



*We help
children to get well
and reach their dreams*

**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE CHILDHOOD
CANCER FUND RUGUTĖ
ON RECEIPT AND USE
OF SUPPORT 2018**





“For fourteen years each day of the fund Rugutė has been filled with care, love, compassion and faith in the little patient’s tiny step towards Tomorrow. The child’s smile and return to school, a dictation test written without mistakes, a drawn portrait of a loving family... It is a miracle which brings back faith and inspires us to be together with those who are travelling along the road of their disease or have already completed it with all our hearts and souls.

We get a great feeling in our hearts knowing that it has been one more year when we could be so close to physicians and ensure the application of the most advanced treatment for children diagnosed with cancer, to carry out diagnostic or genetic tests which are not available in Lithuania, to provide the required charity for families, to make the dreams of little patients come true,

to provide a cosy home environment for those looking for a temporary stay and wishing to stay with their family in Rugutė’s Home. Such a direction of the fund has for fourteen years been determined by our personal complicated and long road of treating our daughter struck by cancer.

The letters that we get from the children who are in recovery from cancer or from their family members are the greatest award for our work. Their understanding and devotion to other children who are currently on the road of the complicated disease are like a confirmation that our fund is working in the right direction. This time I would like to share the letter of Vaiva, Hubertas’ mother:

“Edita! First of all, please accept the most sincere and heartfelt wishes from me and Hubertas! The families who are currently on the road or, to be more precise, are living through their worst moments, which we and Hubertas have already lived through, keep finding me, we communicate, and I realise how much can be done just by being positive and having hope! When I close my eyes, I keep seeing the guy who came to greet the staff of the Oncology Department during the Christmas season. The nurse then mentioned that the guy was already 20 years old, he was diagnosed with cancer when he was a child, and he stopped by every year. It was the time when we were staying in the hospital and living through our worst times, when even hope was already fading away. And that guy, without probably even knowing it, became like a beacon of light for us – yes, children get well, grow up tall and beautiful; it means that my child will also grow up and he will be tall and beautiful. And Hubertas is indeed getting closer and closer to the image that I created – he is tall, beautiful and smart, and he is simply amazing. He is reading and writing in Braille, he is attending a regular school, he is not only fluent in Lithuanian but also Dutch, he has excellent computer skills (most of his schooling takes place electronically), he plays a guitar, he is a fan of planes, trains and cars and is planning to become a pilot when he grows up. Well, we will see.”

We especially appreciate our long-term and new sponsors, initiatives of business enterprises and private persons, the support of natural persons, foreign partners, because their continuous support and faith in the fund’s daily love for an ailing child have turned into real and very required assistance in this unduly hard journey of the child and the whole family back to Life,” Edita Abrukauskienė, Founder of the Childhood Cancer Fund Rugutė.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Childhood Cancer Fund *Rugutė* (hereinafter referred to as the fund) is a legal entity registered in the Republic of Lithuania. It is a non-profit non-governmental organisation.

Fund code: 300070090.

Registration date: 29 November 2004, State Enterprise Centre of Registers.

Date of granting the status of support recipient: 29 November 2004.

Fund's registered address: Kosmonautų g. 3-15, Panevėžys, Republic of Lithuania.

Fund's domicile: P. Smuglevičiaus g. 45, Vilnius, Republic of Lithuania.



Childhood Cancer Fund *Rugutė* was established in 2004 by the Abrukauskas family – Edita and her husband Dainoras – having lost their three-year-old daughter Rugilė struck by cancer. Confrontation with their daughter's oncological disease and the existing state of healthcare system as well as the shortage of information on oncological diseases in Lithuania encouraged them to share their daughter's complex treatment experience and help other families facing childhood cancer.

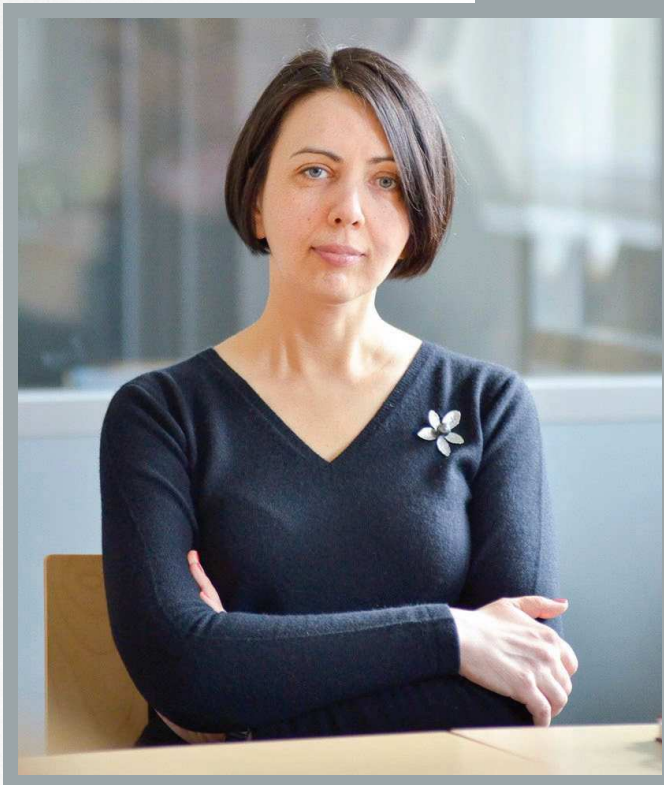
The goal of the fund *Rugutė* has been the same for fourteen years – to provide information, financial, medical and psychological support to children diagnosed with cancer; to support treatment facilities treating young cancer patients; to collect legal, social, medical information required by the families struck by childhood cancer; to encourage communication and sharing of experience among such families.

The fund also carries out various social projects, initiates or contributes to support campaigns dedicated to improving the quality of treatment for Lithuanian children with oncological diseases.

While implementing diverse activities, the fund works closely with the non-governmental organisations from Japan, Poland, Sweden, France, Turkey, China, Belgium as well as Lithuanian diplomatic representations in those countries. It also cooperates with Lithuanian communities and natural persons in the USA, Luxembourg, Belgium, Norway, Ireland who believe that every young patient must receive targeted and most effective treatment.

The fund supports the children of the age ranging from 0 to 18 years, who are undergoing treatment or are in remission.

Since its establishment the fund has existed thanks to the initiatives and enthusiasm of volunteers and supporters. Volunteers organise support events, concerts and actively contribute to the *Good Luck Windmills* campaign, visit ailing children, their families, organise projects, edit texts. In 2018, the average number of volunteers was 15.



Lina Žukauskaitė, Deputy Director General at the Department of Lithuanians Living Abroad, Lithuanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on volunteering and involvement in *Rugutė's* activities:

"I have been volunteering at the Childhood Cancer Fund Rugutė caring for Lithuanian children diagnosed with cancer for twelve years already, and I know how important a helping hand is for these children and their families.

Rugutė fund provides versatile assistance for children with cancer and their families. It was founded by the Abrukauskas family – Edita and her husband Dainoras – having lost their three-year-old daughter; therefore, as they have already completed the whole path of their child's disease, they are familiar with the most urgent needs. And not only what is needed but also how assistance should be provided – the fund's activities cherish the memory of Rugilė; hence, everything is based on the endless love for the child and absolute responsibility.

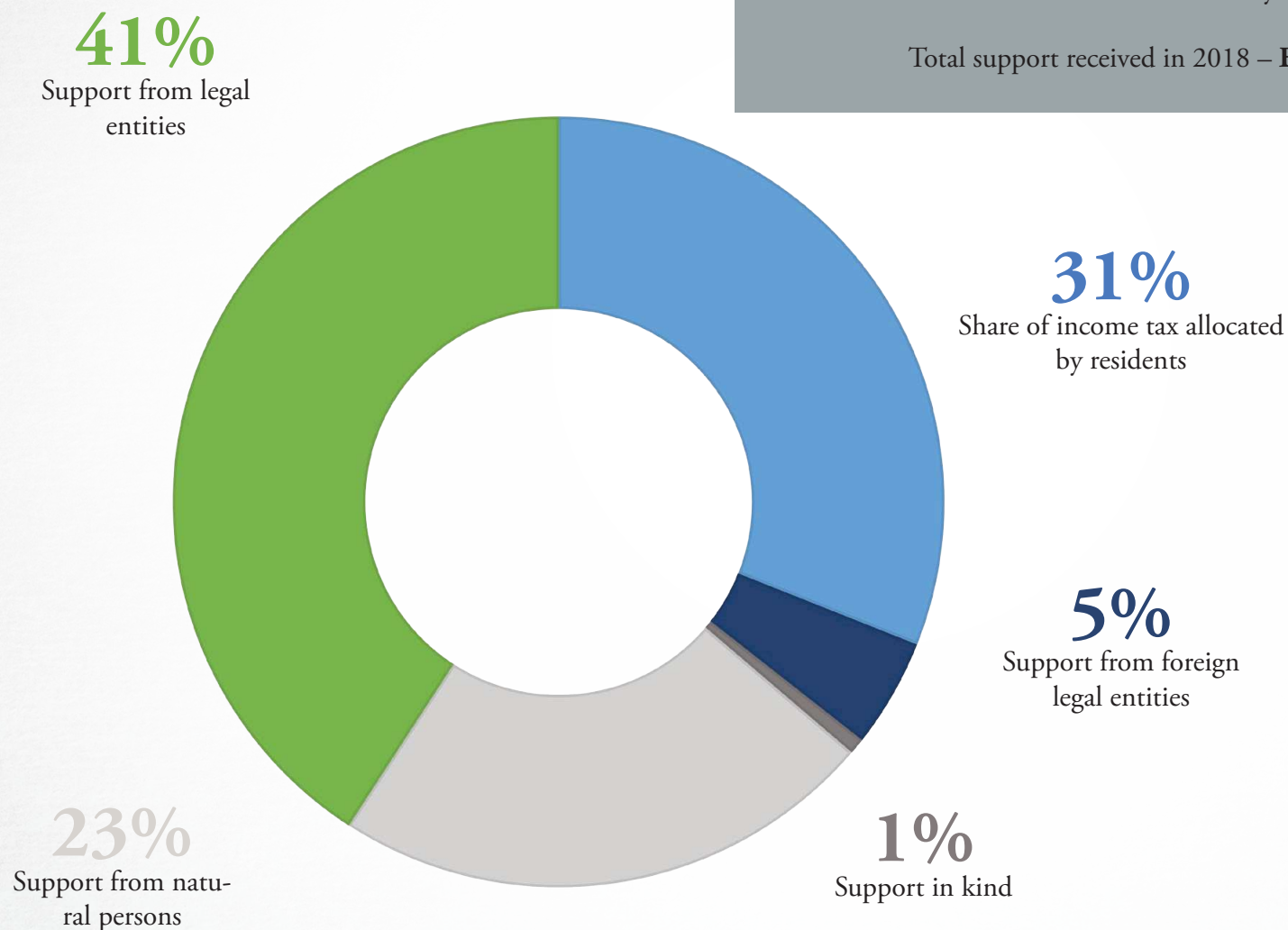
My first contact with Rugutė started when I was in Japan; therefore, back then I was looking for assistance in that country. First of all, I met all Lithuanians living there – we collected the first support for the fund. Seeing how much Lithuanians living abroad do for the sake of ailing children and how sincere this help is, I would like to bow my thanks to all the benefactors, and even though I know that they do not expect gratitude, I would like to thank them from the bottom of my heart for their concern and solidarity and for making the true miracles of Goodness.

I do not agree with the opinion that a single person cannot change the world. A helping hand stretched out by every compassionate person can change the whole world of another person be it a donation for medical equipment, medications, a donated drop of blood or a hug when it is most needed."

SOURCES OF SUPPORT RECEIVED BY THE CHILDHOOD CANCER FUND RUGUTÉ IN 2018:

1. Support from legal entities – EUR 101,797.25.
2. Support from foreign legal entities – EUR 11,401.11.
3. Support from natural persons – EUR 57,044.94.
4. Support in kind – EUR 1,676.44.
5. Share of income tax allocated by residents – EUR 77,306.86.

Total support received in 2018 – **EUR 249 226,60.**



ACTIVITIES, PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES OF THE FUND IN 2018:

In 2018, the fund pursued its objectives through the following activities (projects):

Charity for families

Like every year, the fund provided diverse charity for the children with cancer and their families: financial assistance, nursing aids and medications. The fund ensured conditions for ailing children to perform diagnostic or genetic tests which are not available in Lithuania in foreign clinics and to apply promising therapies which are not offered in Lithuania.

Families were provided monthly or one-time support under the requests of families raising a child diagnosed with cancer taking into account the importance of the need indicated in the request. When a child is diagnosed with an oncological disease, the financial situation of a family changes: income reduces significantly, because one of the parents has to nurse the child in a hospital during hospitalisation and cannot work for a long time; what is more, the costs incurred by a family substantially increase as well. Other family members also try to spend as much time as possible with a child who is severely ill; therefore, in cases when a family resides at a greater distance from the city where the treatment facility is located, travel costs increase as well. Hospital food is only intended for the child undergoing treatment, while a nursing person must take care of the food for him/herself at his/her own cost. The treatment of oncological diseases by cytostatic medications often has a strong adverse effect; the medications required to reduce it are not always subsidised by the state. Various nursing aids must also be purchased by patients' families at their own cost. The families used the financial assistance provided by the fund to purchase the required medications, nursing aids, foodstuffs, paid travel and other related costs. In this way, both a better physical condition of their children was ensured and their emotional, psychological and spiritual balance, which is essential for the treatment success and recovery, was improved.

In 2018, the fund allocated EUR 56,100.71 for the charity for families (in cash and in kind).

In 2018, the fund faced the growing demand for medications. Whereas the physicians of the Centre for Pediatric Oncology and Hematology at Vilnius Children's Hospital and the Oncology and Hematology Unit at the Pediatric Clinic of Kaunas Clinics now feel more confident in applying innovative and latest treatment protocols, they also try to administer the medications which are not supplied in Lithuania or not subsidised by the state but are successfully used for the treatment of children in other countries. In 2018, the fund purchased the medications for EUR 3,241.85.





It has been the concern of the fund for ten years that, if required, long-term central venous catheters are used for the children with cancer, as they substantially improve the psychological condition of the little patients during treatment and enable them to avoid pain and repeated procedures of placing a peripheral catheter into the vein. In 2018, the fund purchased 17 units of long-term venous catheters and 480 units of special needles for them. A girl diagnosed with cancer tells about the benefit of the catheter:

“When I got sick, every prick of a needle used to seem like the end of the world. The more time passed, the harder it was to endure catheter placement procedures, because chemotherapy made my veins very weak, fragile and burnt-out. A long-term catheter significantly eased the treatment. Nurses could inject medications while I was sleeping and I would not feel anything; I could move absolutely freely.”

The total sum allocated by the fund for the acquisition of long-term venous catheters and special needles Surecan for them accounts for EUR 4,811.86.

Starting from 2018, the fund also provides assistance in acquiring special connectors for central venous catheters. Catheter caps and connectors are the major source of microbial contamination; therefore, these special connectors reduce the possibility of catheter-associated infections. The fund purchased 800 units of special connectors, which cost EUR 677.60.

The fund purchased 400 units of light-resistant systems for children with oncological diseases, because certain cytostatic medications are sensitive to light. The fund spent EUR 726.00 for the purchase of these systems.

Oral mucositis aggravating the physical and emotional condition of the little patient is one of the most common adverse effects of chemotherapy treatment: the child suffers severe pain and cannot put a piece of food in his/her mouth. When speaking about the key direction of the fund's support – to contribute to the successful treatment of childhood cancer patients as much as possible – we usually consider oral hygiene products a “trivial thing”. However, after receiving letters from families in which we are thanked for a day with a smile and an opportunity to continue treatment without a growling hungry stomach, we have to admit – it is definitely not a trivial thing. The fund purchased oral solutions, which are among those most commonly used in European cancer clinics – GUM® AftaClear, Caphosol, Octenidol – for the total amount of EUR 2,545.91.

In April 2018, M. T.'s father contacted the fund asking to cover the expenses of the genetic tests which were carried out for his son at Caris Molecular Profiling Institute. Realising the importance of these tests and their necessity, the fund paid EUR 6,000.00.

In October 2018, K. J. V.'s mother contacted the fund asking to provide an opportunity for her son to undergo the treatment which is not subsidised in Lithuania – dendritic cell-based immunotherapy. This method of immunotherapy is already widely used in the world, but it is only taking the first steps in Lithuania. It is safe, well-tolerated and has no toxic side-effects. The fund paid EUR 4,000.00 for vaccine production.

Clinical trials

In April 2017, the fund received the request of Dr. Rascon, Head of the Centre for Pediatric Oncology and Hematology at Children's Hospital, Affiliate of Vilnius University Hospital Santara Clinics, to contribute to one of the centre's objectives – to participate in oncology clinical research programs so that Lithuanian children would get the latest treatment. To continue our cooperation, we kindly contributed to this objective in 2018 by paying EUR 1,391.50 for the translation of medical texts.

Genetic Tests for More Targeted and Effective Treatment of Every Little Patient

In 2016, the fund initiated the continuous project *Genetic Tests for More Targeted and Effective Treatment of Every Little Patient*. In 2016, Lietuvos energija Support Foundation donated EUR 56,000.00 for this project; EUR 8,000.00 was allocated by Nato Charity Bazaar.

In the autumn of 2016, a scientific discussion between Dr. Giedrė Rutkauskienė, Head of Pediatric Oncology and Hematology Centre at the Hospital of Lithuanian University of Health Sciences Kaunas Clinics, and Jean-François Laes and Dr. Fiona Demol, scientific officers from OncoDNA (Belgium), was held. It was decided that it would be most appropriate to carry out complex genetic and other molecular tests of solid tumours for children with high-grade gliomas only. The survival rate of the children with this disease is very low, and the treatment applied to date is not very effective. Thanks to complex and progressive genetic tests, it is hoped that, depending on genetic tumour mutations, more targeted and specific treatment helping to combat the disease and to achieve remission will be applied.

Starting from August 2016, exhaustive OncoDEEP&TRACE tests were performed for 16 children diagnosed with the high-grade tumours of the central nervous system. The samples of tumour biopsy or post-operative paraffin-embedded tissue blocks as well as blood samples were used for the tests. The above samples were sent to OncoDNA situated at the Institute of Pathology and Genetics in Belgium. The institute again confirmed the tumour diagnosis, performed the sequencing of over 200 oncogenes and identified all mutations in them; specific immunohistochemical, methylation, translocations, deletions/insertions and other tests were performed as well. Based on the results, an integrated biological review was generated for every patient and the most appropriate personalised treatment was adjusted. Taking into account the review and the patient's health condition, patients were administered personalised chemotherapy or targeted therapy treatment.

In 2018, OncoDEEP&TRACE tests were performed for 7 children. The fund paid EUR 21,175.00.



Rehabilitation Camp in Mallorca for Children who Suffered from Oncological Diseases

After remission is diagnosed, children often suffer from complications and cannot avoid hospital stays. At the start of 2015, the fund kindly welcomed the offer of the Gotlund family, Jurga and Fredrik, for children to spend a week-long vacation at their beautiful Can Fanals villa in Mallorca and started the continuous project *Rehabilitation Camp in Mallorca for Children who Suffered from Oncological Diseases*. The goal of this project is to provide quality rehabilitation for the children in remission. In 2018, ten children who had battled cancer and their families enjoyed the warm waters of the Mediterranean Sea and admired the beautiful nature. Rehabilitation and rest in Mallorca bring great benefits to children's emotional health.



admiring the scenery opening from the top of it. Seems like a real fairy tale. It was a wonderful time with a wonderful company. The last hours were the saddest because we had to say goodbye. Thank you!"

Expenses of flight tickets for 29 people – EUR 11,295.19, rental and fuel expenses for two cars – EUR 2,180.29, food – EUR 1,374.69, sightseeing – EUR 572.00, insurance – EUR 214.40, other expenses – EUR 311.58.

Rugutė's Home

The goal of *Rugutė's Home*, which has already been in operation for ten years, is to provide free accommodation to children suffering from cancer and their family members based on their individual needs. The fund makes effort that while staying in *Rugutė's Home* located in the vicinity of Vilnius Children's Hospital, sick children would have an opportunity to stay in a cosy home environment and have a break from complicated treatment and hospital stays. A short respite with loved ones restores a sense of security and protects the whole family from separation and the loss of the feeling of togetherness. The relatives of the little patient coming for a visit from remote localities and the family members nursing the child in the hospital during the day have a chance to stay in this home on a temporary basis.

Everyone staying in *Rugutė's Home* was entitled to the following free facilities:

- individual bedrooms;
- possibility to use the bathroom;
- playgrounds for children;
- possibility to cook;
- possibility to use washing and drying machines;
- tea, coffee, long-storage foodstuffs;
- a small library with various books and other information on oncological diseases;
- Internet and cable TV.

Rugutė's Home also hosted other projects of the fund: preparatory work for *Good Luck Windmills* campaign during which windmills were made; meetings-seminars of the self-relief group for parents having lost their children; voluntary blood drives *Share a Droplet*. It also hosted meetings between sponsors and children struck by cancer as well as their family members.

In 2018, the costs for the lease of premises, public utilities, cleaning, laundry services, telephone and other utilities provided free of charge accounted for EUR 17,081.93.



Communicate

Young cancer patients have to spend a lot of time in a hospital in separation from their friends and family members who stayed at home. In order to improve the psychological condition of ailing children, the fund provided a free access to mobile Internet connection for the children treated at the Oncology and Hematology Unit, Pediatric Clinic, Kaunas Clinics. In 2018, the fund dedicated EUR 1,092.83 for the project *Communicate*.



Let's Make Children's with Oncological Diseases Dreams Come True

In order to bring joy to children suffering from cancer, the fund fulfils their dreams.

At the end of 2018, Armandas' mother told us about the beautiful dream of her son – to have a hedgehog as a pet at home. We could not stay indifferent. We knew that the boy had been fond of hedgehogs for a long time, but he only had toy hedgehogs as his friends. We were delighted to receive the letter from Armandas' mother:

"Hello. We are so happy! We already have our new and long-awaited pet which we have been dreaming of for so long. It is a hedgehog named Čižikas. Finally, Armandas has a real and beloved spiny beauty. Our whole family wants to thank your fund, Edita and Dainoras for the dream which became a reality thanks to you".

The fund dedicated EUR 300.00 for making this sensitive dream come true.

Aquarium for Hospitalised Children

In 2012, we brought the idea of Eugenijus Mačiukas, the father of a boy who was suffering from cancer, to give two aquariums for the children hospitalised at the Paediatric Clinic of the Lithuanian University of Health Sciences to life. Professionally installed, spacious and beautiful aquariums with real fish and special flora do not only render cosiness to hospital spaces but also have a psychotherapeutic effect on the small patients of the department – they calm them down, eliminate tension and fear, help to forget pain and strengthen their mental balance. Children's better emotional well-being ensures the effectiveness of disease treatment and more rapid healing processes. A pleasant environment providing good emotions is especially important for those children whose treatment in the hospital last long months.

In 2018, the fund provided EUR 459.79 for the renewal and maintenance of the aquariums.



Palliative care. Nursing at home

The fund has been paying attention to children's palliative care for six years already. We believe that it is essential to evaluate the needs of the child who is in need of palliative care and the needs of his/her family members by enabling them to choose where to spend this stage of the disease – either at home or in a hospital.

Support by medical equipment and other aids

Through close cooperation with medical centres where young cancer patients are treated the fund helps them acquire the required medications, medical/nursing aids or medical equipment for more targeted and effective treatment of little patients.

The fund received the request to buy furniture for four renovated wards as far back as November 2017 and did not hesitate to help. What is a ward for children with oncological diseases? It is their temporary home where children have to spend weeks and sometimes even months if there are any treatment complications. Wards are where children spend their daily life – treatment, games, learning, communication with friends who are outside the hospital walls. The cosier and more convenient the wards are, the more smiles and optimism we may see. There is no secret that faith and hope are among the best medications. Therefore, the fund decided to continue cooperation with the Centre for Pediatric Oncology and Hematology at the Children's Hospital, Affiliate of Vilnius University Hospital Santara Clinics, concerning the renovation of wards and to contribute to the creation of a cosy environment. In 2018, the fund allocated EUR 17,035.63 for the installation of medical gas system. As a continuity of cooperation with this medical centre, the fund contributed to the acquisition of Daikin air conditioners (for EUR 3,650) required for the ventilation of procedural rooms during hot summer days; it also bought 3 TV sets (for EUR 1,076.97), blankets (for EUR 149), stools (for EUR 110.70). The fund provided the support for EUR 22,136.52 to the Centre for Pediatric Oncology and Hematology of the Children's Hospital.

Not only timely, targeted and effective treatment is important in the course of cancer treatment but also the participation of nurses in international conferences and meetings. For that purpose, the fund provided the support of EUR 5,000.00 for the Lithuanian Society of Pediatric Oncohematology.

In cooperation with the Lithuanian Children Cancer Association Paguoda, the fund provided an opportunity for children with oncological diseases to participate in the summer camp and paid EUR 408.00 for their accommodation services.

Not only the child's emotional and psychological condition but also high-quality rehabilitation is important in the course of cancer treatment. We gladly contributed to the renewal of equipment and purchased various targeted aids improving the child's physical condition for EUR 1,396.16.

In total, the support equalled to EUR 28, 940.68.

Share a Droplet

On 2 June and 1 December 2018, the fund, together with the National Blood Centre, organised two blood drives *Share a Droplet* in *Rugutė's Home*. As many as 73 donors participated in the voluntary blood drives. The fund has been fostering the ideas of voluntary blood donation since its establishment. To maintain the life of the person living through a severe health disorder or a serious trauma, blood transfusions are often required, and a donor's blood is the most meaningful gift for such a person.

We would like to share a thank-you letter from the National Blood Centre:

"The National Blood Centre wishes to express its most sincere gratitude to the founders of the Childhood Cancer Fund Rugutė, the Abrukauskas family, Edita and Dainoras, the volunteer of this fund Linas Vasiliauskas, as well as other members of the fund for the support of voluntary blood donation and for assistance enabling our fellow Lithuanians to get well and to save their lives. The fund organises blood drives in Rugutė's Home twice a year. On 1 December this year, over 50 donors from Vilnius, Kaunas, Šiauliai and Panevėžys again donated their blood to patients on the occasion of the 14th birthday of Rugutė fund. Everyone was duly honoured: a special thanks was accompanied by a cupcake with a candle; the candle was only blown after making a wish so that their wishes would come true and patients would get well. We wish to thank everyone for their donated blood. A special thanks goes to Mantas who has donated his blood for the 48th time, Arūnas who has donated his blood for the 36th time, Egidijus and Erikas who have already been blood donors for over 25 times.

This noble gesture of the members of the Childhood Cancer Fund Rugutė is an example of goodness and sacrifice for the sake of others".

The blood drives held in 2018 cost EUR 478.74.



INITIATIVES OF OTHER COUNTRIES FOR THE SAKE OF LITHUANIAN CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM CANCER

Visit of elves

In 2018, the school in Hörby, Sweden, organised a goodwill campaign for the little patients in Lithuania. Swedish pupils were encouraged to select and pack Christmas presents. On 14–16 December, the long-year friend of the fund, Stefan Espersson, teacher Anita Larsson, two pupils and translator Ieva Stuesson took a small bus and arrived in Lithuania from Sweden for the twelfth time already. During their visit, going from one ward to another, the “elves from Sweden” did not only give presents to the little patients of the Pediatric Clinic at Kaunas Clinics and the Centre for Pediatric Oncology and Hematology, Affiliate of Vilnius University Hospital Santara Clinics, but also cheerily juggled, sang and danced and wished peaceful holidays for the little patients and their parents. On 14 December, the guests visited the children taken care of by Rugutė – Nojus, Domantas, Gustė – in their homes and gave the presents intended for them. On 15 December, they celebrated Saint Lucy’s Day together with the children gathered in *Rugutė’s Home*.

Meetings with elves leave unforgettable impressions in children’s hearts. It is also proven by Gustė’s letter: *“I get goosebumps all over my body when I remember that December day in 2018 when we were visited by the elves from Sweden. It was such a joy to meet them again. Though their visit lasted a couple of hours, they passed like 10 minutes; they brought so much joy and were full of positive and good mood, they were very communicative; it was so easy for them to think of some activity or to start a conversation. After their visit I filled my good mood reserve for a long time, and even now, when I think about them, my mood instantly gets 100 times better.”*

“In the small corners of the world small people doing small good jobs gradually change the world’s face,” said Vanda Juknaitė. It is hard to tell whether we can call this job, or any other jobs done by the elves small. But one thing is clear – they definitely change the world’s face, which is getting brighter and more smiling every day.

The expenses of the joint project implemented together with the good-doers from Sweden accounted for EUR 1,863.34.





Onco-Olympics 2018

On 24–26 August 2018, long-year friends of the Childhood Cancer Fund *Rugutė*, Fundacja *Spełnionych Marzeń* (The Fulfilled Dreams Fund) operating in Poland, organised the seventh *Onco-Olympics*. Cancer-surviving children from Lithuania participated in this wonderful event for the fifth time already; they had a chance to try out themselves competing with children from Slovakia, Romania, Ukraine, Turkey, Poland.

As many as 14 children accompanied by the best support team – their families – went to represent Lithuania. Lithuanian representatives competed in swimming (25 m and 50 m freestyle), track-and-field athletics (sprint, long jump, shot put, ball throw), archery events. This was also the first time when they participated in table tennis and badminton events. Lithuanians won 14 medals in these Olympics: 6 gold, 3 silver and 5 bronze medals!

Onco-Olympics is not only a chance for children to try out their sport skills in certain sport events but also an excellent opportunity to get to know the children from other countries who

went through the same experiences. New acquaintances, lots of emotions in the course of competitions, the time spent together by the whole team and adventures as well as the spirit of unity sensed throughout the whole Olympics give self-confidence, pride and determination to go forward for children and their family members. pirmyn.

Gustė's impressions after her trip to Poland: *"This was my first time in Onco-Olympics. I could not even imagine what to expect from this trip. It was tiresome to get up early in the morning and to drive to Warsaw by bus but the first impressions at the Lithuanian Embassy were worth it. After the Olympics began, I saw how everyone supported each other and kept their fingers crossed despite the fact that they didn't even know each other's names a couple of days ago. Probably everyone had a great time and became even better friends during the discotheque marking the end of the Olympics. To sum up, it was a joyful and interesting trip full of impressions, new friends and adventures. It was simply amazing, and I would like to thank the organisers of Onco-Olympics and Rugutė fund for everything, because without them this trip would not have even happened."*

Participation in *Onco-Olympics* 2018 cost EUR 3,114.00.

In 2018, the fund allocated the total amount of EUR 173,403.94 for charity, support, all projects, campaigns, and initiatives.

Director of Childhood Cancer Fund *Rugutė*
14 May 2019

Edita Abrukauskienė