania, Embassy of the Slovak Republic, Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia, Embassy of the Kingdom of Spain, Embassy of the Kingdom of Sweden, Embassy of the Republic of Turkey, Embassy of the United States of America as well as the International Monetary Fund, NATO Liaison Office and OSCE Mission to Skopje provided lottery prizes.



Project Shutka Highlights

Shuto Orizari (Shutka) Day Centre for Street Children is a safe haven for school age children where they can pass the afternoon under the supervision of educators and volunteers who attend to their immediate needs ranging from having a snack and having their hair washed to doing homework and playing with other children in a safe environment. With the money raised by the bazaar and lottery, DMWC has organized the following activities for the children of the centre:

- art workshop;
- self-defense classes;
- legal and sex education workshops;
- provision of stationery and school supplies;
- medical examinations of children and other family members; and
- provision of over the counter medicines as per medical advice.

All workshops were supported by food packages provided for every participating family.

An additional donation of personal hygiene products from Alkaloid AD Skopje was distributed among the children and their families.

The final Tree of Happiness art workshop for the children attending the centre lead by Zaneta Gelevska Veljanoska is planned for December 2016.

Many thanks to all those who made this possible!



