



6TH ANNUAL CHARITY GALA DINNER

November 20, 2010

The Annual Charity Gala Dinner will be held for the 6th year and without exaggeration it has already become a representative tradition of the Netherlands Chamber of Commerce in the Slovak Republic. Every year the Netherlands Chamber of Commerce selects a unique project supporting children and young people. The aim of the Annual Charity Gala Dinner is to be not only a social event but also to help build our Chamber as a visible entity in charity activities and above all, to help where help is needed.

The Charity Gala Dinner tradition started in November 2005 and our Chamber has supported projects in several regions of Slovakia.

In 2005 the Chamber supported the Hospital in Spišská Nová Ves by an amount of **77 000 Sk**, which was used for the purchase of a volumetric pump and inhalator for the children's department in this hospital.

In 2006 the yield from a raffle and auction, totalling **106 300 Sk**, was donated to the Daycare centre for Handicapped Children in Hnúšťa.

In 2007 the raffle and auction raised **213 000 Sk**, with the whole of the sum given to the Greek-Catholic diocesan charity. The St. Anna's project helps handicapped children in the process of their socialisation, education and work.

In 2008 an amount totalling **405 700 Sk** was donated to the Barlička association from Prešov and was planned to be used for the purchase of a training machine for differently-abled children and young people.

In **2009** the Chamber donated a record amount in the whole history of the events - in total 27 000 Eur. The 27 000 E amount was donated to the Maják association from Zlaté Moravce and was used for their project of a special selective school in Belušké Slatiny. This is a

unique project for talented children from difficult family environments. We are glad that we could support the starting of an exceptional project in Slovakia and providing a second chance to these children.



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In November, 20 2010 we will again welcome our members, representatives from the Royal Netherlands Embassy in Bratislava, Dutch and other international companies present in Slovakia, and of course representatives of the Dutch community living in Slovakia.

In 2010 the Board of the Netherlands Chamber of Commerce decided to support the project of the crisis centre Náruč in Žilina. We hope this year to collect a significant amount which will help where help is needed.

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