

# REPORT

**on the activities**

**of the Nobody's Children**

**Foundation in**

**2002**



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# Mission of the Nobody's Children Foundation

*The Nobody's Children Foundation is a nonprofit non-governmental organization, which provides a broad scope of assistance to abused children, their parents, and guardians.*

*The Foundation's activities are addressed to physically, psychologically, and sexually abused and neglected children, their parents and guardians, as well as professionals dealing with cases of child abuse.*

*Our main goal is to develop an efficient aid system for abused children, a system that would integrate activities of state institutions, local authorities and non-governmental organizations working for the benefit of children in the particular region.*

*We provide short- and long-term assistance to victims of abuse and to their guardians. Moreover, we offer psychological, educational, and legal counseling to people who have contact with cases of child abuse. We organize specialist training programs on problems related to child abuse for various professional groups and interdisciplinary teams. We conduct research and analyses that broaden knowledge about the problem and form the basis for our activities.*

*The Foundation's team consists of experienced experts in problems related to child abuse. Though differing in life perspectives, they are all firmly convinced that abused children and their families need to be helped. This conviction stems both from the knowledge of the detrimental health, developmental and social effects of abuse on any human being, and from the belief that it is our moral obligation to support the weak, the helpless and the confused, whenever and wherever we encounter them*

The Foundation is a member of the following organizations:

- La Voix de l'Enfant (The Child's Voice)
- The European Federation for Missing and Sexually Exploited Children
- The International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) - applying to be national partner
- The "Mazovia" Association



# History of the Foundation

In 1990, Alina Margolis-Edelman, representing the French humanitarian organization Medecins du Monde (Doctors of the World), launched the Warsaw's mission of Assistance to Social Initiatives. She interested a group of professionals – physicians, educators and psychologists – in confronting the problem of child abuse. This group established the Nobody's Children Foundation, with funds provided by the Pleograf Company. The Nobody's Children Foundation was registered in May 1991.

The Foundation formulated its main goal as developing an efficient aid system for abused children, a system that would integrate activities of state institutions, local authorities and non-governmental organizations working for the benefit of children in the particular region.

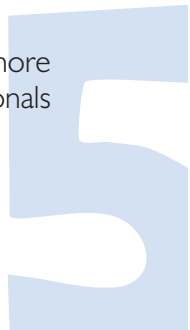
At the time when the Foundation was established, dealing with the broadly understood problem of child abuse required **a prior diagnosis of both the actual prevalence of the problem, and the society's awareness of and knowledge about child abuse.**

Research conducted by the Foundation showed that child physical, emotional, and sexual abuse, as well as neglect of children did exist, though the importance of these problems was frequently undermined by professionals working with children. Moreover, the professionals' competence in identifying the problem and undertaking appropriate interventions turned out dramatically insufficient. These findings directed the Foundation's activities at the initial stages of its operation.

The first of the Foundation's aims has been to **enhance social sensitivity to the problem of child abuse, with a special emphasis on professionals working with children, who potentially form the first link of the intervention chain.** This was done by launching a publicity and information campaign focusing on: children's rights, especially the right to care and protection from any form of abuse; and the necessity to ensure that anyone who knows about or suspects child abuse reacts properly, with specific information on how to intervene in such cases. Simultaneously, since 1993 the Foundation has been implementing a publishing program, producing publications such as books, posters, brochures, educational materials and the Foundation's periodicals.

The Foundation's second objective was **to improve the competence of professionals working with children in diagnosis and intervention in cases of child abuse.** This aim has been pursued through training programs for school and kindergarten teachers, doctors, nurses, social workers, employees of law enforcement institutions, and the police.

Training continues to be an important part of the Foundation's work. During more than **eight** years of the Foundation's training activity several thousand professionals from Warsaw and other Polish cities have benefited from its programs.



In 1995 the Foundation established two specialist institutions: the **Child and Family Center** in the Warszawa Centrum municipality (the Praga-Południe district), and the **"Pociecha" Help Center for Children and Families** in the Warszawa-Białoleka municipality. Both centers were founded in cooperation with Medecins du Monde in order to provide specialist services to abused children, their families and professionals dealing with cases of child abuse.

In the years 1996-1998 the Foundation implemented the **DemNet program** aimed at engaging non-governmental organizations and local authorities' teams of nine Polish cities in developing local programs of assistance to abused children, as well as composing a manual on local efforts to eliminate the problem.

In 1997, the Foundation carried out the "Abused Child Film Library" program aimed at producing educational films concerning the problem of child abuse.

As a result of the Foundation's representatives' participation in a training program for Central and East European professionals, which was part of the "Abused Child" project implemented by the Soros Foundations Network, in 1997 the Nobody's Children Foundation joined a **consultation program for Central and Eastern Europe**, which was coordinated in Poland by the Batory Foundation. The program aimed at inspiring and supporting CEE-based teams in designing or implementing assistance projects for abused children and their families. Within this program, the Nobody's Children Foundation co-organized two international conferences with the Batory Foundation: Child Sexual Abuse - Diagnosis and Treatment, for child gynecologists (1999); and Abused Child - Social Work with Families, for social workers (2000).

In 2000, as part of the "Abused Child" program the Foundation was visited by **George Soros**. The program was completed in 2001 and is now continued as an internet project **"Child Abuse and Neglect in Eastern Europe"** ([www.canee.net](http://www.canee.net)). The Soros Foundation has commissioned the implementation of this project to the Nobody's Children Foundation.

In 1999 the Foundation was granted the Award for the **best Polish non-governmental organization** in a competition organized by the Batory Foundation and the Bankers Trust. In the same year, the Foundation received the **honorary Golden Telephone award** from "Blue Line", an Emergency Line for Victims of Domestic Violence.

In 2001 the Foundation was honored with two awards: the **Prize of the Warsaw City Council** and a special award in the third edition of the **Pro Publico Bono** competition.

In the same year, the Nobody's Children Foundation, together with the State Agency for Solving Alcohol-Related Problems and the "Blue Line", launched a national campaign **"Childhood without Violence"**. The media part of the campaign, developed and implemented free of charge by McCann Erickson Polska, was granted many awards, including the **Media Award Niptel 2001**, **Golden Sticks** at the Portoroz Festival (Slovenia), and the award of the Polish Association of Advertising Agencies, **EFFIE Award 2002**.

While implementing the social campaign, the Foundation designed and conducted (in cooperation with OBOP, the Public Opinion Poll Center) the **first nationwide public opinion research** devoted entirely to the problem of child abuse.

In April 2001, the Nobody's Children Foundation, together with UNICEF and ECPAT International organized a conference titled **Protecting Children against Commercial and Other Forms of Sexual Abuse**. The conference focused on the discussion about implementing a governmental plan for fighting child abuse in Poland.

In September 2001 the Foundation began implementing the **“Child under the Umbrella of Law”** program, aimed at improving the situation of children who participate in legal procedures – i.e. children interviewed by the police or the prosecutors, and child witnesses in court. Within this project conferences and training sessions for court employees, the police and other professionals were organized throughout Poland. Furthermore, two of the Foundation's publications were distributed: *Idę do sądu* (*I'm Going to Court*), a book preparing children to witnessing at a court trial, and *Przysłuchanie i diagnoza małego dziecka* (*Interviewing and Diagnosing a Young Child*), a practical handbook for people who interview children.

In 2002 the first issue of the Foundation's quarterly *Dziecko krzywdzone – teoria, badania, praktyka* (*Abused Child: Theory, Research, and Practice*) was published. The quarterly explores various aspects of child abuse.

In the same year the Foundation joined the **“Bad Touch”** social campaign, implemented by a television broadcaster TVN.

In September 2002 the Nobody's Children Foundation was awarded for its local initiatives with the **Heart for Children** statuette funded by the authorities of Warsaw's Praga-Południe district. Monika Sajkowska, the Foundation's director, was also granted the individual award.

2002 was the last year of **Medecins du Monde's** mission in Poland. The completion of more than 10 years' cooperation between MDM and the Nobody's Children Foundation was celebrated in the Palace of Culture and Science, under the patronage of the President of the Capital City of Warsaw.

In December 2002 a member of the Foundation's staff, Maria Keller-Hamela, was

invited to join the Team for Developing a Program for Preventing Children's Maladjustment and Juvenile Crime, established within the governmental **“Safe Poland”** project.



In December 2002 the Foundation was also visited by the British First Lady, **Cherie Blair** (see the photo), during her unofficial trip to Poland.

# Completion of Medecins du Monde's mission in Poland

On September 11, 2002, the completion of Medecins du Monde's mission in Poland was celebrated during a ceremony organized by the Nobody's Children Foundation. From its very first days the Foundation represented the Polish mission of this French humanitarian organization.

History of MDM's activities for Poland and in Poland had actually begun long before the Foundation was established. Under the Polish Martial Law (in the early 1980s) MDM provided medical aid for those in need. The organization supported Poland's democratic opposition, smuggling copying machines and other equipment, as well as non-debit literature. During the ceremony Miroslaw Chojecki recollected these first days of MDM's activity in Poland.



Prof. Zbigniew Chłap of the Doctors of Hope Association presented the next phase of MDM's operation in Poland, i.e. the illegal human rights conference in Cracow and the resolution of the Cracow Humanitarian Card.

Hanna Kasprzyk spoke about the Bureau of Assistance to Social Initiatives, operating under the auspices of MDM. Alina Margolis (see the photo) discussed MDM's support for children with hearing impairments and Monika Sajkowska presented the Nobody's Children Foundation's projects developed and implemented in cooperation with MDM.

French guests – Claude Moncourge, President of MDM, Michel Brugiere, MDM's former General Manager, and Francois Parrot, Head of MDM's Eastern Europe Group – spoke about the years of MDM's presence in Poland.

The ceremony was honored by the presence and speeches of Wojciech Kozak, President of the Capital City of Warsaw, and Barbara Labuda, a minister in the Polish Government. All speakers expressed special thanks to Alina Margolis, the initiator of MDM's operation in Poland and the supervisor of the organization's Polish mission.





# The Foundation's Activities in 2002

## Help Centers for Children and Families

### Child and Family Center

Program coordinator - Jolanta Zmarzlik

The Child and Family Center was founded in 1996 thanks to professional support and funds provided by the French organization Medecins du Monde (Doctors of the World). Appreciating the importance of the problem, the Social Aid Center in Warsaw's Praga-Południe district offered premises to the newly established Center. The Center operates in the Praga-Południe district of the Warszawa Centrum municipality, providing specialist services to abused children and their families, as well as to professionals dealing with such cases.

In 2002 the employees of the Child and Family Center helped children through advisory services, interventions, and direct therapeutic work with abused children and their families. Handling cases of abused children in cooperation with external experts, the Center formed interdisciplinary groups that developed and supervised the strategy of helping children and their families, as well as organized individual, family and group therapeutic and supportive meetings for children and their family members. There were therapeutic groups for children and adolescents, and a support group for their parents. Moreover, the Center provided legal, psychiatric and educational counseling for family members and professionals working with abused children.

In 2001 the Center accepted 192 first-time reports of abuse. Out of this number, the Center took regular care of 80 victims of sexual abuse, 32 victims of physical abuse, 36 emotionally abused children, 4 victims of extreme neglect, and 10 children causing rearing difficulties. The following forms of assistance were offered by the Child and Family Center:

- 1309 therapeutic and diagnostic sessions with children
- 1063 meetings with parents or other family members
- 386 consultations for professionals

The Child and Family Center's activities were financed by:

- Medecins du Monde
- The Batory Foundation
- Access Phare
- The Mazovian Office of Social Affairs
- The District Office of Warszawa Praga-Południe
- The Office of the City of Warsaw
- The Social Aid Center of the District of Warszawa Praga-Południe



- Rufford Foundation
- The Office of the Warszawa Centrum Municipality
- The Institute of Public Affairs within “The Citizen and the Law” program, financed by the Polish-American Freedom Foundation
- The Ministry of Justice, and others

## “Pociecha” Center

Program coordinator - Irena Kornatowska

The “Pociecha” ( “Consolation”) Center operates in the Warszawa-Białołęka municipality. It was established on the initiative of two participants of one of the Foundation’s training programs, who worked with children in that particular area. The Center began its operation in March 1996, thanks to the efforts of the Nobody’s Children Foundation, Medecins du Monde, and the municipal authorities.

The “Pociecha” Center’s staff work directly for the abused children and their families.

In 2002 **95** cases of child abuse were reported to the Center. In **15** cases, single consultations were provided. The Center’s employees offered regular assistance to **80** children (**50** boys and **30** girls).

**32** children assisted by the Center were diagnosed as victims of emotional abuse, **19** – neglect, **16** – physical abuse, **3** – sexual abuse, and **10** children were suffering from other problems, such as rearing or school difficulties.

The employees of the Center organized **541** individual and **37** group therapeutic meetings.

In 2002 the Center’s staff provided professional aid for **140** parents and guardians; out of this number **118** were qualified for long-term assistance.

The Center established cooperation with **professionals working with children**. This was primarily accomplished through consultations and meetings of interdisciplinary teams, focused on developing assistance strategies. School teachers, social workers, police officers and children’s homes care givers and teachers participated in those activities.

In 2002 the “Pociecha” Center’s staff continued to cooperate with children’s homes in the Białołęka municipality in providing assistance to young victims of abuse, and implemented a preventive program “The Choice Is Yours” – aimed at promoting a healthy life style – in four local schools.

### The activities of the "Pociecha" Center were financed by:

- The Office of the Warszawa-Białołęka municipality
- Medecins du Monde
- Zakłady Farmaceutyczne POLFA
- Auchan Polska

# “Child under the Umbrella of Law”

The “Child under the Umbrella of Law” program aims at improving the competence of employees of law enforcement institutions and the police in protecting child victims of crime during the legal intervention, and promoting the idea of “child-friendly” interviewing rooms.

The program has been implemented under the patronage of the Minister of Justice and the Minister of Internal Affairs and Administration.

On June 12, 2002 a conference was held in Warsaw, as part of the “Child under the Umbrella of Law” project. Co-organized by the Foundation and the Ministry of Justice, the conference gathered judges, prosecutors, and police officers from all over Poland, as well as representatives of NGOs.

Furthermore, the Foundation organized conferences to inaugurate the program in six provinces (of Dolny Śląsk, Wielkopolska, Podlasie, Łódź, Lublin, and Kielce), cooperating with local partners such as NGOs, local authorities (regional social policy centers at Provincial Offices), and Provincial Police Headquarters. Each conference was attended by 120 to 500 participants – representatives of provincial and district authorities, provincial and regional police headquarters, district and regional courts and prosecutor’s offices, as well as help centers and educational institutions, social aid institutions and the health care system.

At the next stage of implementing the project specialist training was provided for professionals participating in legal interventions where children are involved. The trainees were prosecutors, judges, expert psychologists and police officers working in the particular province.

At the training sessions and conferences the Foundation’s publications were distributed – the books Dziecko pod parasolem prawa (Child under the Umbrella of Law), Przesłuchanie i diagnoza małego dziecka (Interviewing and Diagnosing a Young Child), and Idę do sądu (I’m Going to Court), as well as the materials prepared for the local partners.

## **The program was financed by:**

- The Know How Fund of the British Embassy
- The Institute of Public Affairs within “The Citizen and the Law” program financed by the Polish- American Freedom Foundation
- Local partners

# Internship Program

Program coordinator - Małgorzata Szulik

A group of interns – students of psychology and pedagogy – contribute to the Foundation's activities. They participate in a two-year educational and training program organized by the Foundation's Child and Family Center in co-operation with the OPTA Association, the MOP Counseling Center, the Society for Youth Aid, and the Closer to the Child Association. The internship program covers 400 hours of workshops, 400 hours of work for the Foundation, and 200 hours of supervision.

In 2002 the group of students recruited for the internship in November 2001 continued the program. Out of the 18 interns participating in the program, 4 worked directly for the Foundation.

Within the internship, the students participated in consultations, therapeutic and educational sessions for children and their guardians, as well as conferences and training programs organized by the Nobody's Children Foundation.

They also provided individual assistance to children who are cared for by the Child and Family Center.

The internship program will be completed in November 2003.

On top of that, in 2002 the Nobody's Children Foundation offered short-term internships to students of pedagogy, psychology, and resocialization. Universities and colleges accepted these internships as a form of obligatory student training.

Apart from the interns, a group of volunteers contributed to the Foundation's work. Their responsibilities included organizational tasks, consultations, and direct work with the Center's clients.

## Training Program

Development and implementation of training programs related to the problem of child abuse for various professional groups constitute a significant component of the Foundation's activities.

In April 2002 the Foundation inaugurated the next edition of the 12-month **study of methods of working with child victims of sexual abuse, their families and guardians**, a program addressed primarily to psychologists and educators. The study was attended by 18 professionals from different Polish cities. The program's main objectives are to make the participants acquainted with the problems of child abuse, to improve their competence in diagnosis and treatment of sexually abused children, to consult particular cases they deal with in their professional practice, and to develop a network of centers and institutions providing assistance to abused children and their families. The program covers twelve 20-hour weekend sessions.

In 2002 the Foundation continued to cooperate with the **Police Training Center** in Legionowo. **186** police officers – specialists working in juvenile departments – were trained within the Abused Child training program. During 30 hours of training the participants practiced skills such as interviewing child victims.

In cooperation with the GontArt company, the Foundation organized sessions of **Aggression Replacement Training (ART)**. In 2002 **146 employees of children's care and education homes** graduated from the ART program. Furthermore, ART trainers conducted 2-hour sessions on peer violence prevention for school teachers' boards. In 2002 those meetings were attended by nearly **900** teachers.

The seven conferences and several training sessions organized within the **"Child under the Umbrella of Law"** program were attended by approximately **1500** participants.

Other training programs conducted in 2002 by the Foundation's trainers for various professional groups, such as psychologists, teachers, pediatricians, and court guardians were attended by more than **500** people. The sessions concerned **diagnosis and treatment of abused children** and **development of an interdisciplinary aid system for abused children and their families**

**Altogether about 3250 trainees participated in the Foundation's training programs in 2002.**

In 2002 members of the Foundation's team participated actively in several international conferences and training programs, including:

- **August 2002, Denver, USA – The 14th World ISPCAN Congress**

*Maria Keller-Hamela discussed the Foundation's accomplishments and experience during the workshop session. Monika Sajkowska presented the results of Poland's first nationwide research on child abuse at a poster session. At the exhibition premises the 2003 ISPCAN conference was promoted, to be organized in Warsaw by the Nobody's Children Foundation.*

- **October 2002, Dublin, Ireland – PHARE seminar on victims of crime**

*Representatives of the Foundation and the Ministry of Justice participated in a workshop session on developing an aid system for crime victims in countries joining the European Union*

- **October 2002, Strasburg, France – Council of Europe seminar: Corporal Punishment of Children within the Families**

*The Foundation's representative participated in the panel session on reducing physical abuse of children.*

**The training program was financed by:**

- The British Embassy
- The Institute of Public Affairs
- Access Phare
- ISPCAN
- The Batory Foundation
- UNICEF Geneva
- Auchan Polska



# Consultation Program for Central and Eastern Europe

Program coordinator - Maria Keller-Hamela

Starting from 1995 the Nobody's Children Foundation cooperated with the Batory Foundation within the Open Society Institute (OSI) consultation program for professionals in Central and Eastern Europe.



The program was addressed to groups that develop or implement aid projects for abused children in Albania, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Yugoslavia, Kyrgyzstan, Lithuania, Latvia, Macedonia, Moldova, and Russia.



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In March 2002 a conference was held in Budapest, Hungary, as an official closure of the program. Representatives of the Nobody's Children Foundation presented briefly the Foundation's contribution to the program, and reported the Foundation's recent research and social campaigns on the problem of child abuse.

The Budapest conference created an opportunity to present the internet project **CANEE NET**, which enables the previous participants of the OSI program to continue their cooperation. The Child Abuse and Neglect in Eastern Europe project ([www.canee.net](http://www.canee.net)) has been coordinated by the Nobody's Children Foundation.

Apart from administering the web site, the Foundation continues the consultation program through organizing **consultation visits** of representatives of Central and East European organizations to Poland. In 2002 employees of Lithuanian and Slovakian help centers for abused children were invited to the Foundation to participate in such meetings.

In 2002 the Foundation distributed an English version of the publication How to organize a local aid system for abused children in East European countries. Moreover, the Foundation passed the copyright on this handbook to enable its Slovakian edition.

Furthermore, the Foundation's representatives conducted **training** in Lithuania and Bulgaria.

**The program was financed by:**

- The Batory Foundation
- ISPCAN

## Internet Program

Program coordinator - Łukasz Wojtasik

Since March 2000 the Nobody's Children Foundation has managed a **web site** providing information on the problem of child abuse and on the Foundation's activities – [www.fdn.pl](http://www.fdn.pl). In 2002 the Foundation's site had **more than 20,000 visitors**.

The Foundation has been also managing an internet project in English, "**Child Abuse and Neglect in Eastern Europe**", addressed to professionals in Eastern Europe. The [www.canee.net](http://www.canee.net) site was developed in 2001 as a continuation of the Soros Foundation's "Abused Child" program.



The site provides information on child abuse in countries of Eastern Europe, presents articles and research findings, and allows professionals from countries covered by the program to share their experience and consultation. In November 2002 the first **CANEE NET AWARDS** were granted to people and institutions supporting aid projects for abused children. The 2002 awards went to

Vesna Zec, a representative of Croatian local authorities, and to a Lithuanian company UAB Vesiga. In 2002 [www.canee.net](http://www.canee.net) recorded **more than 24,600 visitors**.

We wrześniu 2002 roku Fundacja, jako organizator IX Europejskiej Konferencji ISPCAN 2003 opublikowała serwis informacyjny [www.ispcan2003.info](http://www.ispcan2003.info). Zawiera on informacje o programie i warunkach uczestnictwa w konferencji.

### Program finansowany był przez:

- Internet Art
- WebLab
- Fundacja im. S. Batorego

[www.ispcan2003.info](http://www.ispcan2003.info)



# Publishing Program

The Foundation has been engaged in publishing activity since 1993, producing publications such as manuals for professionals working with children, series of posters and brochures, etc.

In 2002 the Foundation published two books: *Idę do sądu* (I'm Going to Court) and *Przesłuchanie i diagnoza małego dziecka* (Interviewing and Diagnosing a Young Child).



“Idę do sądu” is addressed to child witnesses or victims of crimes. It prepares the child to witnessing during a court trial.

“Przesłuchanie i diagnoza małego dziecka” is a translation of a manual written by American specialists in diagnosing abused children. The book discusses diagnostic procedures and methods of interviewing young children who have been sexually abused. The Foundation has also produced a Polish version of a film about interviewing children.



In August 2002 the Nobody's Children Foundation published the first issue of the quarterly *Dziecko krzywdzone – teoria, badania, praktyka* (Abused child: theory, research, and practice). The periodical aims at expanding the knowledge of professionals – psychologists, educators, doctors, lawyers, social policy makers, etc. – about various aspects of child abuse. The first issue concerned sexual abuse of children. In 2002 the second issue of the quarterly was also prepared, concerning commercial sexual abuse of children and pedophilia on the internet.



The program was financed by:

- The Royal Netherlands Embassy in Warsaw
- Access Phare
- UNICEF Geneva



## Research Program

Program coordinator - Monika Sajkowska

The main purpose of the Nobody's Children Foundation's research programs is to diagnose the prevalence and nature of the problem of child abuse, and social attitudes toward the problem. In the previous years, the Foundation studied children and various professional groups (educators, pediatricists, police officers, and social workers) from Warsaw's Praga-Południe district. In 2001 the Nobody's Children Foundation conducted the first nationwide research among adult Poles, concerning the problem of child abuse.

In 2002 the Foundation and the Institute of Applied Social Science at the Warsaw University conducted a joint research program "Child Sexual Abuse in Press Articles in 2001-2002". The research aimed at describing the way of presenting child sexual abuse in the Polish press. The researchers analyzed articles published in the years 2001-2002 in 200 Polish periodicals monitored by the Press and Information Agency "Glob".

The program was financed by:

- The Batory Foundation

## "Bad Touch" social campaign

In April 2002 a television broadcaster TVN initiated the first Polish social campaign on child sexual abuse – the "Bad Touch" campaign. Its main purpose was to inform the society about the scale of the sexual abuse threat to children, the consequences of sexual abuse, and available ways to prevent the problem.



The Nobody's Children Foundation joined the campaign as an expert consultant. The Foundation's representatives reviewed the media messages of the campaign and developed materials on child sexual abuse to be used during the campaign. They also acted as experts during TV and radio programs and press discussions concerning the problem of child sexual abuse.

# Master's Theses Competition

The Foundation organized the third edition of the competition for the best master's thesis concerning the problem of child abuse.

Out of twelve submitted works, the jury decided to award the following prizes:

- **The first prize** and 2,000 PLN to **Monika Zielonka-Jenek** for "Suggestibility as a determinant of child witnesses' reliability according to Piaget's theory of intellectual development" (Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Faculty of Social Science, Institute of Psychology, Prof. Wojciech Poznaniak).
- The second prize was not awarded
- **Special award** and 500 PLN to **Mateusz Stąsiek** for "Child soldiers – international community's attempts to reduce the problem" (Warsaw University, Faculty of Journalism and Political Science, Institute of International Relations, Prof. Roman Kuźniar)

The theses have enriched the Foundation's library and are now available to professionals and other people interested in the problem of child abuse.

The prizes were funded by Polskie Wydawnictwa Profesjonalne.



## Plans for 2003

In April 2003 the Foundation will launch its **Help Center for Child Victims of Crime**. Located in downtown Warsaw, 12 Mazowiecka street, the Center will employ psychologists and lawyers who will provide assistance to child victims of sexual and physical abuse, in cooperation with representatives of law enforcement institutions. The Center's facilities include a modern room for interviewing children, a trial room, and a conference room.

In August 2003 Warsaw's Sheraton hotel will host the **IX European ISPCAN Conference on Child Abuse**, titled **Promoting Interdisciplinary Approaches to Child Protection**. Held under the patronage of Poland's First Lady, Jolanta Kwaśniewska, the conference will be attended by approximately 500 professionals from all over the world.

Moreover, in 2003 the Nobody's Children Foundation will continue the implementation of the following programs:

- **Child and Family Center**
- "Pociecha" Center
- Internship program
- Training program
- Consultation program
- Internet program

An educational web site will be developed, discussing the dangers associated with the internet use by children ([www.zlestrony.pl](http://www.zlestrony.pl)).

- **Publishing Program**

The Foundation's new publications will include further issues of the quarterly *Dziecko krzywdzone – teoria, badania, praktyka* (*Abused Child: Theory, Research, and Practice*), and educational brochures for parents.

- **Research Program**

The Foundation will take part in the European Daphne program aimed at identifying the situation of children under 3 living in children's care homes.

- **Master Theses Competition**

The fourth edition will be announced.

## Contributions in kind:

Lego Polska sp. z o.o.  
Granna Sp. z o.o.  
PHU Kovax  
Cadbury Wedel Sp. z o.o.  
Children's monthly Miś  
Bank Żywności SOS  
TVN Foundation  
IKEA Polska  
OBI  
Oknoplast Kraków

## Financial Report

<u>Program</u>	<u>Sources of Financing</u>	<u>Amount</u> (euro)
Child and Family Center	Access Phare	17982,1
	The Batory Foundation	16882,4
	The Rufford Foundation	15411,6
	Medecins du Monde	13911
	The Warszawa Centrum Municipal Office	11598
	The Warszawa Praga Południe District Office	11019
	The Governing Board of the Capital City of Warsaw	6250
	The Mazowsze Provincial Office	5500
	Corporate and individual donations	5472,7
	The Institute of Public Affairs	3600
	The Ministry of Justice	2368,2
Agora S.A.	750	
	<b>Total=</b>	<b>110745</b>
"Pociecha" Center	The Warszawa Białołęka Municipal Office	17982
	Medecins du Monde	7194,3
	The Batory Foundation	4775,6
	POLFA	1375
	Auchan	766,4
	<b>Total=</b>	<b>32093,3</b>
Training Program	Clients and participants	25249
	The British Embassy	8700

<u>Program</u>	<u>Sources</u>	<u>Amount (euro)</u>
Training Program	The Institute of Social Affairs	6 181
	Access Phare	4474,8
	ISPCAN	3273,1
	The Batory Foundation	487,5
	UNICEF Geneva	404,2
	AUCHAN	250,4
	<b>total=</b>	<b>49020</b>
Research Program	The Batory Foundation	6 893,51
	UNICEF Geneva	4 000,00
	<b>total=</b>	<b>10 893,51</b>
Internet Program	The Batory Foundation	45 593,69
	UNICEF Geneva	10 479,86
	<b>total=</b>	<b>56 073,55</b>
Publishing Program	The Royal Netherlands Embassy in Warsaw	10250
	UNICEF Geneva	9426,3
	Access Phare	8046,3
	The Foundation's own funds	5474,6
	Corporate and individual donations	2175,9
	The Batory Foundation	1803,7
	Polskie Wydawnictwa Profesjonalne	250
	<b>total=</b>	<b>37426,8</b>
Consultation Program for Central and Eastern Europe	The Batory Foundation	4246,3
Master's Theses Competition	Polskie Wydawnictwa Profesjonalne	625
"Green Light" Emergency Line	The Warszawa Centrum Municipal Office	11812,5
Administration	The Foundation's own funds	12169
	Access Phare	10452
	The Batory Foundation	10306,3
	Medecins du Monde	9530,5
	The Institute of Public Affairs	1989
	AUCHAN	25
	<b>total=</b>	<b>44471,8</b>