



Organizations IWCR supports 2015-2016

St. Saviour's Anglican Church. For many years, the IWCR has been providing monthly financial support for the soup kitchen in Riga's Old Town, which is managed by St. Saviour's Anglican Church Council, a volunteer organization that serves hot food for more than 150 hungry and homeless people at no cost every Saturday. <http://anglicanriga.lv/parish/soup-kitchen/>

The Auce Crisis Center for Children "Namiņš." Every day many children come to the center after school where they receive a free hot meal, clothing, medicine, etc. The IWCR supports them with donations of food, shoes, clothes, and school supplies. <http://www.auce.lv/index.php?lang=EN>

Betlēmes Māja. This is a crisis center for people with addictions, to help them return to a normal life. We assist them with money for renovation of the house, including a heating and electrical system. In addition, the IWCR initiated a gardening project in their house in Olaine where the Charity Committee has been visiting regularly. We are very happy to see the progress on the repairs and also to see the hard work they are doing with the addicts. <http://katolis.lv/baznica-latvija/organizacijas-un-apvienibas/labdaribas-organizacijas/kristigais-palidzibas-centrs-kopiena-betlemes-zelsirdibas-maja.html>

SOS Children's Villages Latvia is a social charity organization that provides a long-term, family based care for children who have lost their parents and carries out family support programs. <http://www.sosbernuciemati.lv>

Hope for Children is a crisis center for children from families in need and/or dysfunctional families. We support them monthly with money for food. In addition, once a year the Club helps finance school supplies and new shoes. The IWCR actively supports the Bolderaja Day Care Center, where we regularly organize Christmas and Easter celebrations, cooking classes etc. The visit to Aquapark in Jurmala was arranged in autumn 2015. Read more: www.hope.lv

Ilguciems Women's Prison. We support mothers with children up to four years old. The IWCR provides the women inmates and their children with financial support, in order to enable them to buy toiletries, diapers, and new shoes for the children. These women learn to knit and cross stitch while in prison, and their unique handicrafts were sold at our Christmas Bazaar. They have also started a new project to include additional items to sell at the Bazaar, and they are open to even more ideas. Twice a year we take children for a half day visits to Riga Zoo or to Jurmala Beach and Dzintari Park.

Irlava Orphanage is a state-owned orphanage near Tukums. There are more than 50 children from age 2 to 18 living in this orphanage. We support them with medication, school supplies, and by organizing social activities for children. In 2013 we sponsored several trips for children including to Aqua Park in Jurmala and Meza Parks in Riga. On June 6, 2013, with the help of sponsors, we officially opened a beautiful outdoor playground for children including a wooden swing that was also donated by one of our members.

Latvian Association of Cystic Fibrosis is an organization that supports the families in Latvia, which have children with Cystic Fibrosis, a congenial genetic disease that can affect various body organs including lungs, intestines, the liver, and pancreas. In 2012- 2015, the IWCR provided financing for sterilizers for cystic fibrosis patients, also put a minor input into rehabilitation or educational program for families and patients. <http://cistiskafibroze.lv/en/>

Latvian Foster Family Association is an organization that encourages and supports families raising children left without parental care by promoting social inclusion of children under the care of foster parents and guardians. The Association has united 200 guardians and foster families with 356 children from all regions of Latvia. In 2014-2015 the IWCR organized a food drive and a school supplies drive, donated money for Easter baskets and school supplies for families and children. <http://www.labiedriba.lv/en>

Missionaries of Charity is a religious Christian organization, the crisis center is run by the Sisters of Mother Theresa and helps the poorest of the poor. It is located in the Maskavas District of Riga. The IWCR provides monthly financial support for their soup kitchen and medicine. From 2014 IWCR together with volunteers from Milk Formula Charity provides milk formula and diapers for single mothers or families in need.

RMHC Latvija – the Care Mobile. The mission of the RMHC Latvija/the Care Mobile is to create, find, and support programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children. The Care Mobile is a 17 meter long, modern vehicle which is equipped to provide medical services. Patients can receive free-of-charge eye, pediatric, allergy, child neurology, endocrinology, cardiology, and gastroenterology exams, as well as extensive educational programs for children. The IWCR works in partnership with the Care Mobile, and with our support they bring medical services to the children at Ilģuciems Women's Prison and Irlava orphanage. Read more: <http://rmhc-latvia.lv/the-care-mobile/?lang=en>

Marsa Gatve. This is a crisis center for street children, which also seeks to help their families as well. The IWCR supports them with clothes and household items. Read more: <http://www.marsagatve.lv/index.php/EN/about-us>

Society Rīgas pilsētas “Rūpju bērns”- a non-governmental organization for children with special needs. The IWCR supports them with renovation of living area of the house. In 2014-2015 IWCR supported an educational program for youngsters with special needs, also financed renovation of the playground in one of the Day Care centers. Read more <http://www.rupjuberns.lv/>



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