

## **BGŻ FOUNDATION IN 2010 - BRIEF SUMMARY OF SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

### **I. STRATEGY OBJECTIVES**

BGŻ Foundation, allowing to Foundation statutory guidelines, based its activities on:

- a) promoting young talented people from disadvantaged regions and communities,
- b) cooperation with non-governmental organization in realization of statutory aims,
- c) supporting educational and social local initiatives,
- d) promoting employee volunteering,
- e) providing support to educational and social institutions,
- f) helping the disabled and handicapped, especially children with disabilities

### **II. FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE**

- a) During the reporting period, BGŻ Foundation was in possession of a budget **2,672,431.64 zł in total**, including: a grant from Bank BGŻ of 2,160,000.00 zł, a donation from Rabobank Foundation of 386,990.00 zł, donation from Bank BGŻ with a purpose to support young athletes in the amount of 85,000.00 zł, all the funds contributed out of 1% tax on personal income settlement, other donations from individuals in total amount of 39,838.64, zł and other contributions of 603.00 zł
- b) During the reporting period, the financial income came at **19,878.63 zł**
- c) During the reporting period, Foundation expenses amount to **1,725,317.38 zł**, including:
  - direct support the tasks listed below, with the amount of 1,554,235.60 zł,
  - covering administrative costs of running and managing statutory activities (including school contracts set within the BGŻ Class Project) the amount of 171,081.78 zł,
- d) The main share in Foundation direct support remained costs resulting from “BGŻ Class Project” summing up to 74,18 % of the total expenditure incurred in 2010.  
For more details please find useful the table below:

<b>Lp.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Share %</b>
1.	„BGŻ CLASS” PROJECT (inc. project running, scholarships, awards for graduates and support given to Association of BGŻ Class Alumni)	1 278 231,00 zł	74,18
2.	CHARITY AID	139.300,00 zł	8,08
3.	SUPPORT FOR INSTITUTIONS (education, culture, health)	135.244,20zł	7,84
4.	VOLUNTEERING	1.460,19 zł	0,08
5.	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES (inc. BGŻ school`s staff)	171.081,78 zł	9,91

### III. 2010 SUMMARY & HIGHLIGHTS

#### 1. BGŻ CLASS

- a) Project "BGŻ Class" was honored with receiving the patronage of Minister of National Education. This prestigious distinction not only puts Foundation in the position of one of educational leaders in social changes creation, but it does imply wider reach and better cooperation chances with educational Polish local governance.
- b) In school year 2009/2010, BGŻ Foundation decided to spread the recruitment over the whole country, giving the opportunity of taking part in the project to every child in Poland, who states the criteria (coming from a district town or smaller, with a notes average at school of 5,0 and more, with an income of social average and below, and, not to forget, distinctively high motivation level).
- c) Overall the project in 2010, 114 candidates signed up, including:
- VII High School Słowacki in Warsaw – 58 candidates with 24 accepted
  - XIV Polish - Belgian High School in Wroclaw – 18 candidates with 12 accepted
  - First High School Nowodworski in Krakow – 21 candidates with 15 accepted
  - III High School of Polish Navy in Gdynia – 17 candidates with 8 accepted
- d) Social student voluntary programme - You Can Count On Me – implemented in school year 2009/2010, with the approval of Council of the Project, has given first effects and results. What is crucial, all of the schools taking part in the Project involved their students from "BGŻ Class" into social activities. A few of them decided even to widen the program onto other students. The program is intended to promote citizens responsibility of helping others in the form of volunteering and personal commitment. You Can Count On Me is being successfully realized by all "BGŻ Class" students individual projects in the following areas:
- creative activities
  - physical activity and sport
  - volunteering

#### 2. BGŻ CLASS ALUMNI

- a) Since the first group of "BGŻ Class" Alumni graduates in the year 2010/2011, BGŻ Foundation, in order to support graduates in their professional paths but also in stimulating social development of local communities they come from, commissioned the Foundation of Economy and Public Administration (GAP) to conduct a research study and evaluation of "BGŻ Class" project. The report summarizing the study, consists of recommendations of potential pathways of development of the project, including providing support to graduates deciding to return to their villages and involving in helping local communities from which they originate.
- b) Association of BGŻ Class Alumni (registered in 6 February 2008, with 169 members so far), has followed collaboration with BGŻ Foundation, especially in the area of volunteering in BGŻ Foundation social projects, e.g. "Give blood save someone's life", BGŻ Christmas fundraising under "Team of Santa Claus" which aim was to prepare Christmas packages for children from indigent milieus or "Mass For Autism" rally.

- c) In April 2010, BGŻ Foundation took part in the second meeting of BGŻ Alumnis with BGŻ Class graduates-to be. In September 2010, Bank BGŻ held a General Meeting of Association and its members.

### 3. OTHER SOCIAL AND EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

- a) "The Bonds" - continuation of a program held by Foundation Best Friend supporting an orphanage in Białowieża, which initiated voluntary activities of students from high school in Hajnówka., as well as voluntary involvement of BGŻ Branch employees from Białystok Region. Moreover, there was a psychological diagnosis of the orphanage children conducted, its staff was individually trained on how to cope with difficult situations, especially children affected with FAS, Center for Reintegration was involved in helping children return back home, Academy of Kurt Scheller decided to help out with psychological care. Therefore, the program, completing its aims, was ended.
- b) "Business Aces" – a project held by Foundation 4H is focused on developing entrepreneurship among children and youngsters coming from rural areas with the final of X Crystal Clover National Contest directed at residents of rural areas in order to come up with projects animating the areas.
- c) "Entrepreneurship Olympics" – a program held by Foundation of Promotion and Accreditation of Economic Studies, aims at creating a positive climate for business, building young people's economic skills. BGŻ Foundation, hence supporting the program from the very beginning, became an Organizational Partner of this important educational project and funded scholarships for 10 winners, chosen from more than 21000 students from over 1,000 high schools.
- d) "BGŻ Music Class on stage!" – an educational/cultural project aimed at artists learning at BGŻ Music Class in Gdańsk, consisting of providing students with the opportunity of taking part in music workshops and a couple of concerts in Philharmonic and Opera in Białystok, including a charity concert of disabled children. Young people appeared as soloists in a symphony concert with the Orchestra of Opera and Philharmonic under the baton of Marcin Nałęcz - Niesiołowski and pianist Kevin Kenner, its performance also was honored by a charity concert.
- e) "Music is for everyone" – an educational music program for children and young people at Chopin Festival in Warsaw OPEN organized on 11 - 13 June under the name of La Folle Journee - Crazy Days of Music.
- f) "Mass for Autism" – co-organization of the IV Social Bike Rally in Warsaw held by Synapsis Foundation created to help people with autism with the help of cyclists and BGŻ volunteers.
- g) In May 2010, BGŻ Foundation decided to provide assistance to families of 2 Bank employees who found themselves in very difficult circumstances as the consequence of the flood which hit Poland. The Foundation provided financial assistance to two children from Bogatynia, whose families suffered during the flood as well. Family of a BGŻ Classes student who suffered from flooding, did receive financial support too.

Source: BGŻ Foundation, March 2011