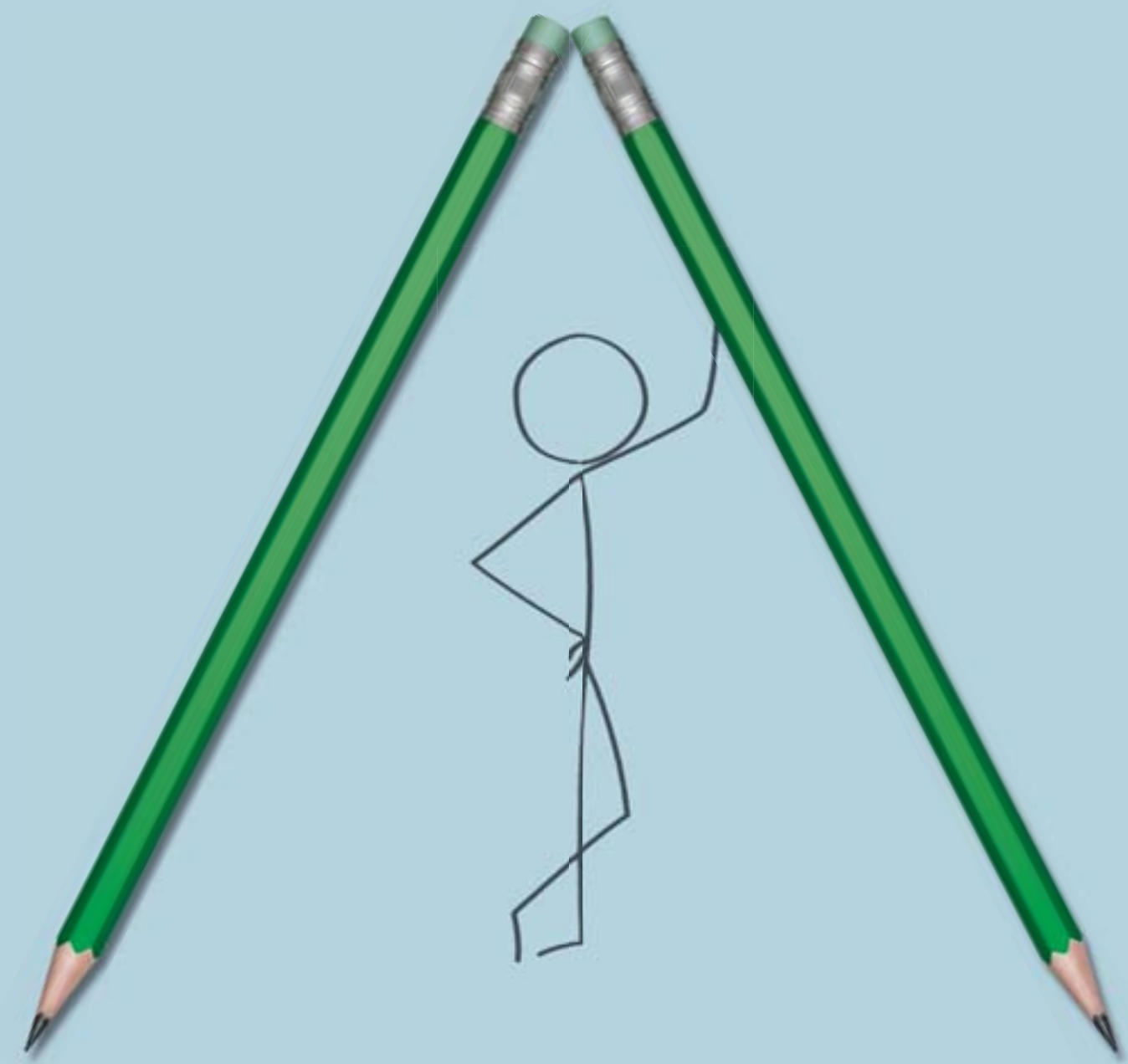
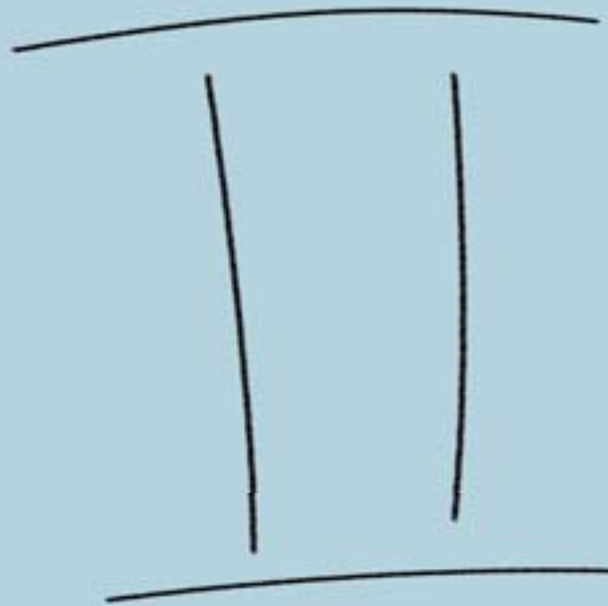




Life should have depth



SUMMARY OF ANNUAL REPORT 2009



SECOND YEAR OF OKD FOUNDATION

365 the number of days the OKD Foundation pursued its activities last year.

Just like nonprofit organisations, foundations do not differentiate between working and non-working days.

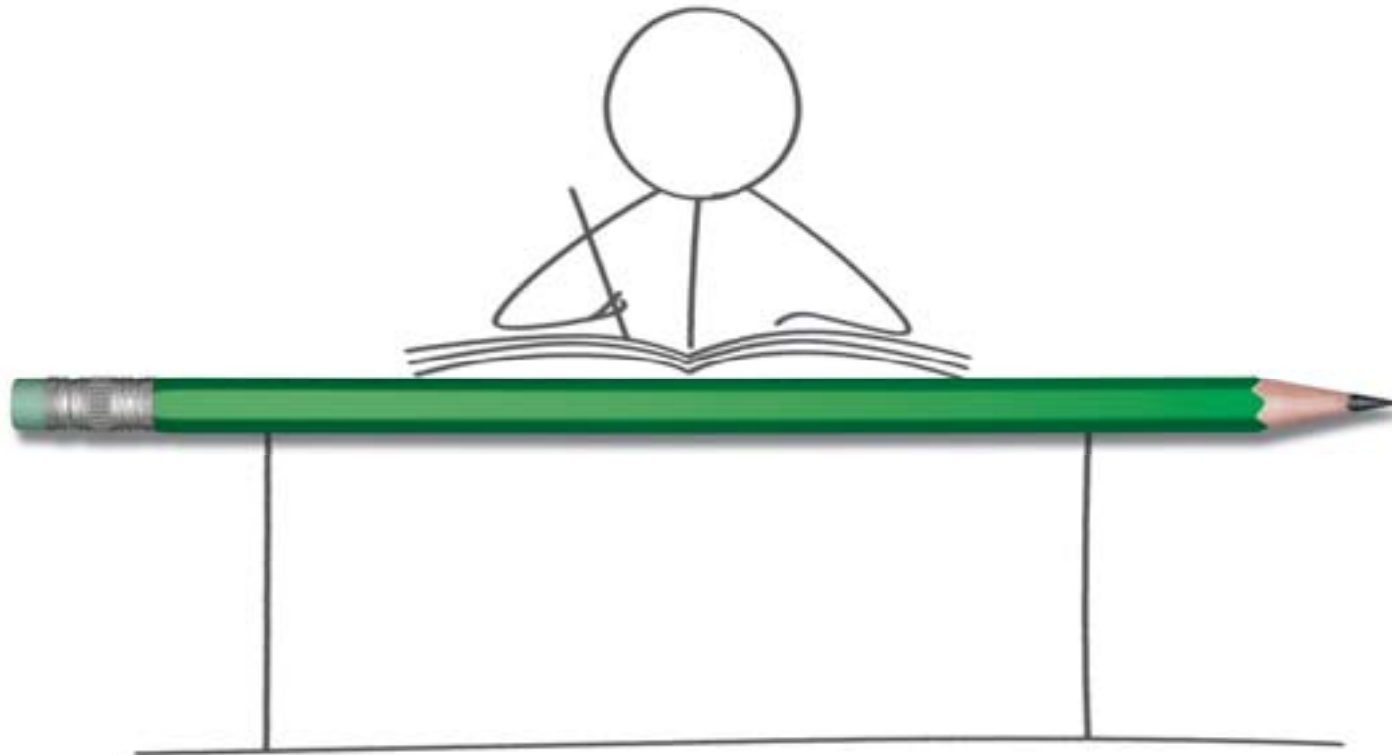
762 projects of nonprofit organisations that applied for support for their activities.

205 key projects supported by the OKD Foundation.

37,111,610 the total amount (in CZK) the OKD Foundation donated to the selected projects.

The following pages contain a brief overview of OKD Foundation's activities in 2009, the support it received and how it managed its resources.

The OKD Foundation team



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Coal mining and social responsibility

A journalist recently asked me why we, as a mining company, have a corporate foundation that annually distributes tens of millions of crowns to support socially beneficial projects. He felt that we have assumed the role of the state and that we were violating natural laws. It is like nettle and the rose, he said.

Many people view the corporate social responsibility of hard coal mining companies in a similar or worse light. In their opinion, it is a matter of course or merely a smokescreen for further mining activities.

Mining companies throughout Europe have for years underestimated the importance of communicating with the public. In the meantime, life has changed beyond recognition. In the world of media, information and social networking, everyone sees it as their inalienable right to know everything. Mining companies entered this information turmoil completely unprepared. They found themselves in a paradoxical situation: on the one hand, the public has great expectations pertaining to the responsibility of mining companies while, on the other, people do not trust these companies [The expression "coal lobby" itself has a pejorative ring to it and is thus hardly synonymous with confidence and responsibility.]

Even though mining companies today communicate in a far more open manner and do not deny their negative impact on the population, landscape and the environment, convincing the public that they are truly serious about their responsibility and that they really do care about the region in which they operate remains a difficult task.

Nevertheless, in 2008 OKD established its Foundation, which in 2009 became one of the largest in the Czech Republic, owing in no small part to the support from many other donors such as NWR, RPG RE, OKK Koksovny, OKD Doprava and Green Gas DPB. The Foundation distributed tens of millions of crowns and helped hundreds of people to realise their wonderful ideas, bringing in turn joy, succour or opportunities to others. The journey we have set out on is a long one, the destination still very far away, yet it is certainly worth it. So, I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who contributed to our Foundation's activities in 2009.



Petra Mašínová
*Chairwoman of the Managing Board,
OKD Foundation*


Growing number of requests for support

This Summary of Annual report, full of facts, figures and graphs, shows that 2009 was a successful year for our Foundation and in many respects an interesting one too, a year full of new experiences. In addition to the Foundation supporting various individual projects within the announced funding calls, we also implemented many new initiatives and actively supported our community through our own projects. In the Spring, we prepared the “monkey path” competition for children and their parents at the Ostrava Zoo; in September we built the first “foundation village” for our partner nonprofit organisations and with the involvement of the public supported the Heřmánek Half-Way House in Karviná. In the Autumn, we gave out prizes to the best charity projects through the OKD Foundation Awards, and in December we organised our first public fund raising for the benefit of the organisation Dítě s diabetem (Children with Diabetes) and the Saint Barbara Citizens Association. This experience was all the more valuable for us in that it was joined directly by employees from the companies supporting the OKD Foundation.

We are delighted that in a year of deep economic crisis we were able to respond to current needs of the communities in the Moravia-Silesia region, and to provide support in emergency situations; a case in point being the floods that affected North Moravia in the middle of last year. We strove to extend our co-operation with the supported nonprofit organisations and I am really pleased that this collaboration has proved fruitful. The number of requests for support continues to grow. In 2009 we supported a total of 205 projects to the tune of CZK 37.1 million.

Our main goal has always been and will continue to be extending help in areas such as healthcare, social services, environmental protection, education, regional development and, last but not least, supporting projects aimed at raising funding from the European Union. We intend to extend these areas in 2010 to include new, society-wide themes. However, none of this would be possible without the support all our donor companies, which we highly appreciate and to which we extend our heartfelt thanks.

We firmly believe that we will continue to be able to fulfil our task – lending a helping hand.



Blanka Týřová
Executive Director,
OKD Foundation



GOALS AND MISSION OF THE OKD FOUNDATION

The OKD Foundation was set up at the beginning of 2008 with the aim of supporting and nurturing spiritual and humanitarian values, improving the environment, education, sports and cultural activities as well as social and healthcare services. The Foundation's main objectives also include support for the North Moravia Region, including promoting its mining traditions, and helping nonprofit organisations when drawing up European projects.

The Foundation pursues these goals through its four grant programmes:

- For Health
- For Joy
- For the Future
- For Europe

With the aim of supporting special projects whose nature goes beyond the frameworks of the grant programmes, the OKD Foundation has set up two funds:

- The Crisis Fund
- The Operational Fund

The OKD Foundation channels the majority of its resources (approximately 80%) into projects that boost the quality of life in the Moravia-Silesia Region, whilst also supporting nationwide and cross-border co-operation projects (approximately 20%).

The Foundation's grantor is the black-coal mining company OKD, a.s., one of the leading companies and largest employers not only in the Moravia-Silesia Region but in the Czech Republic as a whole, and a company with a longstanding tradition and a strong connection with the region in which it operates.

In recent years, the company has undergone a restructuring process, becoming a part of the international coal mining group New World Resources (NWR). The group has brought new perspectives to OKD and, above all, world standards of operation customary in the international business environment. As a result, it was just a small step for OKD to define its own social responsibility policy, set up a corporate foundation and provide a solid basis for the company's philanthropic initiatives. OKD expects the Foundation to conscientiously, systematically and transparently distribute the funds obtained from individual donors for the benefit of the best projects and among those who need it the most.

When it comes to the amount of funds distributed, the OKD Foundation ranks among the largest corporate sponsors in the Czech Republic.



GRANTOR AND MAIN PARTNERS



After two full years of operation, the OKD Foundation has become a reliable and trustworthy partner to nonprofit organisations, schools and municipalities – to everyone whose aim it is to improve the quality of life in the Ostrava region. I am particularly proud of the fact that the Foundation was able to extend immediate help in critical situations that afflicted the region last year; for instance, during the summer floods. It holds for the future too that we will support the Foundation to the tune of one per cent of our company's net profit. I firmly believe that in this respect we will also serve as a source of inspiration for other companies in the Czech Republic.

Klaus-Dieter Beck

Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors, OKD



Last year was negatively affected by the global economic downturn and ensuing efforts to cut costs led many businesses to discontinue or reduce their previous support for corporate social investment. NWR was among the many companies that were in the red for most of the year. However, because of our belief in the long-term need to continue to assist the communities around our operations, we maintained our support for the OKD Foundation. In terms of priorities, the activities of the Foundation were placed on an equal footing to investments in new mining technologies, improvements to occupational safety and landscape reclamation.

Mike Salamon

Chairman of the Board of Directors, New World Resources N. V.



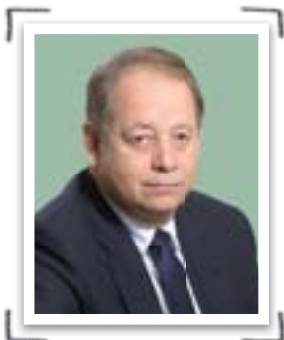
The operations of OKD, Doprava have already extended to encompass the entire region of Central and Eastern Europe. Nonetheless, we are still fully aware of the historical and current significance of the Moravia-Silesia region for our business activities. Our donation to the OKD Foundation allowed us to participate for the second year running in projects that have boosted the development of this region and improved the quality of life of its inhabitants.

Attila Boros

Chief Executive Director, OKD, Doprava



OKD, Doprava, a.s. has brand new name Advanced World Transport, a.s. since 1 May 2010.



I am really pleased that upon its very establishment the OKD Foundation became a trendsetter in the area of corporate social responsibility, helping to realise many publicly beneficial projects. And since the RPG Real Estate group is a socially responsible company, our participation in OKD Foundation's projects is not only a matter of course but also a source of pleasure for us.

Tony Aksich

*Chief Executive Officer,
RPG Real Estate*



It is a great honour for OKK Koksovny, a.s. to participate through its donation to the OKD Foundation in enhancing the significance of the Foundation itself but also, and primarily, to facilitate the fulfilment of the dreams of many individuals and communities throughout the Czech Republic, and above all, in the Moravia-Silesia Region.

Michal Kuča

*Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the
Board of Directors, OKK Koksovny*



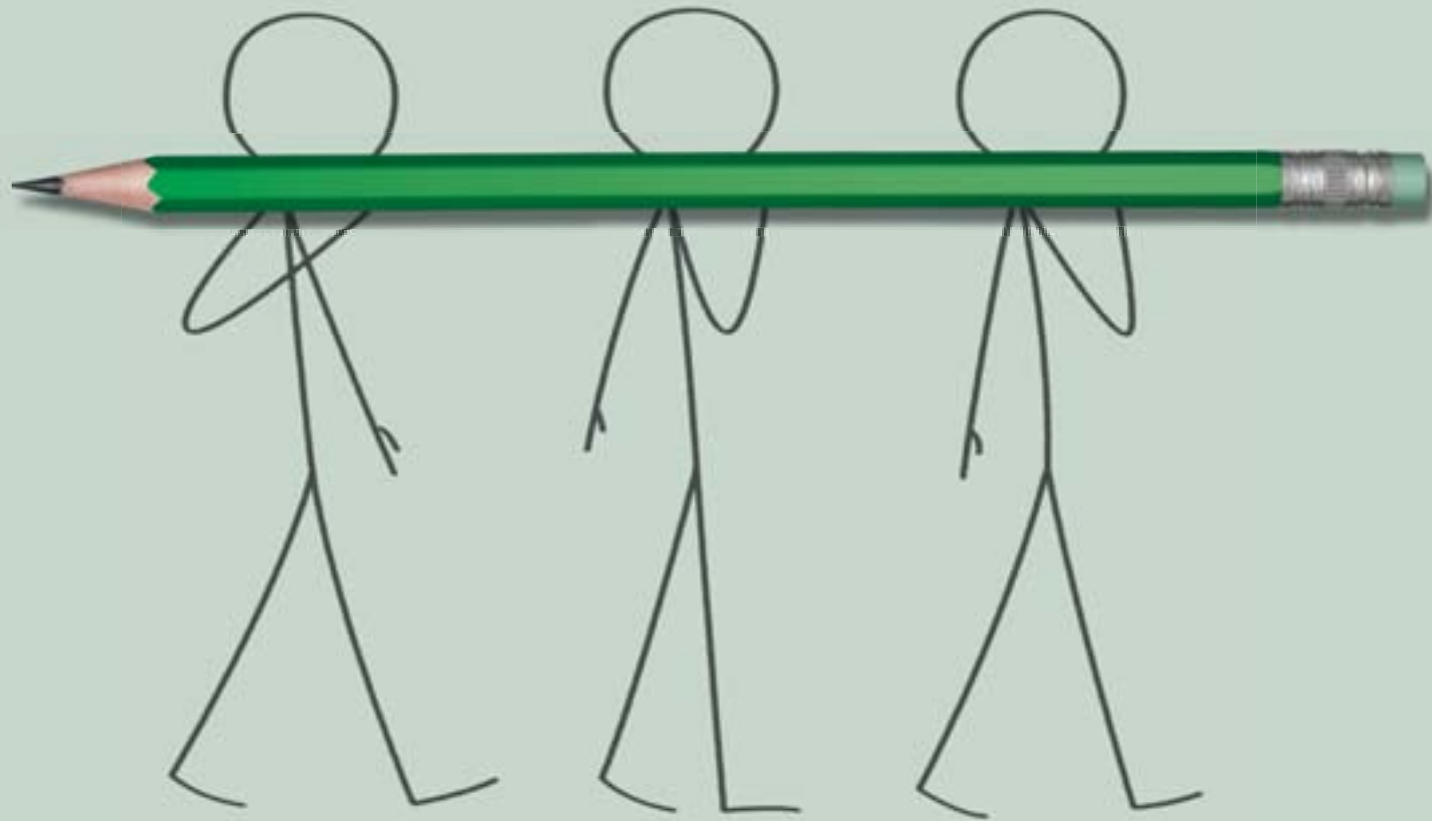
We are delighted that, by means of donations, together with other partners of the OKD Foundation we are able to create a robust fund which through an donation programme is used for specific projects aimed at supporting and developing activities in our region.

Antonín Kunz

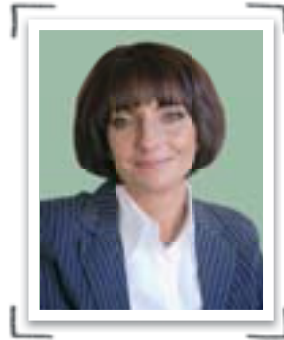
*Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the
Board of Directors, Green Gas DPB*



PEOPLE IN THE OKD FOUNDATION



Managing Board



Chairwoman of the Managing Board
Petra Mašínová
*PR and Communications Manager,
OKD*



Deputy Chairman of the Managing Board
Zdeněk Bakala
*Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors,
New World Resources*

(resigned on 15 December 2009)

Members of the Managing Board



Jaroslav Čánek
*Chairman of the Board of
Directors, Lázně Darkov*



Jaroslav Nový
*Secretary of the Board of
Directors, OKD, Doprava*



Drahomíra Tošenovská
*Head of the Automation
Department, Moravian-Silesian
Science Library in Ostrava*



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*Finance and Personnel
Director, OKD*



Stanislav Svoboda
*Director for Government
Relations, RPG RE*

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*Professor of Economics, CERGE-EI,
Charles University*

Members of the Supervisory Board



Petr Hájek

*Consultant,
PricewaterhouseCoopers*



František Orság

*Auditor, Ministry of Finance of
the Czech Republic*

Employees



Executive Director
Blanka Týřová

Blanka ensures the overall course and co-ordination of the OKD Foundation's activities, and is in charge of communication with key partners and donors, as well as with the OKD Foundation's Managing Board and Supervisory Board.



Project Manager
Karolína Drozdová

Karolína is in charge of the accounting operations, communication with administrators, co-ordination of requests, as well as auditing of operating statements and final reports pertaining to the supported projects.



Administrative Officer
Zuzana Macháčková

Zuzana manages the publication of the Foundation's bulletin, co-ordinates some of the Foundation's events and is also responsible for communicating with applicants.



Spokesperson
Vladislav Sobol

Vladislav attends to the OKD Foundation's communication with the public and at the same time provides organisational support and helps to promote the Foundation's projects and events.



The Foundation's mascot
Pantuška

The soul of the Foundation. It takes the side of all applicants for grants and makes sure that a good mood prevails within the Foundation. The mascot was given its name by children from the Karviná region and environs who visited the Foundation Town at the Miners' Festival in 2009.

PUBLIC RELATIONS



We appreciate every opportunity to raise money for our meaningful projects. Naturally, we strive to make our programmes as successful as possible and secure funding from the OKD Foundation, which has been a stable “financial haven” in these turbulent times. We would like to be even more successful, but I know that competition is fierce and the winner is the one who submits the best project. We are primarily successful when it comes to programmes for children and young people and leisure-time activities and, naturally, we would like to continue in this direction. Co-operation with the parent mining company has also been strengthening - in 2009 Karviná was for the first time the centre of the OKD mining festival, which certainly bodes well for the future.

Tomáš Hanzel, *Mayor of Karviná*



Since the very beginning, the OKD Foundation has supported the development of education, the development of spiritual and humanitarian values and social and healthcare programmes. Thanks to their support amounting to CZK 1.3 million, the year before last we built a road safety traffic playground and a children’s corner for parents with young children as well as enhancing our Year of Culture programme in Orlová. Last year we received CZK 1 million and continued building children’s playgrounds and improving our range of social services. Although the Foundation has its rules, it is all-embracing. When deciding on providing support, it gives priority to the localities that have been affected by mining activities. We are extremely thankful to the OKD Foundation and hope that it operates here for as long as possible.

Jiří Michalík, *Mayor of Orlová*



We highly appreciate the OKD Foundation’s activities. It supports many nonprofit organisations in the region, as well as non-conventional methods of education. For example, the Sluníčko mother and baby centre in Havířov received a subsidy to revamp its external spaces. I believe that this year too Havířov will be among those receiving a subsidy.

František Chobot, *Mayor of Havířov*



Mr Zdeněk Bakala’s decision to set up the OKD Foundation fund has proved to be provident and beneficial, especially for those of us who are living in mining municipalities. We in Stonava, where more than 60 per cent of excavated coal from the entire OKD passes through the mining towers, welcomed it with a great sense of relief and satisfaction. Contributions to the local sports sphere, social sphere, education and infrastructure are a welcome invest back into Stonava a town, which provides job opportunities to more than eight thousand people from throughout the Karviná region. I think that the OKD Foundation distributes its donations very reasonably and with respect to the needs of everybody, across the generations. We in Stonava have recently made use of the money made available from the fund for, among other things, refurbishment of the football stadium, which serves both for young people and sportsmen from the whole area, as well as for reconstruction of the Community Care Services Centre. The overwhelming majority of the citizens using these services are former miners.

Ondřej Feber, *Mayor of Stonava*

GRANTS IN 2009

Overview of announced grant rounds and programmes

In 2009 two grant rounds were announced. The first call of the year was only announced within the Pro Evropu (For Europe) programme. The OKD Foundation accepted requests for support between 15 February and 15 March. On 10 April 2009 the Managing Board decided to support four projects in the amount of CZK 492,800 in total.

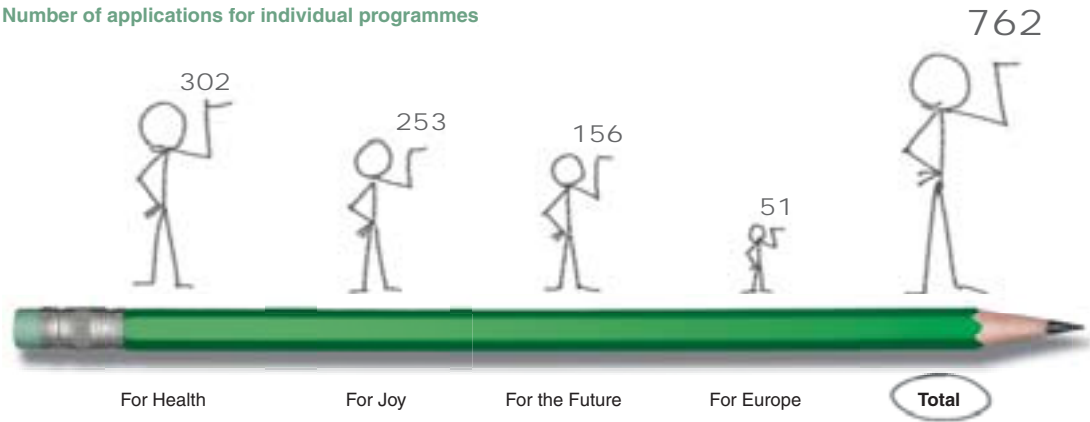
The second call of the year was announced on 10 April. Organisations were able to submit their projects to all endowment programmes until 15 May. The traditional process of administration and evaluation by selection committees followed. The committees recommended that the Managing Board support some 190 projects. At its session on 29 June, the Managing Board decided to support all the projects recommended. The OKD Foundation supported another 11 projects from its Operational Fund and the Crisis Fund.

Projects supported and the amount distributed by the OKD Foundation's individual grant programmes and funds

Programme	Number of projects	Total amount
For Health	77	CZK 14,068,423
For Joy	47	CZK 5,290,200
For the Future	49	CZK 12,698,639
For Europe	21	CZK 2,304,923
Total	194	CZK 34,362,185

Fund	Number of projects	Total amount
Operational Fund	9	CZK 1,842,000
Crisis Fund	2	CZK 907,425
Total	11	CZK 2,749,425

Number of applications for individual programmes



Financial framework of submitted projects compared with OKD Foundation's possibilities:

	Requested	Allocated by OKD Foundation	
For Health	CZK 91,563,827	CZK 19,200,000	exceeded by CZK 72,363,827
For Joy	CZK 38,334,671	CZK 5,600,000	exceeded by CZK 32,734,671
For the Future	CZK 64,737,391	CZK 12,800,000	exceeded by CZK 51,937,391
For Europe	CZK 9,317,843	CZK 3,350,000	exceeded by CZK 5,967,843
Total:	CZK 203,953,732	CZK 40,950,000	CZK 163,003,732

Overview of supported organisations by type (for all programmes and funds)

Citizens association	110
Organisation partly financed from the public budget	33
Church organisation	21
Municipality	12
Charity	9
Educational legal entity	9
Local government	5
Foundation / Endowment fund	3
Other	2
Association of legal entities	1
TOTAL	205

Overview of supported organisations by Czech region (for all programmes and funds)

Region	Total
Moravia-Silesia Region	149
Olomouc Region	11
Central Bohemia Region	11
South Moravia Region	6
Zlín Region	6
Pardubice Region	5
Hradec Králové Region	4
Liberec Region	3
Prague	3
Ústí nad Labem Region	2
South Bohemia Region	2
Plzeň Region	1
Karlovy Vary Region	1
Foreign	1
TOTAL	205

Finance in 2009 was primarily allocated for the following purposes:

Support for social and humanitarian projects	39 projects, totalling CZK 7,752,232
Modernisation of healthcare facilities	28 projects, totalling CZK 5,325,796
Support for children and teenagers	23 projects, totalling CZK 5,807,271
Events, conferences, seminars	23 projects, totalling CZK 3,659,480
Environmental protection	15 projects, totalling CZK 3,287,793
Leisure-time activities	14 projects, totalling CZK 1,488,500
Occupational and other rehabilitation	14 projects, totalling CZK 1,854,060
Education	13 projects, totalling CZK 2,697,120
Restoration of cultural monuments	8 projects, totalling CZK 980,368
Regional and community development	5 projects, totalling CZK 1,700,000
Non-profit sector development	4 projects, totalling CZK 376,970
Cross-border co-operation	2 projects, totalling CZK 198,000
Support for sports	1 project, totalling CZK 33,300
Mother and baby centres	1 project, totalling CZK 120,000
Other	15 projects, totalling CZK 1,830,720
Total	205 projects, totalling CZK 37,111,610

OKD FOUNDATION PROGRAMMES

For Health

The programme supports publicly beneficial projects, primarily in the Moravia-Silesia Region, which aim to enhance the level of diagnostic and therapeutic capabilities of healthcare and social care facilities and to improve the occupational and social integration of physically and mentally disabled and socially disadvantaged persons.

The OKD Foundation supported projects that have a clear impact on the community in question, improving the overall quality of life, health and access to information for the population, primarily in the areas threatened by the impact of industrial activities. It also supported projects aimed at improving the life and occupational conditions of disabled and socially disadvantaged citizens.

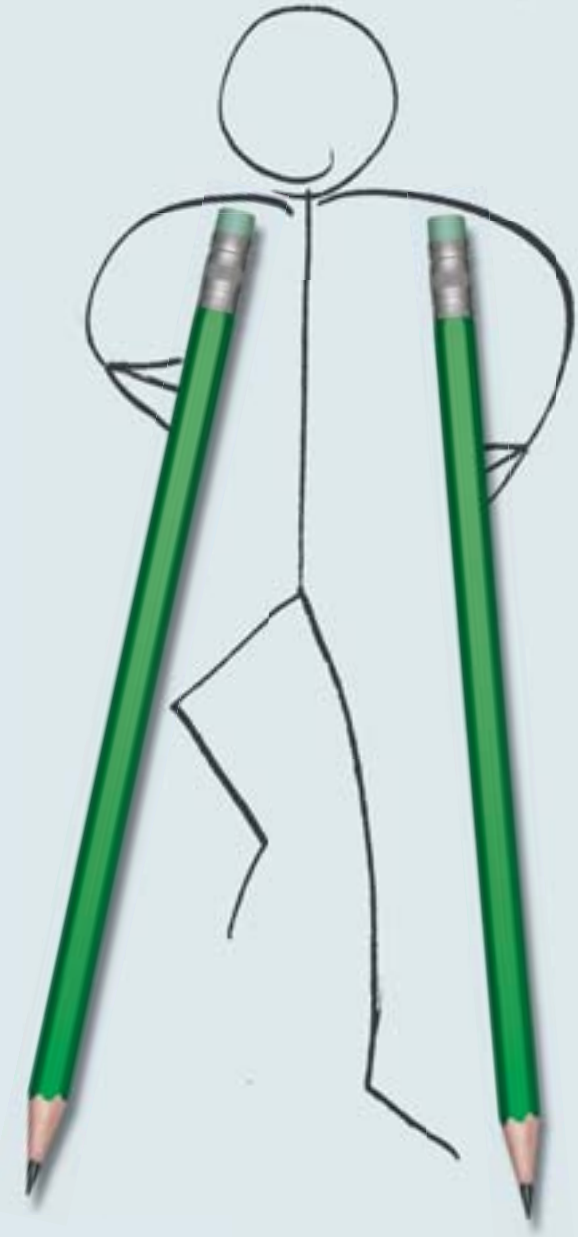
Supported areas:

Health

- Projects increasing the diagnostic and therapeutic capabilities of healthcare facilities in the Moravia-Silesia Region.
- Projects improving the health and quality of life of targeted groups of the population.

Social care

- Projects aimed at providing improved equipment for private and public social care facilities and other organisations operating in the social sphere.
- Publicly beneficial projects improving the living conditions of socially vulnerable groups of the population.
- Projects aimed at occupational and social integration of physically and mentally disabled and socially disadvantaged persons.
- Publicly beneficial projects aimed at elimination of social exclusion and discrimination.
- Projects aimed at providing barrier-free-access modifications and improving the services provided by public social care organisations.



SELECTED SUPPORTED PROJECTS

For Health



Heřmánek civic association

Operation of Heřmánek Half-Way House

Heřmánek is the only facility in the Karviná region that helps young people between 18 and 26 years of age who have passed the legal age for leaving institutional and foster care, as well as minors aged 16 to 18 who, due to family discord, are in danger of being placed in an institutional setting and thus being uprooted from their natural social environment. The facility has already been in operation for almost 10 years.

Heřmánek addresses the issue of providing after-care for young adults who left institutional environments after reaching adulthood. The kind of assistance provided and its therapeutic approach makes Heřmánek the only half-way

house in the Moravian-Silesian Region. It is the only half-way house in the Czech Republic that also offers help to minors nearing legal age.

In parallel with its half-way house role, the project also pursues some complementary goals. These include acquiring equipment for a training kitchen and the development of workshops for girls. It is also involved in providing start-up apartment furnishing and, for example, providing computer equipment needed for studies and assisting with improving qualifications or with job hunting.

The Foundation contributed CZK 1,000,000 to the project.



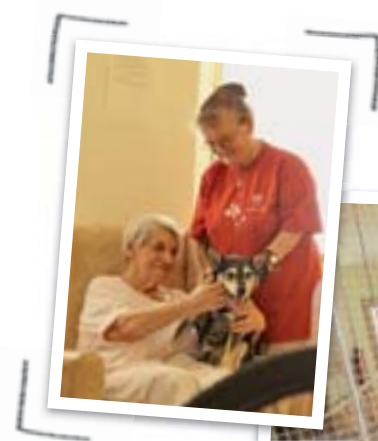
Charity Ostrava

Expansion of bed capacity for relief services at St. Luke's Hospice

At present, the Moravian-Silesian Region suffers from a substantial shortage of beds for sick and immobilised people. St. Luke's Hospice is the only facility providing care for the terminally ill in the region. Its target group consists of elderly and handicapped people, who because of their age, social needs, health concerns or for other reasons are not able to take care of their essential needs in their own environment and whose situation cannot be solved with the help of their families or social services in their homes.

The families that are caring for their immobilized or ill relatives show a high need for support. This has led the hospice to dedicate four beds for the provision of relief services. The care that these services entail includes the provision of respite break opportunities for the carers of patients with decreased self-sustainability (due to age, chronic illness or a disability) that are otherwise taken care of in their home environment.

The Foundation contributed CZK 520,000 to the project.



ADRA civic association

Facilitation of volunteering in social and health institutions in the region with the help of ADRA Ostrava volunteer centre

The project has enabled the general public to get into contact with the social environment of excluded persons. This helps to alleviate the effects of loneliness suffered by residents of homes for the elderly and children's homes and positively contributes to the treatment of both child and adult patients in hospitals. It also helps to interconnect the generations in our region and enables young volunteers to spend their time meaningfully. Volunteering in an area of social services can influence a young person's future occupational choices. Unemployed people became involved in the project as well and in doing so were able to spend their free time productively and gain rewarding new experiences that could be helpful in their pursuit of a job. ADRA Volunteer Centre was founded in the autumn of 2008. Last year, 250 volunteers became involved in its activities.

The Foundation contributed CZK 201,399 to the project.

For Joy

The programme supports publicly beneficial projects, primarily in the Moravian-Silesian Region, which aim to contribute to the support of cultural and educational activities focused on the region's traditions, multicultural exchanges with an accent on the Czech-Polish borderlands, and improving education levels

Supported areas:

Traditions, mutuality and community life

- Projects focused on local communities in villages of the Moravian-Silesian region, focused on social, cultural and charitable areas, and mainly on activities that strengthen the awareness of belonging to a region and village.
- Projects creating a platform for the preservation and development of traditions, with special emphasis on local (regional) and professional (mining) cultural traditions.
- Projects focused on strengthening mutual socio-cultural contacts with neighbouring countries, especially Czech-Polish cooperation initiatives.

Cultural enjoyment

- Support of cultural projects in communities primarily oriented towards activities that could not be carried out without a substantial donor contribution.
- Support of publicly beneficial cultural projects in municipalities endorsing community engagement.

Education

- Publicly beneficial projects aimed at the development of levels of education with an emphasis on expanding opportunities for retraining employees affected by industries hit by decline and on projects to support the education of children of OKD workers who have lost their lives or have suffered health problems as a consequence of an accident.
- Projects focused on further education for NGO staff to improve the quality of provided services.



SELECTED SUPPORTED PROJECTS

For Joy



Fiducia civic association

Industrial and multicultural issues of Ostrava – educational activities of Fiducia

Fiducia plays an irreplaceable role for Ostrava and the whole region. As an independent non-academic institution, it enables the public, in an attractive and unconventional form, to become acquainted with the city's industrial heritage and multicultural past and provides an open space for discussions about these topics. There is no other similar institution in Ostrava that can offer the wider public regular activities in relation to the industrial heritage and multicultural past of the city. Fiducia has gradually become a community place for adults, including the elderly, and the young. Its local cultural activities have earned a good reputation and, most importantly, a stable and ever increasing following.

Since 2000, Fiducia has regularly devoted itself to industrial themes. It organised the first public debate on saving the Dolní oblast Vítkovice (Lower Vítkovice

District), where the demolition of a large part of the landmark site had been planned. Several dozen public events and walks in support of the preservation of industrial heritage have been organised. At present, Fiducia cooperates with the owner of the Lower Vítkovice District national cultural landmark and with other entities dedicated to the protection and development of industrial heritage.

The current project anticipates the continuation of cultural series such as a literary festival, guided historical car rides that take in industrial monuments and lectures on regional history.

The Foundation contributed 225,000 CZK to the project.



Májovák Wind Orchestra

Schladming international wind orchestra festival

Europe's largest symphonic wind orchestra festival regularly takes place in Schladming, Austria. Orchestras from a number of European countries, as well as from Japan, the US., Israel and Singapore, take part annually. Májovák's participation offers a unique opportunity to present not only the orchestra, but also OKD and the Czech Republic itself. Karviná's Májovák, the largest and oldest Czech miners' wind orchestra, is the first Czech orchestra to have participated in this festival.

The Foundation contributed CZK 237,000 to the project.



Ostrava-South Cultural Facility

“Craftwork has golden foundations” or “Dělání, děláním nudu z těla vyhání” (Get to work, it will chase the boredom from your body)

The “Craftwork has golden foundations” competition held at Ostrava's elementary schools gave pupils the chance to encounter a number of unusual experiences. They tried working with the most common DIY tools, and they attempted to connect wires to light bulbs or to fry a pancake. But the six-member teams also had to have a go at bathroom tile cutting, art photography, bunching flower bouquets or recognising car engine parts. During all the activities, apprentices or students of the relevant crafts were present to provide advice. They, in turn, were supervised by their craft masters or teachers. Within the “For Joy” programme, the Foundation's contribution to this project offered pupils the opportunity to better understand various fields of human activity and schools the opportunity of presenting themselves in an entertaining manner.

The Foundation contributed 55,000 CZK to the project.



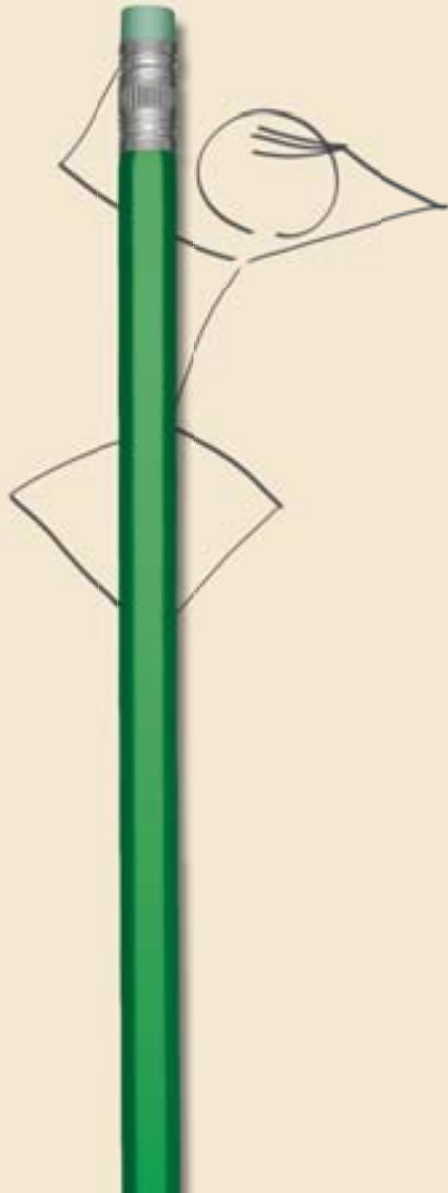
Madleine Civic Association

Children for children

The goal of this unique project, which interconnects the activities of art schools and children's homes, is to socially integrate and motivate socially handicapped or disabled children and help them engage better within their communities. A complementary goal is to show the public that how well the children cope with their disabilities and how creative they can be.

The Foundation contributed 150,000 CZK to the project.

For the Future



The programme publicly supports beneficial projects, primarily in the Moravian-Silesian Region, with the goal of contributing to the sustainable development of the region. For example, the Foundation has supported environmentally-oriented projects, such as activities targeted at the preservation and utilisation of natural and cultural landmarks and initiatives that seek to improve public spaces.

Supported areas:

Environment

- Projects to improve the environment
- Projects developing ecological lifestyles, i.e. environmentally friendly initiatives that are generally beneficial to the people of the given region.
- Projects targeted at renewable energy sources and adaptation projects in relation to climate change.
- Projects and programmes contributing to the preservation and/or revival of protected natural landmarks, and appropriate public use of the landmarks, and projects helping to raise awareness about the region's natural landmarks.
- Projects supporting the region's development while at the same time preserving its wealth, primarily its natural assets.

Cultural heritage

- Publicly beneficial projects aimed at caring for and renewing both moveable and immoveable cultural and technical landmarks, especially in the Moravian-Silesian Region. The projects help to increase awareness about the region's cultural landmarks, something that helps to generate the funds for their renewal and maintenance.

Public spaces

- Projects targeted at improving municipal public spaces.
- Projects involving the engagement of local people in trying to decide on new uses and appearances for public spaces, including the implementation of required modifications.

SELECTED SUPPORTED PROJECTS

For the Future

Roman Catholic Parish of Orlová

Completing the restoration of the façade of the Church of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary in the town of Orlová

The Church of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary – also known as “The Prague Castle of Silesia” for its monumental appearance – is not only one of the dominant features of Orlová’s historic centre but is also one of the most compelling historic feats of architecture in the entire region.

From the beginning of the millennium, the church underwent a complete step-by-step restoration. The building, as well as the outer supporting walls of the complex, were statically secured and drained and the interior and most of the exterior were restored. After the completion of the main part of the restoration, all that remained to be done was the restoration of the façade of the church’s rear and the southern naves. These objectives were accomplished thanks to a project supported by the OKD Foundation.

The completion of the church’s restoration has resulted in a significant increase in the attractiveness of the old town of Orlová as a whole. The church and its surroundings are a natural meeting place for the locals, not just for worshippers attending mass but also for others who come here to attend concerts or participate in various cultural events. The church serves as an ideal and dignified venue for such occasions.

The Foundation contributed CZK 1,000,000 to the project.





The Club of Friends of the mining Museum in Ostrava

Settlement of mammoth hunters below Landek hill – an unconventional archaeological theme park for families and children

The main purpose of the project is to re-create Landek's well-documented and famous past as a place of choice for leisure activities, particularly for families. Landek used to be an inviting day-trip destination during the nineteenth and early twentieth century. But the recently built archaeological theme park recalls the area's far more distant past. It takes you back 30,000 years to the era of mammoth hunters!

The Foundation contributed CZK 450,000 to the project.



Czech Ramblers Club of the Moravian Silesian Region

Educational footpath of Silesian Ostrava

The only listed slag heap in the Ostrava-Karviná mining district, the 325-metre Ema slag heap is one of Ostrava's most striking features and also a symbol of a past dominated by heavy industry. The continuously smoking slag heap remains thermally active today earning itself the nickname "Ostrava's volcano". The top, offering a stunning view of the entire city and the nearby Beskydy hills, can therefore only be reached at one's own peril. Along the educational footpath, conceived by the Czech Ramblers Club, one can find information on how the slag heap came into existence and on the city's other industrial landmarks.

The Foundation contributed CZK 150,000 to the project.



Želvička Family Centre

Little Park

Thanks to 800 hours of volunteer work conducted by people from the local community and financial support from the OKD Foundation, a recreational area and children's playground in Klimkovice was awarded the title "Best arrangement of a public space in the Czech Republic in 2009". The community project, simply called "Little Park", was for the most part set up under the initiative of the Želvička Family Centre, which above all strives for the transformation of empty spaces between blocks of flats into attractive areas for leisure activities for both children and adults. Gradually, sports fields, a multifunctional castle, monkey bars made from natural materials, swings and a cable pyramid came into being. The area is newly planted with greenery and is surrounded by a fence. What makes this project particularly valuable is that the entire local community became involved in its completion.

The Foundation contributed CZK 350,000 to the project.

For Europe

The programme's objective is to improve the quality of projects of a nonprofit nature in various fields (social, environmental, educational, cultural, etc.) and speed up preparations for such projects, seeking financial support from the EU's structural funds in particular but also from other European funds and financial mechanisms. The programme aims to improve the ability of non-government, nonprofit organisations, educational institutions and municipalities to prepare projects and compile funding applications.

Supported activities:

Compiling project documentation, especially:

- Drawing up feasibility studies;
- Compiling financial and economic assessments;
- Filling in and submitting application forms for subsidies;
- Acquiring documentation regarding territorial or building procedures in line with the requirements set by the subsidy programme;
- Acquiring documentation regarding an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) as well as background studies and analysis;
- Compiling marketing surveys;
- Drawing up needs assessments;
- Training staff members of organisations applying for funding with regard to preparing and managing projects.



SELECTED SUPPORTED PROJECTS

For Europe

Life Without Barriers Civic Association

Preparations for a subsidy application to the ROP NUTS II North-East regional operational programme

Although the Life Without Barriers Civic Association from the town of Nová Paka had already acquired funding from the OKD Foundation at the end of 2008, it also managed to bring in a subsidy worth nearly CZK 30 million from the European structural funds in the spring of 2009. It thus became the first entity to fulfil the objective of the For Europe grant programme.

The Association's longstanding objective has been the preservation of a historic complex comprising Nová Paka's former hospital and the adjoining monastery and the use of these spaces for publicly beneficial purposes. In order to achieve this goal it organises concerts, collections and other events and also runs a sheltered workshop. This is all managed by a 15-member team which partially works on a voluntary basis.

Thanks to the newly-acquired CZK 30 million grant, the restoration work on the complex, which had proceeded very slowly, could now be quickly moved forward. Meanwhile Nová Paka is now able to provide a number of socially excluded people from the town itself and from the wider surrounding area the necessary work space and background facilities which up until now they have had to do without, so helping to remove the barriers that stand in the way of their return to a normal life. "The monastery lives!" is a cry that can now be heard from the headland of the Krkonoše mountains.

The Foundation contributed CZK 150,000 to the project.





Hospice of St John N. Neumann

Hospice care training course

The level of care provided for the old and the sick reveals a great deal about the overall standard of a society. As a result of a lack of interest from government institutions and private donors, hospice care in the Czech Republic finds itself eking out an existence, a situation which inadvertently prompted the OKD Foundation to turn this area into a principal focus for its support. Under the For Europe grant programme, the Foundation has supported a project that aims to create better conditions for training hospice staff. The project has already received a European grant amounting to almost CZK 1 million from the Operational Programme for Human Resources and Employment aimed at backing education and other segments of the social care sector.

The Foundation contributed CZK 39,150 to the project.





Association of Towns and Municipalities of Karviná District
Compiling documentation for a construction permit as part of a project for a cycle path alongside the river Olše

Building a cycle path is administratively very demanding and without close cooperation among municipalities it is impossible to achieve. The mayors of municipalities in the Olše river basin were not, however, put off by such difficulties. They have persevered with a cycle path project that aims to gradually interconnect all municipalities from Český Těšín up to Bohumín along a 33-kilometre stretch of the river. The project not only caters for the needs of cyclists. In Karviná, for example, it also allows for a new asphalt path intended for the growing numbers of inline skaters. The project will acquire European funding from the Operational Programme for Cross-Border Cooperation Czech Republic – Poland. The cycle path therefore has turnings to the Bohumín, Dolní Lutyně and Petrovice u Karviná border crossings where cyclists can continue their trips along marked cycle paths on the Polish side of the border.

The Foundation contributed CZK 300,000 to the project.



Comenius Fulnek, o.s.

Project documentation on the possible utilisation of the Capuchin monastery in Fulnek

There is certainly no shortage of good ideas in the town of Fulnek. The OKD Foundation previously provided financial assistance for educational footpath building initiatives in relation to Czech educational reformer John Amos Comenius and the Svět slova (The World of the Word) literary contest. This time around, the Comenius association has focused on the possible utilisation of unused spaces in the local Capuchin monastery. The project cannot pursue this without funding from the EU structural funds or other financial sources so the project documentation has to be rigorously prepared. The project's principal objectives are the preservation of this historic monument beyond purely regional significance and also to increase the appeal of the Moravian Silesian Region to tourists.

The Foundation contributed CZK 150,000 to the project.



FUNDS OF THE OKD FOUNDATION

In 2009, the executive board of the OKD Foundation established two funds – the Operational Fund and the Crisis Fund.

Crisis Fund

In the Spring of 2009, the OKD Foundation's executive board set aside part of the Foundation's resources for dealing with unexpected crisis situations where immediate assistance is required for those affected.

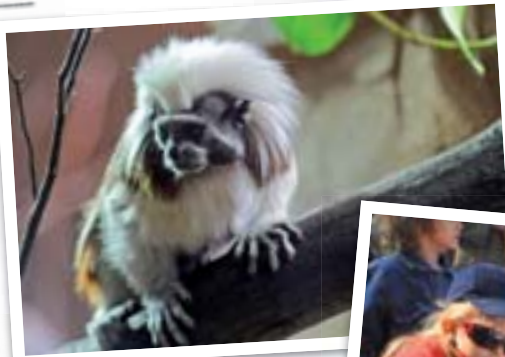
In the course of 2009, resources from this fund were distributed twice – first to help counter the extensive flooding at the beginning of Summer and following the mining disaster in the Slovak town of Handlová. On this occasion, the OKD Foundation provided financial assistance to the families of the miners who lost their lives.

The Foundation's overall contribution towards dealing with these emergency circumstances amounted to CZK 907,425.

Operational Fund

The Operational Fund is reserved for providing assistance to exceptional and very interesting projects outside the grant-providing cycle. Using resources from this fund, the Foundation supported 9 projects with a total value of CZK 1,842,000.

KEY OKD FOUNDATION EVENTS



A day at the zoo with the OKD Foundation

It was an April day at Ostrava zoo that saw the OKD Foundation host its first mass event, an occasion on which it was able to present its activities and objectives to the public. The event coincided with the opening of the Small Amazonia pavilion where, thanks to a grant from the OKD Foundation, Pinché Tamarin monkeys, spooky trapdoor spiders, blue poison dart frogs and trucha fish have found a new home. The “OKD Foundation Day” also enabled organisations supported by the Foundation (Brontosauři from Ostrava, Heřmánek from Karviná, the St. Barbara civic association, Duha Zameček from Havířov etc.) to introduce themselves to around 5,000 visitors.





Foundation Town at the OKD Mining Festival

At the OKD Mining Festival, held on 5 September 2009, the OKD Foundation established its “Foundation Town” where 32 nonprofit organisations from the Moravian-Silesian Region, which are supported by the Foundation’s grant programmes, introduced themselves to the public.

Thousands of visitors present at this event took part in games and were introduced to the various activities of the individual organisations. Through taking part in a contest, people also supported the activities of the Dům na půli cesty Heřmánek (Heřmánek Half-Way House) – which the Foundation decided to support with an exceptional grant, the amount of which was determined by visitors to the Mining Festival and Foundation Town.

“For each stamp, five crowns goes to Heřmánek” was the main motto of the unique contest the Foundation held on the Saturday. Children earned stamps by performing small tasks. Each child could collect a maximum of 10 stamps



and be rewarded with a small prize from the OKD Foundation while being handed a symbolic 50-crown note to give to the Heřmánek civic association. The Foundation contest attracted 590 children who collected 5,835 stamps between them, thus contributing CZK 29,175 to Heřmánek’s activities.

A summer amphitheatre, where the nonprofit organisations presented themselves, was also part of the Foundation Town.



OKD Foundation awards

In 2009, the OKD Foundation decided for the first time to publicly award the best nonprofit projects and the most striking personality in the nonprofit sector. The main objective of the contest in which 33 projects and 35 personalities were nominated was to draw the public's attention to the good work done in the nonprofit sector while at the same time rewarding leading personalities in the sector whose initiatives are simply taken for granted by so many.

In the personality category, Věra Strnadová was rewarded for her longstanding work for the hearing impaired. Věra Strnadová, an honorary member of the Association of Organisations of the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and their Friends, became deaf when she was six years-old and spent most of her childhood in institutions and childrens' homes. Nevertheless, she managed to get a university degree and subsequently teach at three universities. During her career, she has realised many projects which improved the lives of the non-hearing. Among other things, she saw through the legal obligation to provide subtitles for films on DVD and contributed to the preparations for the law on communication systems for the hearing impaired.

In the project category, four projects were awarded an OKD Foundation prize. In the "For Health" category, the panel of judges was most taken by the activities of the Heřmánek civic association which runs the similarly-named Heřmánek na půli cesty (Heřmánek Half-Way House) in Karviná for the integration of children from childrens' homes into society. In the "For Joy" category, Ostrava Divadlo loutek (Ostrava Puppet Theatre) received a prize for its project Divadelní pouť bez bariér (Theatre Pilgrimage Without Barriers). This non-orthodox theatre fair aims to acquaint handicapped viewers of varying ages with the art of theatre. In the "For the Future" category, the Cesta životem bez bariér (Journey Through Life Without Barriers) association from Čáslav, which aims to introduce barrier-free access to schools and other institutions, was awarded. In the last category, "For Europe", the similarly-named Život bez bariér (Life Without Barriers) organisation from Nová Paka was recognised for fulfilling the requirements of the For Europe grant programme – using a CZK 150,000 grant it received from the OKD Foundation it fetched in a CZK 30 million subsidy from EU funds which it will use to set up a centre for handicapped people and seniors in the Krkonoše mountain headlands.



BarboRadování

The BarboRadování (Barbara's Merrymaking) festival was held for the fifth year for the children of deceased miners and their families. As was the case last year, the St. Barbara civic association used the occasion of the St. Nicolas celebrations to put on an event for bereaved children and families of miners under the auspices of the OKD Foundation. The programme included a folklore performance by the Ostravička ensemble from Frýdek-Místek, a dancing display by the No Comment troupe from Stáříče and a concert by the Šuba Duba Band, also from Frýdek-Místek, but it was, however, mainly an opportunity for the mothers and children affiliated with the St. Barbara association, who in effect form one large family, to have an enjoyable get-together. Each of the children received a CZK 3,000 Christmas contribution. The Foundation also raffled four vouchers for a holiday in Croatia and allocated over CZK 250,000 collected by the miners at their traditional "Šachtáky" initiation ceremonies.



The St. Barbara Collection

At the end of 2009, the OKD Foundation completed its first collection. The proceeds were divided between the St. Barbara civic association and the Dítě s diabetem (Children with diabetes) association. The two beneficiaries were selected by the public on the Foundation's website.

The ceramic carps made in the sheltered workshop of the St. Alexander Charity played a key role in the collection. A symbolic CZK 30 was raised from every piece. During December, the carps were sold to OKD employees at the mines and to other charity organisations related to the OKD Foundation. The public were able to contribute at events in Ostrava and Karviná and also at the Foundation's main office.

On 1 December, a special fundraising bank account was opened for those wishing to make a contribution.

The collection proceeds exceeded CZK 65,000.



Let us dedicate ourselves to a better life

It all began when employees of large American companies started to work as volunteers in the nonprofit sector. The English complemented the idea by introducing the concept of the cooperation of several companies at once in this regard. And here in the Czech Republic it turned out to be possible for the first time to combine these two ideas in the Ostrava and Karviná area. On 24 June 2009 under the auspices of the Forum of Donors, a unique event entitled "Let us dedicate ourselves to a better life" was held. The OKD Foundation participated in this event together with other companies active in the region such as Arcelor Mittal, Siemens, DHL and others.

On this specific day, volunteers from the companies provided assistance at many places in the Moravian-Silesian Region, for example at the Dům pokojného stáří – Charitním domě sv. Václava (Home for a peaceful old age – the St. Wenceslas Charity Home), the Hlučín charity, the Caloupka parental centre, the Ostrava Zoological Garden and the Heřmáněk Half-Way House in Karviná.

OVERVIEW OF RECEIVED DONATIONS

OKD	CZK 129,100,000
NWR	CZK 9,450,000
RPG RE	CZK 2,600,000
OKD, Doprava	CZK 300,000
Green Gas DPB	CZK 220,000
OKK Koksovny	CZK 200,000
ČSOB	CZK 150,000
KPMG	CZK 25,866
Members of the executive and supervisory boards	CZK 39,575
TOTAL	CZK 142,085,441

THANKSGIVING

It goes without saying that the Foundation simply couldn't do without its donors, who are deserving of our greatest thanks.

However, a number of other partners and friends also lend a helping hand in fulfilling the Foundation's mission. Last year this was the case with, for instance, assistance with the accounting, advertising, organising the Foundation's events for the public, consultancy, as well as voluntary work of individuals during their free time.

We are delighted that the Foundation has been gaining an increasing number of new friends such as these and that the old ones have remained loyal to us. For this we are truly thankful.

And, last but not least, we would like to extend our thanks and acknowledgement to all those who have taken up pen and paper and asked the Foundation for a grant (to the successful and unsuccessful alike), and to all those who have the desire and enthusiasm to do something, however minor it may seem, that helps others.

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