

Daily care centre „Steps of hope” Tuzla
 Centre for education and rehabilitation
 Unique at Balkans area



Daily care centre for children with special needs



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Children from "Steps of hope" association did not have appropriate premises for work until 2010, especially during winter months. Hilfswerk Austria International (HWA), with full support of the director Dr. Heidi Burkhart, recognized the need to support the children and turned into reality the initiative of Mrs. Annemarie Kury for construction of a new daily care centre .

Hilfswerk Austria International team, that is present in BiH since 1994 through a great number of successful humanitarian projects in various field of support to those in need, fulfilled until recently unthinkable for this children and those taking care of them - initiated local authorities, gathered a group of donors and constructed prestigious Daily care centre, building for education and rehabilitation of children with disabilities, unique at the Balkans area.

HWA expert team in BiH, managed by Head of mission to BiH Mrs. Suzana Jašarević, ensured all aspects of planned activities to be implemented, with high quality and full success. Through construction of the daily care centre for children with disabilities in Tuzla canton area, HWA provided a good quality and modern place at their close vicinity, at which they will be able to get at one place adequate treatment and satisfy their social needs, supported by good, educated and self motivated individuals from "Steps of hope" association.

To make sure that the Daily care centre will fulfill its main tasks, Hilfswerk Austria International, with expert work of "Ingrad" Tuzla architects, constructed inspiring, good quality and mostly functional object, designed on energy efficiency principles. In the total usable area of more than 700 m2, the building offers rooms for a daily stay, education, rehabilitation and socialisation, as well as the swimming pool that provides ideal hydrotherapy conditions, throughout the year.

More than 150 kids with multiple impairments will use services that comprehend classical rehabilitation methods, various supportive models in education, rehabilitation and socialization, and also promotion of the children with multiple impairments rights. The centre provides as well psycho-social support and education for children with disabilities parents, with an aim at forming their stance related to their children and at making them able to act as co-therapist in the complex rehabilitation process.

Donation funds for the Daily care centre construction, in amount that exceeds 1,6 million KM, Hilfswerk Austria International ensured in cooperation with the Tuzla municipality, Raiffeisen Zentralbank, Austrian private donors through HWA, BiH Presidency and other donors from Austria. On the initiative of H.E. Donatus Koeck, the Republic of Austria Ambassador to BiH, an important contribution was provided by the "Xella" BiH company, that donated construction blocks. "Centre for development and support" (CRP) Tuzla association donated solar collectors.

Specific value to the project gives unselfish and unreserved support by the Mayor, Mr. Jasmin Imamović, and administration of Tuzla municipality, that provided the land and necessary administrative prerequisites for building construction as well as the exterior arrangement.

By this a big STEP was made that provides HOPE for better future. Children from STEPS of HOPE association deserve that.

