

Corporate Responsibility Report FY09

Environment

Environmental protection (May 2009)

In FY 09 we introduced measures aiming to reduce paper consumption - double sided printing on recycled paper.

We also helped the Bulgarian Society for Protection of Birds of Prey with a project for reintroduction of the white-headed vulture in the Vratsa Balkan and the Central Balkan. This is a long-term project – it will take about 10 years. PwC donated EUR 3,000 to be used to build a voliere (a big cage 25/6/10m) which will be placed in the Central Balkan. The construction takes about 2 months.

Community

The Power of 10

PwC staff made donations for building schools, training teachers and providing school supplies for children from Sudan in refugee camps in Chad.

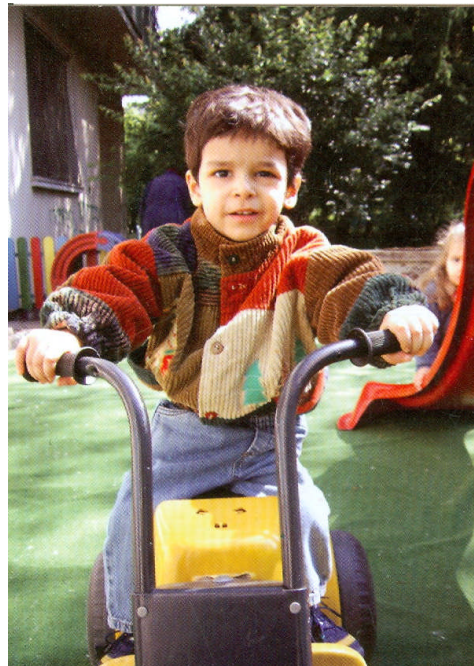
“Saint Sofia” Orphanage (FY08-FY09)

The orphanage is in Sofia.

It is home for about 60 children (newborns to age 3, plus special needs children).

In FY08 through staff and alumni donations we bought a new washing machine, dryer, refrigerator, computer and a lot of nappies for the children. We also renovated the baby quarters, which included new PVC double-glazed windows, new PVC doors, safety bars on the windows, new plasterboard ceiling, painting of the walls, ceilings and baby cribs, new tiles, sinks and tubs in the bathrooms.

In total the donation from PwC, and staff and alumni amounted to over BGN 27,000 (EUR 13,500).



We were special guests at the 2008 Christmas Party at Saint Sofia (see pictures below).



Volunteers Days (Oct. 2008)

In October 2008 PwC volunteers participated in projects organised by the AmCham and the Bulgarian Charities Aid Foundation (BCAF). Five representatives of the office took part in different initiatives: painting a fence at the “Saint Paraskeva” orphanage, shaping the garden in a home for elderly people and shaping flower beds in the “Borisova gradina” park.

Volunteers Days (May 2009)

In May 2009 11 PwC volunteers helped clean the "Borisova gradina" park.



“Saint Paraskeva” Orphanage (Dec. 2008)

The orphanage is located in Sofia. It cares for approximately 40 children from newborns to 3 years, and also for older children with special needs.

In December 2008 through staff collections we spent approximately EUR 1,500 and bought 2 carpets and 1 air conditioner for the play room and 3 heating units for the bedrooms. A DVD player and discs was donated by one of our colleagues. Through personal contacts we engaged another company to commit to supplying the orphanage with food and nappies during the year. This company also organised the 2008 Christmas party for the children in the home, which some of our staff also attended. Some pictures below.



“P. R. Slaveykov” Orphanage (Dec. 2008)

The orphanage is located in Sofia. There are 86 children between 7 and 18 years old living in the orphanage.

In December 2008 PwC staff donated money and, with a large discount negotiated by one of our volunteers, we bought winter jackets for all children worth EUR 1,900. The children were able to choose the jacket they like from several designs.

Dance classes for “P. R. Slaveykov” Orphanage (May 2009)

We have paid EUR 1,280 for cards allowing 10 kids to take dance lessons once per week for a period of one year. This initiative aims to make the daily round of the children and teenagers living in this orphanage more colourful and interesting, and to help their socialising.

Clothes for social centres

During the year Integra foundation helped us give away clothes to children and adolescents.

Education (June 2009)

About EUR 8,000 was donated via Integra foundation for the allowance of 4 young adults, identified by the foundation as people with potential. They have all had a difficult childhood – living in orphanages or at protected homes.

Now with support of Integra and of the “Agapedia” foundation, three of these young people are studying at universities (History, Geography and Pharmacy), and the fourth is looking for a job.

The allowance covers accommodation, transport, food, textbooks, pharmaceuticals and other expenses.

Sick children (June 2009)

The firm has donated about EUR 6,000 for helping the medical treatment of children. We have donated the money throughout the Foundation for Medical Treatment of Children Abroad.

Helping orphanages with staff (June 2009)

We have financed with EUR 6,000 the hiring of young people to work at some of the orphanages with which we have had contacts during the last two years.

On the one hand, this will contribute to fight the main problem at these centres – the shortage of staff and respectively the lack of good care, attention and human contact with the children. On the other hand, we believe that this kind of experience for the “trainees” will have an educational, humanitarian and preventive function.