

## Editorial



The beginning of the new year encourages to balance the previous year. But isn't one year too little?

Five years ago .... thanks to a responsible attitude of OKD, a new Moravian foundation emerged, whose ambition was and is improving the quality of people's lives, particularly in North Moravia. In five years, the foundation has come a long way - had the opportunity to participate in 1500 projects that supported by the amount of 240 million crowns, found topics such as work and social integration of the handicapped and the development of community life in the housing estates, which is now focused intensely than at the beginning. The basic mission and objectives of the foundation remained. We are here for large and small nonprofits that are in economically difficult time trying to not only maintain the quality and range of its services and activities, but also to develop them further. Although the time isn't in favor to heavy industry this year, we can again with great respect for the work of OKD and our other donors grant 20 million.

Even if this amount is lower in comparison with previous years, I firmly believe that it is high enough to help in the realization of those most needed, the best- prepared and realistic projects.

I wish you a lot of energy in their preparation and great 2013!

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*deputy director of OKD Foundation*

## Actualities

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The OKD Foundation announced grant calls, in which will distribute around 20 million crowns to the non- profit organizations, schools and municipalities. They will focus primarily on supporting Karviná, Ostrava and Frýdek- Místek. "In the past years we have always set aside 80 percent of all funds distributed throughout Moravian- Silesian region and one fifth of the funds went to other regions. This year will go this 80 percent only to three districts in which OKD and our other donors have active operations," explained Jiří Suchánek, Director of the OKD Foundation. One fifth of the finance is designed for the support of the best and most needed projects in other parts of the country. The Foundation has published all details on its website [www.nadaceokd.cz](http://www.nadaceokd.cz), applications shall be received by 22nd February.

The Mining Foundation grant programs will allow support a wide range of activities. "The integration of disabled people in society remains the priority, but we also help those NGOs who are taking care of seniors, children, social life or the environment," said Suchánek. Foundation again writes a program For Europe that helps nonprofit organizations with

funding of preparing their applications for subsidies from EU funds.

According to many assumptions this year will be even more economically challenging than 2012 for many non-profit organizations. Continuation in reduction of government subsidies, many companies significantly reduce support as the economy stagnates. "Nonprofit organizations have become a natural part of our lives. As a foundation, in which OKD and other important Silesian companies contribute, we understand the responsibility for the region in which these companies operate, where their employees and other people live, where the operation of these enterprises affect their lives," explained Suchánek.

The integration of handicapped people, the support of sheltered workshops and better access of handicapped to culture and sport remains priority the OKD Foundation. "This year we want to expand Experiences Without Barriers Program. In 2012, we have supported organizers of the four music festivals, who adapted areas of their festivals for wheelchair users and prepared a special service for disabled people, this year we will give a chance to other," said Suchánek.

In addition to the announced grant challenges, the foundation currently prepares other activities. Under the program Srdcovka will support organizations in which employees of OKD and all donor companies of the Foundation are active. Additional funding will send through the Housing Estate Lives Program to improve the lives of people on housing estates.

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## Supported projects

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### TV PANTUŠKA goes live



VRATIMOV – The OKD Foundation has its own TV! Better said, children's television, called TV Pantuška. Literally everyone can tune it – non-stop on the web [www.tvpantuska.cz](http://www.tvpantuska.cz) or directly on TV set: Every Thursday at 9:26, 17:26 and 20:26 as a part of the POLAR TV program. The preparation of reports provides small team of editors, reporters, presenters, cameramen and editors led by pros from the House of Children and Youth in Vratimov. What television broadcasts? It's obvious – reports of the exciting projects supported by our Foundation.

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### Nedoklubko helps in twenty hospitals



OSTRAVA – Help for mothers with premature children and public education about the risks of premature births, this is the main activity of the Nedoklubko Association, which received a grant for its activities also from the OKD Foundation. They help in the whole country including North Moravia, where the association representatives have visited at Christmas time. At the University Hospital in Ostrava- Poruba they pleased four moms who suffered the same fate as them some time ago – babies were born to them several months before expected date. Primarily psychological assistance is the most important to mothers in the first few months after delivery.

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### Harmony Festival is becoming a Christmas tradition



KOZLOVICE - International Festival of Advent and Christmas traditions, carols and crafts Harmony took place at Christmas time in several places of Moravian- Silesian Region. Rich program offered not only concerts and performances in interesting places (churches, concert halls, outdoor), but also exhibitions, art crafts and film projection. We especially liked the Christmas Market in Kozlovice. Visitors here could find an inspiration for the preparation of true Old Czech Christmas - cribs, Three Kings, Christmas customs and crafts were seen, traditional Czech specialties or unusual decorating of the Christmas tree, Christmas carols were mostly heard. The OKD Foundation was the main partner of the festival.

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## Wheelchair could always visit Prašivá, now there may use also the toilets



MORÁVKA – Cottage Prašivá in Beskydy is popular among many groups of visitors. For example children love it, four- kilometer hike will runs faster than the half- day tour to Lysá hora, and wheelchair users liked it as well. Prašivá is actually one of the few cottages in Beskydy ridges, which can be reached by car all year round – and in the cottage surroundings can enjoy the nature in the wheelchair. Disabled had only one problem - toilets. But that's not true since November, the Czech Tourist Club built with an extensive help from the OKD Foundation a wheelchair entrance to the cottage and especially tailor- made toilets for wheelchair users.

## Staříč has a new playground for the little ones and grown up



STAŘÍČ – Climbing frames, slides and swings for small, on the other side for larger multi-pitch with artificial turf. In the village they have quality football field, but the area for fun for younger children and amateur sport was missing. That has changed thanks to the community and the gift from the OKD Foundation, which funded the project from the contribution of Green Gas DPB. The foundation already supported several interesting activities in Staříč and in the neighborhood, but half a million grant for building a playground is the biggest.

## Jurkovic arbor restored thanks to a grant from For Europe Program



VALAŠSKÉ MEZIŘÍČÍ – Jurkovic arbor can be seen again after several decades in the Castle Park Kinski in Valašské Meziříčí. Communist regime had removed it in the seventies, allegedly because it originally served for resting of the nobles and the bourgeoisie during tennis. Recovery plan of the arbor was born in the local branch of the Czech Union for Nature Conservation, and so much endeared the OKD Foundation that it contributed 169,000 crowns for the project preparation. It scored in Brussels and sent to "Valmez" more than 600 000 for the construction, town has contributed another 180 thousand crowns.

## Excellent jazz is playing under Beskydy thanks to the OKD Foundation



FRÝDEK- MÍSTEK – Hall of favorite club Joinery was in the recent months several times literally bursting at the seams, especially during performances of Ondřej Havelka or Petr Lipa. Another jazz group with world reputation, such as Laco Deczi Celula NY, Behind the Door 1705 Music – Zsolt Kaltenecker have at the same time introduced themselves to local audiences. On March 9, will be prepared concert of Slovak- American formation Will Bernard Trio. All that within the project Jazz in the Beskydy Mountains, supported by the OKD Foundation. Another program on the web [www.jazzvbeskydech.cz](http://www.jazzvbeskydech.cz).