

# *The risk of love*



*We are present in other people's life  
sharing everyday life with them*

Message on a train

Even the lake shore was made barrier-free

Emergency call by pushing a button







# Government request



In the fall of 2016 the Charity Service of the Order of Malta started its Presence Programme in two of the most disadvantaged settlements of the country on the request of the government. Tiszabó and Tiszabura are inhabited by six thousand people. To integrate such a large community has never been attempted in Hungary. From the beginning of the school year the schools of the two settlements have been operated by the Charity Service.



# Acknowledgement of the Presence Programme



The Presence Programme of the Charity Service of the Order of Malta was awarded the prestigious Hungarian Heritage Award. Based on personal experiences the methodology of the programme for the integration of people living in slums was gradually worked out by the Charity Service. The distinction is awarded to Hungarian people, groups or institutions who have contributed to

the moral and spiritual uplift of the Hungarian society. Zoltán Kodály, Béla Bartók, the Budapest Gypsy Orchestra and the Herend Porcelain Manufacture are among earlier prize-winners. The award presented to the Charity Service was received by Vice-President Miklós Vecsei at a ceremony in the Hungarian Academy of Sciences on 16 December, 2016.







# Award for *Father Imre Kozma*

Father Imre Kozma OH, President of the Hungarian Charity Service of the Order of Malta has been awarded the European Citizen's Prize. The award was launched by the European Parliament in 2008 to recognise exceptional achievements of citizens, organisations who promote better mutual understanding and closer integration between citizens and member states or launch programmes representing the values of the EU. As György Hölvényi MEP said: "To receive refugees when the Berlin Wall was still up, to go to the war of the former Yugoslavia, to start a hospital without the necessary conditions are all brave ventures... and Father Imre Kozma has done it all, what he has done is a European achievement."



## *Jobs for people without any chance*

The ten years anniversary of the electronic waste dismantling unit of the Hungarian Charity Service of the Order of Malta was celebrated in Tarnabod. The plant was established in 2006 to create jobs for Roma people. About two hundred people have a chance to work recently in workplaces provided by the Charity Service.



## *Message on Train*

The Hungarian Charity Service operates a locomotive decorated with its painted-on messages. "I wish this engine will help to advertise the activities, the noble mission of the Charity Service throughout the country" – said András Csépké, General Manager of Hungarian State Railways.







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Disabled young people get such experiences here in one week that they can't acquire in the remaining 51 weeks of the year – said Lajos Győri-Dani, Managing Vice-President of the Hungarian Charity Service of the Order of Malta speaking on the Camp for the Physically Disabled Youth which was held with the participation of 250 young people in Balatonföldvár.



## Co-operation with Serbia

Co-operation Agreement was signed by the government of the Republic of Serbia and the Hungarian Charity Service of the Order of Malta. With its experiences and know-how the Hungarian charity organisation supports social programmes primarily in Vojvodina inhabited by Hungarians and provides humanitarian aid to refugees in Serbia. The Agreement was signed in Belgrad by the Under-Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs Nenad Ivanisevic as well as Lajos Győri-Dani Managing Director of the Hungarian Charity Service of the Order of Malta on 1 December, 2016.



## How to operate a home signalling system?

With the help of the Hungarian Charity Service of the Order of Malta and the financial assistance of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade a home care programme assisted by a signalling system was launched at the Diocesan Caritas in Nagybecskerek, Serbia. The essence of the system which has been working in Hungary for decades is that seniors, if they don't feel well or are in trouble, can ask for help pushing a button on a device worn on their wrist. The signal is received in a dispatcher centre which organises the assistance. Twenty old people were involved in this pilot programme between April and November 2016.







# Homeless people's pilgrimage

The Hungarian Charity Service of the Order of Malta organised a trip to the Vatican for a group of pilgrims consisting of homeless people from Budapest and their accompanying helpers to meet Pope Francis at a special audience. The Holy Father received the group in the Pope Paul VI audience hall on Saint Martin's Day, 11 November. When Pope Francis entered and arrived to the Hungarian group the pilgrims greeted him shouting "Isten éltesse!" The Pope stopped for a moment, blessed the group, and some people had a chance to shake hands with him. Never ever stop dreaming – said Pope Francis to the crowd. "Life will be nice again. The ability to see what is beautiful even in the deepest sorrow and misery gives dignity to all men and women."



# Crisis shelter in the meeting room

Not a single homeless will be refused by the institutions of the Charity Service of the Order of Malta due to shortage of capacity promised the organisation at the beginning of the crisis period.

With the arrival of the chilly days hundreds of homeless who earlier refused the services of institutions now accepted assistance. The Charity Service started temporary shelters in the most critical winter period, even the meeting room of the National Centre was opened for homeless people. In the coldest weeks nine ambulances of the Charity Service were in action to save lives of people lying on the streets of Budapest, while the person on duty of the Service received sixty emergency calls a day.







# Holiday for four thousand in Liechtenstein



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As a member of a group of sixteen the Hungarian Charity Service of the Order of Malta organised the trip to Liechtenstein for the four thousandth needy child. The grand duchess of the microstate in the Alps welcomes groups from Eastern-Europe organised by the charity organisation for three-week holiday. The history of the invitation goes back to 1991, when Grand Duchess Marie of Liechtenstein staying in Budapest was informed on the activities of the Charity Service and decided to welcome orphaned children of victims of the Romanian revolution and the Yugoslav wars for three-week holiday in Liechtenstein. The Charity Service of the Order of Malta was invited to organise the groups and make travel arrangement. Following the orphan children of needy families were also welcome in the home operated by the Red Cross of Liechtenstein, the costs are covered by the hosts.



# 288 tons of donation



The “Giving is a joy!” food donation campaign of the Hungarian Charity Service of the Order of Malta was more successful than ever this year. In the frame of the Christmas donation collection more than 2500 volunteers asked people in 165 Spar Supermarkets to donate as they can afford durable food for the indigent. During the six days of the action a record breaking 288 tons of donation was collected allowing us to make 33 thousand gift-parcels for Christmas.





