

Erste Bank donated HRK 150,000 to Bjelovar's General Hospital

Bjelovar, October 30, 2009 – Erste & Steiermärkische Bank d.d. donated HRK 150,000 to Bjelovar's General Hospital on the occasion of World Savings Day. The donated funds are intended for the procurement of an ultrasound knife for the otorhinolaryngology department, and the donation check was presented to the head of Bjelovar's General Hospital, Davorin Diklić, by Petar Radaković, the Chairman of the Board of Erste Bank. Erste Bank pays a lot of attention to humanitarian deeds and has nurtured successful cooperation with Bjelovar's General Hospital, to whom it has donated funds for the procurement of a mobile ultrasound device for surgeries and the acquisition of medical equipment for the needs of the hospital, for a number of years. This valuable donation is part of a program marking World Savings Day, which Erste Bank traditionally marks with donations to educational and health institutions.

As a socially responsible company, Erste Bank continuously supports associations and significant projects of the City of Bjelovar and Bjelovar-Bilogorje County and thus, along with regular banking activities, provides a better quality of living for the social community. Apart from above-mentioned donation, the I., II., III., IV., and V. primary schools in Bjelovar received a donation worth a total of HRK 20,000 on the occasion of World Savings Day.

"Thanking our clients and savers for their trust this way, Erste Bank is marking World Savings Day and proving once again that it is a socially responsible company. With our donor activities through partnerships with associations and institutions we want to support projects and activities that contribute to a better life in our surroundings, particularly in terms of health protection and disease prevention. We hope that this donation will provide residents of Bjelovar and the region with an even better health service", pointed out **Petar Radaković**, the Chairman of the Board of Erste Bank, on this occasion.

Erste Bank has supported various segments of social activities via donor and sponsorship activities for years and supports humanitarian and educational organizations, sports associations, cultural institutions and medical institutions while taking into consideration regional particularities and specific qualities. In 2008, a total of approximately HRK 9.2 million was realized in the sponsorship and donation program on a national level, of which HRK 1 million was realized on the territory of the City of Bjelovar. In 2009, a total of approximately HRK 7.8 million has been realized on a national level so far, with around HRK 900,000 on the territory of the City of Bjelovar.

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