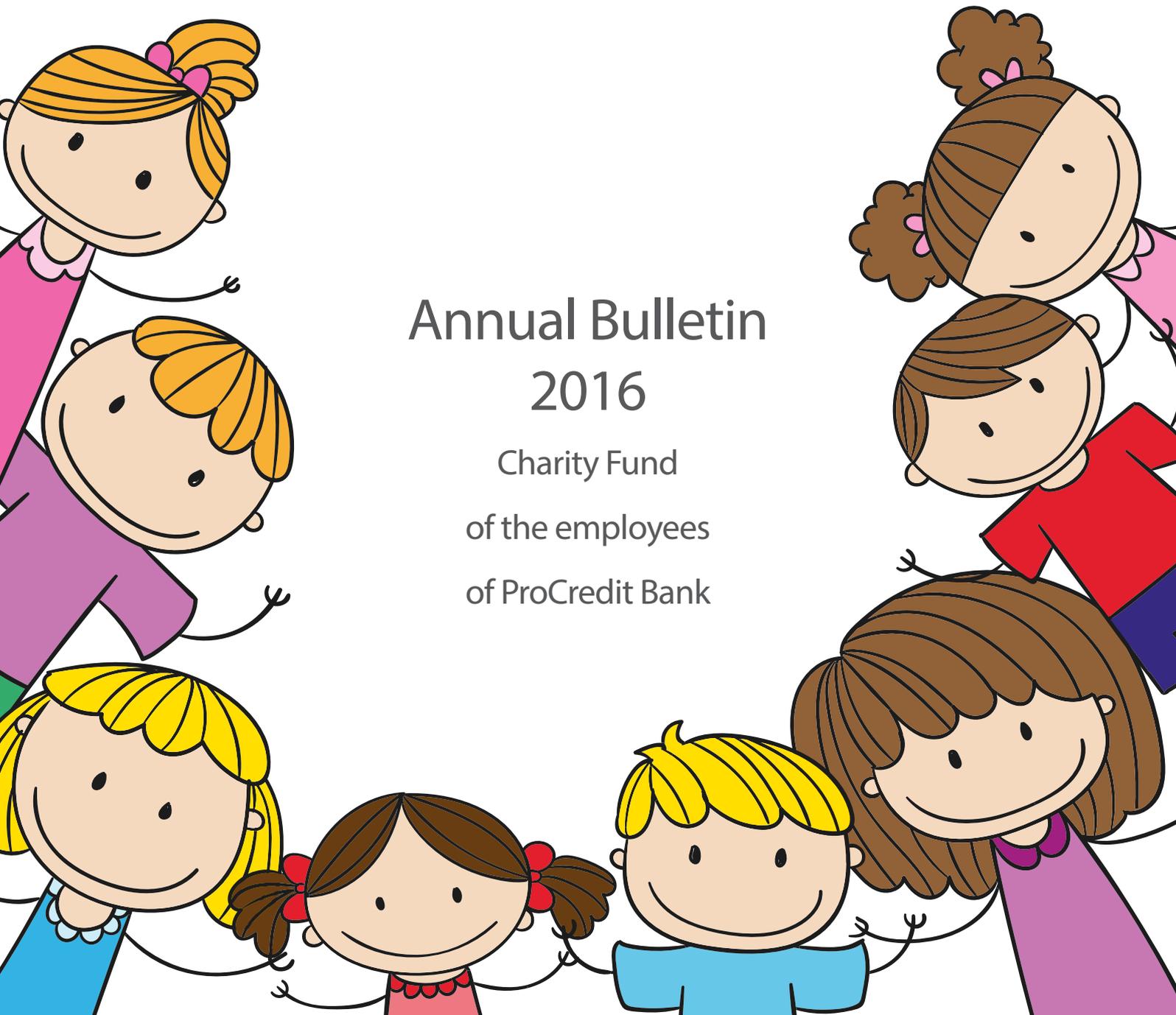


PROtegni Raka Non-profit Association

Annual Bulletin
2016

Charity Fund
of the employees
of ProCredit Bank





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About PROtegni Raka

The PROtegni Raka Non-profit Association was created in 2004 by the employees of ProCredit Bank. Its mission is to support, through charity donations, children with serious health conditions who are from disadvantaged families or orphans. For the last 13 years, the association has lent a hand to over 1,700 children, providing them with high-quality medical treatment locally and abroad in accordance with their health needs. Each donation is directly sent by a bank transfer to the medical institutions or companies for the purchase of medication or assistive devices.

The donated funds raised since the foundation of PROtegni Raka total over BGN 1,500,000. More than 70% of the employees of ProCredit Bank make monthly donations to the association. The charity events organised by the association motivate more and more clients of the bank and supporters of PROtegni Raka to join the cause with one-time or regular donations. In 2016, the donations allocated in support of the children totalled BGN 153,543.



All of us who support the PROtegni Raka cause believe that childhood is about playing games and not suffering from pain. This is why we invest money and support in children's health, hoping to bring back the smiles on their faces.





About PROtegni Raka

How to apply for support

PROtegni Raka functions year-round and the donated funds go towards medical services aimed at improving the children's conditions. Applications for support can be submitted at every office of ProCredit Bank and every single application is considered by the General Assembly of PROtegni Raka. Decisions are made through objective voting, which is in line with the established policy of the Association. Parents are entitled to two donations per child with at least a year's time between them. The supplied documents should describe the child's condition and prove the social status of the household.

Who is in PROtegni Raka?

The structure of PROtegni Raka consists of a Management Board – 3 members of the association with managerial functions and a General Assembly of 32 members with operative functions. All of them are employees of ProCredit Bank, working in various positions across the country. Each one volunteers in PROtegni Raka because they support the cause.

The charitable activities carried out by PROtegni Raka are based on sound principles and independent resolutions in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations as well as with the association's internal rules. We believe in transparent relations and we publish monthly reports on the received donations and their allocation to the children who have been approved for support.

You can find information about the association's activities on:



www.facebook.com/groups/PROtegniRaka/



[channel protegni raka](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)



www.linkedin.com/company/npa-protegni-raka



www.instagram.com/protegni_raka/

You can make a donation to help the children who seek support from PROtegni Raka in one of the following bank accounts:

BGN - BG05PRCB92301007092910
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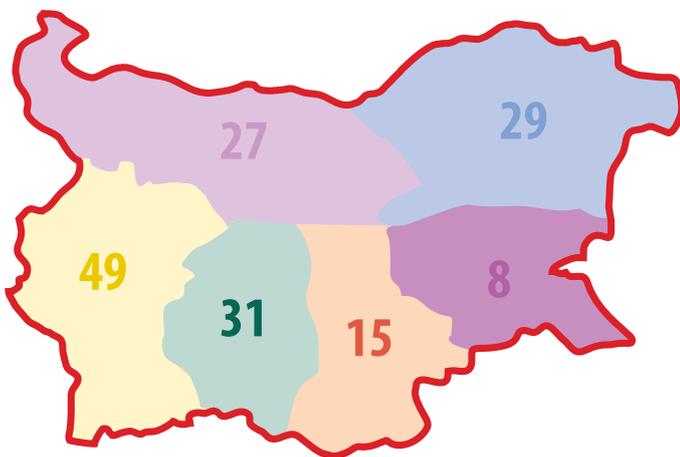
Who did PROtegni Raka help in 2016?

According to the Ministry of Health, in 2016 there were over 26,000 children with various disabilities in Bulgaria. Of these children, 6,000 are more than 50% disabled. Bringing up a child with a serious health condition is a hard job from both a personal and a social perspective. Some of these children live in sheltered housing; others live with their families in extreme poverty. Parents and social workers alike put a lot of effort into looking after them and find helpful people with big hearts who are ready to lend a hand.

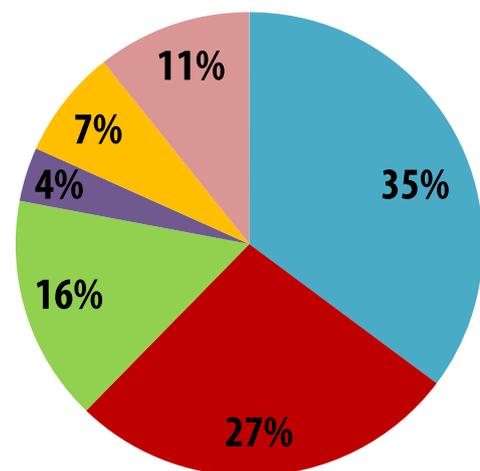
This is why in 2016 we carried forward our mission of donating funds for the treatment of these children. The parents of 174 children turned to us during the year and we managed to help 159 improve their conditions. The maximum amount we grant for therapy is BGN 1,000, while the amount for the purchase of assistive devices can be up to BGN 2,000.

The most common conditions for which we donated funds for treatment in 2016 are cerebral palsy, mental disabilities and autism, muscle disorders of the motor system, hydrocephalus, hearing loss and diabetes.

Supported children in 2016 by regions:



Conditions of the children who received support from PROtegni Raka:



58 children received assistive devices through PROtegni Raka



101 children received funds for therapy or were operated on through PROtegni Raka

- Cerebral palsy
- Mental disabilities and autism
- Hearing loss and deaf-muteness
- Muscle disorders of the motor system
- Hydrocephalus
- Other conditions

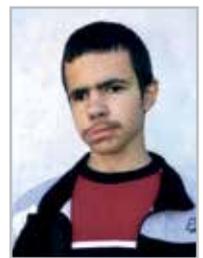
The children of PROtegni Raka

Every child with a disability has his or her own story about battling conditions which are rarely known to others. Here are some of our young heroes:

Atanaska Dimitrova is 14-year-old girl from Sofia. She suffers from spina bifida – a malformation of the spine which immobilises the legs. Atanaska uses a wheelchair every day to move around and go to school. Apart from school she also attends a rehabilitation centre where she is treated by specialists. To improve her posture, doctors recommended the use of a verticaliser. The device is very expensive and her family did not have enough income to buy one. PROtegni Raka purchased the assistive device and donated it to Atanaska.



Moharem Karov is an 8-year-boy from Buntsevo village in the Yakoruda District. He suffers from quadriplegia cerebral palsy, which impairs normal movement of all four limbs. To improve his condition, Moharem underwent 2 orthopaedic operations and many hours of therapy. In 2013 PROtegni Raka bought the boy a walker which he still uses at home. A solution to keep muscle tone and also to enable him to be mobile outside his home was found in a special tricycle. The price was BGN 1,600, but his parents could only afford half of this amount. So PROtegni Raka donated BGN 800 and now Moharem can move around on his tricycle.



In the middle of May 2016 a group of ProCredit Bank employees visited Troyan with the performance of "Miracles, Marvels or the Wonderful World of Fairy Tales". Apart from the local townspeople, visitors to Troyan managed to meet 12 families who cannot afford medical treatment for their disabled children. Among the conditions were injuries from car accidents, diabetes, and mobility impairment. PROtegni Raka considered all submitted applications and provided funds for the purchase of consumables, therapies, and examinations abroad for the children of Troyan.

The children of PROtegni Raka



Martin and Boris Gornakov are 5-year-old twins from Sofia. Martin was born with Down syndrome. He attends a therapy centre regularly, where he is treated by therapists, including a speech therapist and a psychologist. These therapies are vital for his development but are not covered by clinical pathways.

Boris was a healthy child until 23 May 2014, when he suddenly turned pale and fell asleep. He was taken to hospital with a high temperature and elevated heart rate: the tests showed that Boris had had a stroke. His condition was not improved by the medication administered to him – he fell into a coma for almost 8 hours. His heart and respiratory functions were affected and he developed left-sided hemiparesis. Once stabilised, Boris began to undergo therapy. The family do all they can to provide therapy for their two children, but they do not have enough money. This is why PROtegni Raka donated funds for the two boys' treatment – with the aim of improving their quality of life so that they can have a normal childhood.



Nikolay Georgiev is a 5-year-old boy from Bozhorishte, Sofia District. He was born weighing only 1,290 grams, but with a strong will for life. He spent his first two months in the neonatal ward, where doctors cared for him until he put on enough weight to be released from hospital. He developed cerebral palsy as a result of his low birth weight. Niki's parents are seeking all possible treatment options for their little boy. He has been operated on several times and has undergone innumerable hours of various therapies. The National Health Fund only covers a small part of the rehabilitation therapy. Today Niki is a bright child who manages to communicate in spite of his movement and speech problems. He can already say several words and his weekly timetable is filled with therapy sessions. PROtegni Raka believes in the boy's success and has provided funds for the speech therapist so that Niki can learn many more words.

Our events in 2016

Besides the periodical donations from supporters and employees of ProCredit Bank, PROtegni Raka organises various charity events and initiatives. The funds raised through events in support of the cause in 2016 totalled BGN 28,890. We would like to express our gratitude to every person and organisation who supported the mission of PROtegni Raka.

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| PROtegni Raka Travelling Theatre | BGN 21,726.00 |
| Martenitsa for Health and Hope | BGN 3,663.00 |
| Christmas Bazaar | BGN 1,413.86 |
| ProMusic Club | BGN 1,027.00 |
| Fitness Room of ProCredit | BGN 1,060.00 |
| Total donations from events and initiatives | BGN 28,889.86 |

PROtegni Raka Travelling Theatre

The theatre troupe consists of bank employees who have accepted the challenge of acting in fairy tales for the benefit of PROtegni Raka. The initiative was launched in 2012; the first performance was of “The Little Prince” after the eponymous book by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry.

Since the start of the PROtegni Raka Travelling Theatre four years ago, the employees of ProCredit Bank have staged the plays “The Little Prince” and “Miracles, Marvels or the Wonderful World of Fairy Tales”. In June 2017 the third play premiered: “Fallen Leaves of Faith Over Wild Roads”, based on stories by Nikolay Haytov.

The plays present modern interpretations of these stories and also carry messages which are still relevant today. After 102 performances in 42 towns across the country, more than BGN 300,000 has been raised to date and used to support children from around the entire country.

The third play will also tour various towns in Bulgaria and will remind the audience what we are like and what we want to be.



Our events in 2016

Baba Marta provided therapy for 4 children with autism and cerebral palsy

For the 11th year in a row, the offices of ProCredit Bank across the country held a charity initiative under the motto “Buy a Martenitsa – Donate health for a child in need”. From the end of February to the first few days of March 2016, many contributors joined the campaign by buying Martenitsas in support of the PROtegni Raka cause. The raised amount totalled BGN 3,633 and was used to finance therapy for 4 children with autism and cerebral palsy.

Thus the Martenitsa, a symbol of health, helped these children in their battle with these serious conditions.

ProMusic Club – The Smehorancheta dedicated their new album to children with disabilities

The Sofia University Ceremonial Hall was the venue for the promotional concert of the Smehorancheta vocal group on 8 June 2016. The young talents, aged between 3 and 13, and their manager, Galya Kodzhamanova, presented their new album, “The seasons of the Smehorancheta”, dedicating the evening show to children with disabilities who have turned to PROtegni Raka for help.

Over 200 guests attended the event, including friends and relatives of the young singers as well as the authors of their new songs. In its 25-year history the group has recorded 12 albums of children’s songs, won numerous local and international prizes and made a lot of friends among young and already grown-up singers.

The Smehorancheta put their audience in a great mood and the collected donations, amounting to BGN 1,027, secured the medical treatment of several children with disabilities.



Traditional Christmas Bazaar

Every year at this event, Bank employees and their children make and sell various Christmas foods and seasonal gifts. In 2016 the bazaar took place in Sofia and Plovdiv. The raised funds totalled BGN 1,413.86 and were used to pay for therapy for children who turned to PROtegni Raka for support.



What motivates us



Veronika Tosheva
Business Client Adviser

As a child I believed that human beings are inherently good. I cherish this romantic idea to this day. Sometimes circumstances and a particular environment can make us act differently, but deep within we are still human. Being good sometimes means putting yourself last or dropping your ego and your personal space. One way of being good is to donate happiness, which is what we do in PROtegni Raka.

Be good and never lose your faith in “impossible things”!



Dilyana Dzhambazova
Business Client Adviser

It has been five years since I joined PROtegni Raka and the Travelling Theatre, which have changed my life and my understanding of the world. In our daily rush we forget about the little things in life and how much joy they can bring to people. The feeling can't be described, but can be experienced by everybody.

I took part in both plays we staged and now we're working on the third one. My colleagues and I joined this project not to show how talented we are, but because we know that in this way we help sick children throughout the entire country. My role in “Miracles, Marvels or the Wonderful world of Fairy Tales” ridicules baseness, arrogance and complacency, because it is not the way people look that matters, but how much beauty they have in their souls.”

What motivates us



Zhenya Paperova
Deputy Branch Manager, ProCredit Bank, Plovdiv

I have worked in the bank since the day it opened and I have been part of PROtegni Raka since the first evening when my colleagues and I got together and decided to establish a fund. What inspired me at the beginning was the charitable cause. What keeps me going is the awareness that we do really meaningful things. I can see the children's smiles of happiness and the gratefulness in their parents' eyes – not so much for the financial support we have given them as for the sympathy and understanding that we have shown – real help in their hardest moments. These are the things which really matter and we are going to go on doing them.



Dinko Kotsev
Branch Manager, ProCredit Bank, Thessaloniki Branch

We, the employees of ProCredit Bank, have always paid special attention to children with special needs. We have all adopted the cause to help children with serious health conditions whose parents can't afford the therapy. The monthly donations deducted from our salaries are no big sacrifice for us, and we know the money goes to help such children. We know that our support is a ray of hope for them to have a better childhood.



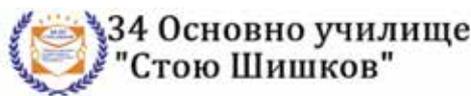
Our contributors

Over 70% of ProCredit Bank employees across the country donate funds for the children of PROtegni Raka. In 2016, these donations totalled BGN 51,827.

The PROtegni Raka mission receives support from ProCredit Bank clients and people who have taken our cause to heart. Any client, legal entity or private individual can submit

a one-time donation or make regular monthly donations. In 2016, the clients' contributions totalled BGN 27,337.

We would like to thank the following companies and organisations which made one-time or regular contributions to PROtegni Raka in 2016:



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Annual Financial Statement

PROtegni Raka Non-profit Association
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
Date 31.12.2016
Currency: BGN

| Statement period: 01.01. - 31.12.2016 | Amount in BGN |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Current deposits in the Fund's account as of 01.01.2016 | 105,994.92 |
| Cash balance in the Fund's cashbox to 01.01.2016 | - |
| I. Revenues | |
| One-time donations from employees | 3,643.56 |
| Monthly contributions from employees | 48,183.60 |
| Contributions from clients | 27,336.61 |
| Events | 28,889.86 |
| PROtegni Raka Travelling Theatre | 21,726.00 |
| Martenitsa for Health and Hope | 3,663.00 |
| Christmas Bazaar | 1,413.86 |
| ProMusic Club | 1,027.00 |
| Funds from the staff gym | 1,060.00 |
| Contributions from parents of disabled children | - |
| Other revenues | 117.57 |
| Total revenues for the period | 108 171,20 |
| II. Expenditures | |
| Treatment and consumables for 159 children in 2016 | 147,807.95 |
| Exchange rate differences | - |
| Expenditures for taxes | 5,610.63 |
| Fees and commissions | 124.46 |
| Total expenditures for the period | 153,543.04 |
| Available funds in the PROtegni Raka as of 31.12.2016 | 60,676.64 |

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www.facebook.com/groups/PROtegniRaka/



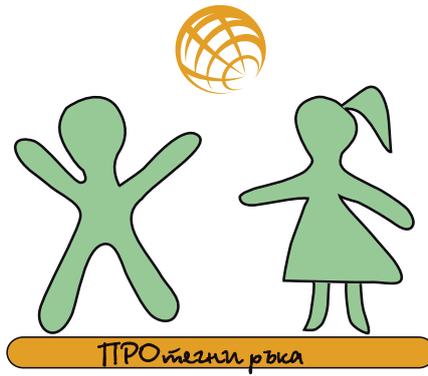
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