

2013 ANNUAL REPORT



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PRESIDENT'S INTRODUCTION

CYPRUS RED CROSS SOCIETY 2013 ACHIEVEMENTS



The preparation of another annual report, allows us to see all that the Cyprus Red Cross Society (CRCS) has accomplished during the past year. It is with great satisfaction, if not pride, that I am addressing not only the readers of the CRCS 2013 Annual Report but, most importantly, the contributors to the successes of our Society.

There is no doubt that the greatest accomplishment of CRCS in 2013, was that of our Society's admission to the International Federation of Red Cross

and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), which followed the equally important success of our recognition by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in 2012.

I am gratified that our long and tireless efforts finally achieved our objective of becoming a full member of the International RC/RC Movement. I should like to take this opportunity to express our most sincere appreciation and gratitude to all concerned for their invaluable contribution towards the achievement of this well-deserved great success.

In 2013, the CRCS carried out its humanitarian work in full compliance with the Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, the legislation of the Republic of Cyprus and its own Statutes. The CRCS was supported, as always, by the commendable efforts of its Branches, Youth Section, its members and several thousand volunteers, as well as its staff members.

Unfortunately, however, 2013 was marked with the unpleasant development of the financial crisis and the bail-out of March 2013. In addition to Cyprus and its people, CRCS was also affected adversely, with the most serious consequences being that most of its financial resources

have been lost or frozen, donations and income in general have diminished, and the demand for humanitarian assistance have increased excessively.

In its effort to meet the humanitarian consequences of the financial crisis, CRCS decided to divert all its resources towards meeting local needs. True to its principles, during 2013 the CRCS responded readily and discretely to the increased requests for humanitarian assistance and moral support on a daily basis. Our main activity and concern was of course the CRCS Children Therapy Centre Stella Soulioti. Activities such as blood donation, first aid training, road safety, disaster relief, psychosocial support, tracing services and restoring family links, among others, took place throughout the year. In addition to its traditional humanitarian activities, the most important being the annual Pan Cyprian "Door to Door" fundraising campaign, many other activities, among others, including participation in seminars and conferences abroad, the fencing of the HQs premises, the fashion shows, the preparedness of the Disaster Management Committee for the possible arrival in Cyprus of third country nationals and refugees from Syria, the purchase of the necessary equipment for the new Disaster Management Warehouse, the study of providing shelter facilities in Cyprus, and the Easter and Christmas Love Campaigns, made 2013 a really productive year.

To all those praiseworthy individuals who helped the CRCS to undertake its humanitarian activities, I should like to express my appreciation, gratitude and warm thanks. To the members of the Council, the Executive Committee, the Branches, the Youth Section, as well as to our many volunteers, the Director General and to all the CRCS staff members, I wish strength, health and courage to carry on in fulfilling their noble responsibilities, so that together we can all continue our humanitarian mission with even more success.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "F. Papadopoulos". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name of the President.

Fotini Papadopoulos
President

CYPRUS RED CROSS SOCIETY: FROM 1950 TO 2013

The Cyprus Red Cross Society (CRCS) was founded in 1950 as a branch of the British Red Cross. After the declaration of independence of the Republic of Cyprus in 1960 and the adherence to the Geneva International Conventions, CRCS was officially recognized by the Government of the Republic of Cyprus through the adoption of law N.39 of 1967. Through this legislation, CRCS became an auxiliary to the public authorities concerned with humanitarian matters, using the Red Cross Emblem in accordance with the Geneva Conventions.

As stated in the introduction to the present report, the most important development in 2013 was the admission of the CRCS to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) as the 188th member of the International RC/RC Movement.

Unfortunately 2013 was also marked with another unpleasant development with tragic consequences to Cyprus, namely, the financial crisis of March 2013. Along with the people of Cyprus, the CRCS was also affected adversely, with most of its financial resources being lost or frozen, donations and income in general diminished, with excessive increase in the demand for humanitarian assistance due, among others, to increasing level of unemployment.

The CRCS is an independent body operating in accordance with the Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, the Red Cross Law and its own Statutes. The main governing bodies are the General Assembly, the Council and the Executive Committee. The CRCS Branches operate in all towns and are managed by their respective Committees. Since 1973, the Youth Section, in addition to its Central Committee, operates District Committees in each town. Most officers and members of the CRCS are volunteers.

Within the framework of its mission to help improve health, prevent illnesses, alleviate pain throughout the world, in times of peace or war and without any prejudice or discrimination, CRCS undertakes extensive activities which, among others, include the offer of humanitarian assistance, psychosocial and moral support to vulnerable persons, fund raising campaigns, offer of First Aid lessons and training, blood donation, as well as activities to inform and to raise awareness of the Red Cross mission, its principles and the protection of the Red Cross emblem.

Of particular importance was the assistance provided by CRCS during the Turkish invasion of 1974 with regard to the evacuation of the population from areas under Turkish control, taking care of the wounded, providing housing and assistance to meet the needs of the refugees, the reunification of families, the transmission of messages, the return of prisoners, locating the missing persons, as well as providing assistance to meet the needs of the enclaved persons. To this date, CRCS continues to send all necessary basic provisions and other aid to the enclaved persons and seeks to cover their needs whenever they visit the free areas; it continues to issue certificates of captivity and of having been an enclaved person.

CRCS carries out a wide variety of other important activities such as disaster management, psychosocial support, tracing services and restoring family links, blood donation, First Aid lessons and training, tree planting, road safety, participating in European programmes, organizing camping expeditions, humanitarian and community events, assistance to migrants, asylum seekers and refugees, as well as organization of seminars. Especially noteworthy are the activities of the CRCS Children Therapy Centre Stella Soulioti, which since 1957 has been helping children with disabilities.

The above mentioned extensive activities of CRCS are not limited to Cyprus but are also extended overseas. CRCS responds to various appeals of the International Movement and in many cases CRCS has sent humanitarian support to Sister Societies whose countries have been affected by floods, earthquakes and other emergencies. Its largest projects abroad were the building and equipping of a large hospital in Sri Lanka, the financing of the completion of a second one, a Community Medical Centre in Karatoula-Oleni, Greece, an Emergency Call Centre in Haiti and the construction of two ambulance stations in Gaza.

In 2013, because of the urgency to address the increased demand for humanitarian assistance due to the financial crisis, CRCS had no alternative to its decision in diverting all its resources towards meeting the assistance required by the people of Cyprus. The only exception, as far as international assistance is concerned, was a relatively modest donation for the victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines, and the completion of the projects in Gaza and Haiti.

2013

DIARY OF ACTIVITIES

2013 EUROPEAN YEAR OF CITIZENS: RAISING AWARENESS OF EU CITIZEN'S RIGHTS

JANUARY

Circulation of 2013 Lucky Charms

- 23** General Assembly Famagusta Branch
30 CRCS commemorative stamp
-

FEBRUARY

- 12** CRCS Executive Committee Meeting
-

MARCH

- 1-14 & 18-31** CRCS Pancyprian "Door to Door" Fundraising Campaign
2 Event by the Kyrenia Branch during the "Door to Door" Campaign
29 CRCS Executive Committee Meeting
-

APRIL

- 1-30** CRCS Easter Love Campaign
10 CRCS Council Meeting
16-17 PERCO Meeting in Budapest, Hungary
-

MAY

- 8** World Red Cross Red Crescent Day
9 May - 5 June Campaign by ALFAMEGA
11-19 CRCS Pancyprian Fundraising Campaign "Door to Door" for Larnaca and Famagusta areas
13 CRCS Executive Committee Meeting
-

JUNE

- 3** DMC - Assessment Mission Course
11, 13, 21 Psychosocial Support and Volunteer Trainings
-

JULY

- 1-10** CRCS Youth Section Camp
5 CRCS Children Therapy Centre Stella Soulioti inauguration ceremony
10 CRCS Executive Committee Meeting

2013

DIARY OF ACTIVITIES

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

- 2-30 Campaign by UNILEVER
 - 3 CRCS Executive Committee Meeting
 - 11 CRCS Council Meeting
 - 11 Appointment of Second Vice President of the Society
 - 12 DMC - Assessment Mission Course
 - 13 Reorganization of Migrant's Committee
 - 14 World First Aid Day
 - 19-21 FAEEN Meeting in Burgas, Bulgaria
 - 21 Psychosocial Support and Volunteer Trainings
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OCTOBER

- 2-4 RFL Annual Meeting in Lisbon, Portugal
 - 11-13 ENPS Meeting in Istanbul
 - 14-15 PERCO Meeting in Geneva, Switzerland
 - 15 General Assembly Kyrenia Branch
 - 17 - 19 ENDV Meeting in Geneva, Switzerland
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NOVEMBER

- 9-18 Statutory Meetings of the RC/RC Movement
CRCS participation
 - 12 **CRCS ADMISSION TO THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE RED CROSS
AND RED CRESCENT SOCIETIES (IFRC)**
 - 13 General Assembly Paphos Branch
 - 17 World Remembrance Day for the victims of road accidents
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DECEMBER

Circulation and sales of Christmas Cards Issue and circulation of the 2014 Desk Calendar

- 1 World Aids Day – event by the CRCS Youth Section
- 3 Dinner in honor of CRCS donors
- 16-20 CRCS Christmas Love Campaign
- 18 CRCS Council Meeting

2013 CRCS MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS

According to the new CRCS Statutes (25.01.2012) the Governing bodies of the Society are the following:

- + **The General Assembly**
- + **The Council**
- + **The Executive Committee**

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL IN 2013

During the Council's meeting, on 11 September 2013, and following a unanimous decision by the members, Dr. Mustafa Hami was appointed as the Second Vice President of the Cyprus Red Cross Society occupying the seat which was vacant for a Turkish Cypriot member. After this decision, the composition of the Council was finalized as follows:

Elected under Article 12 (1) (a) (b)

Mrs. Fotini Papadopoulos, President
Mrs. Leda Koursoumba, First Vice President
Dr. Mustafa Hami, Second Vice President
Mr. Dinos Christofides, Treasurer
Mr. Andreas Artemis, Nicosia
Mrs. Amalia Erotokritos, Nicosia
Mrs. Evmorfia Fereos, Nicosia
Mrs. Despo Frederickou, Nicosia
Metropolitan of Tamassos and Orini, Isaias, Nicosia
Mr. Michalakis Sarris, Nicosia
Mr. Nicos Gregoriou, Limassol
Mr. Andreas Poetis, Famagusta
Mr. Angelos Nikolaidis, Larnaca
Mr. Georgios Hasapis, Paphos
Mr. Costas Pandehis, Kyrenia

Under Article 12 (1) (c)

Mrs. Marina Demades, President, Nicosia Branch
Mrs. Evi Zarifi, Treasurer, Nicosia Branch
Mrs. Niki Hadjitsangari, President, Limassol Branch
Mrs. Annie Haraki, Treasurer, Limassol Branch
Mrs. Kika Konia, President, Famagusta Branch

Mr. Emilia Vourka, Treasurer, Famagusta Branch
Mrs. Aliko Neokleous, President, Larnaca Branch
Mrs. Lenia Karapataki, Treasurer, Larnaca Branch
Mrs. Anna Christodoulidou, President, Paphos Branch
Mrs. Christiana Atalioti, Treasurer, Paphos Branch
Mrs. Maroulla Angelides, President, Kyrenia Branch
Mrs. Evanthia Papasavva, Treasurer, Kyrenia Branch
Mrs. Vanessa Kyprianou, President, Central Committee Youth Section
Mr. Tasos Yiasemides, Treasurer, Central Committee Youth Section

Under Article 12 (4)

Director General, Mr. Takis Neophytou

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN 2013

President of the Society, Mrs. Fotini Papadopoulos,
First Vice President of the Society, Mrs. Leda Koursoumba,
Treasurer of the Society, Mr. Dinos Christofides,
Director General, Mr. Takis Neophytou,
The representative of the Branch Committees, Mrs. Marina Demades, President of Nicosia Branch

MEETINGS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES

During the course of 2013:

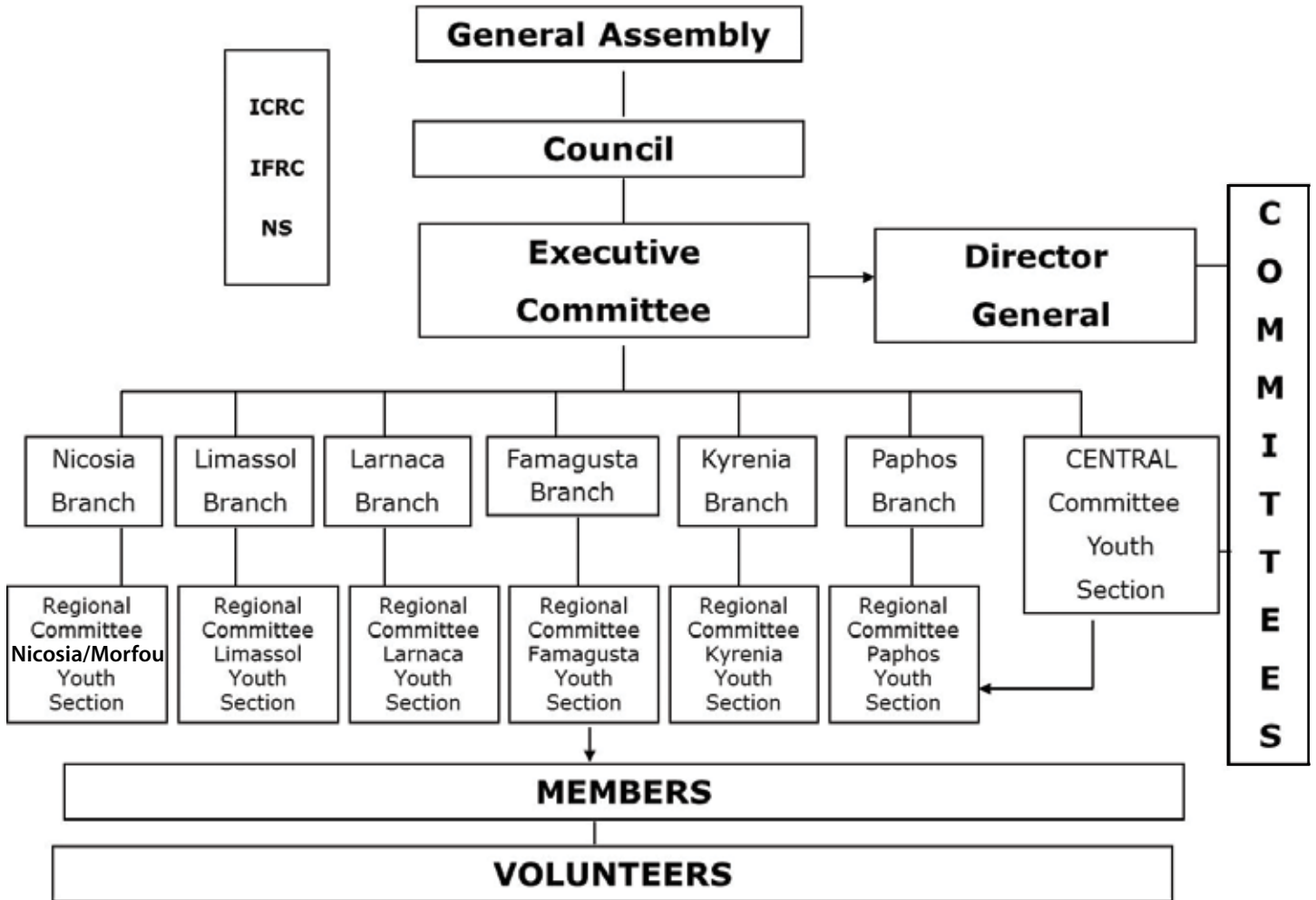
The Council met three times, on 10 April, 11 September and 18 December.

The Executive Committee met five times, on 12 February, 29 March, 13 May, 10 July and 3 September.

COMMITTEES

Finance, Fundraising and Pancyprian "Door to Door" Collection, Disaster Management, Children Therapy Centre Stella Soulioti, First Aid and Blood Donation, Newsletter, Road Safety, Christmas Cards, Migrants, Refugees and Asylum Seekers, Health and Psychosocial Support, Training and Volunteers and Events Committee.

CRCS ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES IN CYPRUS

During 2013, the CRCS, as a purely humanitarian organization, continued to focus its activities on addressing the needs of those considered to be vulnerable or in need of assistance. Although 39 years have elapsed since the 1974 invasion of Cyprus by Turkey and the standard of living in Cyprus has risen to rival that of developed countries, the core humanitarian assistance which the CRCS offered in Cyprus was to the refugees and the enclaved, as well as to the poor, sick and other vulnerable persons. Faithful to its principle of providing aid without discrimination, irrespective of ethnic origin, nationality or religion, the CRCS included Turkish Cypriots, as well as a large number of migrants and asylum seekers amongst its beneficiaries. Unfortunately, however, 2013 was also marked with the very serious financial crisis of March 2013, which had tragic consequences to Cyprus. The CRCS was also seriously affected, with most of its financial resources being lost or frozen, donations and income in general diminished, compounded by the urgency to meet the excessively increased humanitarian assistance required locally.

ADDRESSING SOCIAL NEEDS, HEALTH AND OTHER FORMS OF VULNERABILITY

In 2013, because of the increased humanitarian needs caused by the financial crisis, CRCS decided to divert all its resources towards meeting local needs. True to its principles, during 2013 the CRCS responded readily and discretely to the increased requests for humanitarian assistance and moral support on a daily basis. The humanitarian activities of the CRCS included, among others: the provision of food; clothing; footwear; cleaning and hygiene products; medicines; financial support; supplying wheelchairs and rehabilitation equipment for those with special needs; providing companionship to the lonely; visits to hospitals; elderly peoples' homes; prisons; schools and institutions for the disabled.

FAMILY ASSISTANCE CARDS

In order to simplify and organize the distribution procedure CRCS has printed a “**Family Assistance Card**”, which included all the personal data of the recipient and his/her family members, as well as the dates and the kind of assistance he/she was receiving. Before issuing a card, CRCS volunteers visited the family at their place of residence and evaluated their socioeconomic conditions. The card also included regulations for the CRCS staff and volunteers, as well as for the beneficiaries, and was distributed for use to all Branches to be used all over the island.

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EASTER AND CHRISTMAS LOVE CAMPAIGNS

The CRCS responded immediately to the consequences of the escalating deterioration of the financial situation in Cyprus and the bail-in of banks in March 2013. In an effort to meet the increasing humanitarian needs, the CRCS decided to upgrade the “**Love Campaign**”, which had started the previous year. During 2013, two campaigns were successfully organized in support of the increasing

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number of persons affected adversely from the financial crisis. During the two campaigns the CRCS distributed nationwide **5.500 packages of love**, including more than 20 food items each. In cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Culture, additional packages were distributed to children in need, attending primary schools of the Nicosia district. This assistance was in addition to the breakfast offered by the CRCS Youth Section to students of secondary schools. Although a large amount of food items were received from hundreds of people, companies and organizations which had responded to CRCS's appeal, most of the cost was covered by the CRCS. CRCS expressed warm thanks to them, as well as to its many members and volunteers who had worked for many days in order to prepare and ensure the timely delivery of the food packets, including delivery as well to those in need located in very remote and isolated villages of the district of Nicosia.

Special reference must be made to the very generous in kind donation offered by Mr. Petros Hadjipetrou, a Cypriot living in Dubai, who sent a large container with tons of foodstuff, with a value of about **USD 86,500.00**.



PROGRAMME "MIRAZOME/SHARING"

During the first half of 2013, the Nicosia Branch of the CRCS initiated a new programme called "SHARING" (MIRAZOME). The programme provides for the preparation and distribution of hot meals to families and individuals in need. The meals are prepared by members and volunteers from Nicosia Branch at their homes, at their own expense. During 2013, a total number of **10.250 hot meals** were prepared by **93 volunteers**, reaching a total number of **2.081 families**. The implementation of the programme was very successful; more volunteers are expected to join.



HELP AND SERVICES REQUIRED AS A RESULT OF THE INVASION

Despite the fact that people have largely overcome the consequences of the 1974 invasion and no longer require material aid, some refugee families and elderly persons continue to need the support of the CRCS. The support of these persons and families is conducted through the community work developed by the local Branches.

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It includes, among others: the provision of food parcels and other necessities; financial assistance and psycho-social support. Further information on these activities can be found in the chapter on Branches. Other services offered by the CRCS are the provision of certificates to those who had been enclaved, as well as to captives of the Turkish invasion.

SUPPORT FOR THE ENCLAVED

According to the records maintained by the CRCS, as of 31 December 2013, 464 persons - **346 Greek Cypriots and 118 Maronites** - lived in the Karpaz Peninsula and the Maronite villages in the Kyrenia District. These enclaved persons, both in the occupied and free areas, received support from the CRCS in various forms. With the assistance of the United Nations Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP), the CRCS provided weekly dispatches to the occupied areas to help meet the needs of the enclaved, including, among others: food, medicines, footwear, and monetary allowances. In some circumstances, the CRCS also covered, among others, special needs requirements such as wheelchairs, oxygen bottles, and spectacles. In 2013, the CRCS dispatched **596 parcels**, including: 13 oxygen bottles; 28 pairs of eye glasses; 5 parcels of toys; 154 parcels of dietetic bread; 396 parcels of medicines, seven wheelchairs and five walking frames. During the visits of the enclaved to the free areas, the CRCS covered all their needs, such as meals, transportation, hospital care and financial assistance. Furthermore, **257 individuals** were transported by CRCS vehicles from the Ledra Palace check point to destinations all over Cyprus.

SUPPORT TO TURKISH CYPRIOTS

Although Turkish Authorities forbid the CRCS from operating in occupied areas and Turkish Cypriots are discouraged from contacting the CRCS, there were several cases where assistance was provided to them in 2013. Within its framework of humanitarian assistance “without borders and discrimination”, and in response to a request received, the CRCS donated wheelchairs and other mobility equipment to individuals and institutions in occupied Cyprus. The majority of Turkish Cypriots living in the free part of Cyprus were based in Limassol. On a number of occasions, the Limassol Branch provided assistance in the form of food and

clothing. In some isolated cases, Turkish Cypriots residing in the occupied areas had asked for assistance from the CRCS Headquarters, as well as the Nicosia Branch. In conformity with its principles, the CRCS responded positively to calls for assistance.

AMBULANCES FOR THE OCCUPIED AREAS WITH THE CRCS EMBLEM

In fulfilling its mission as an auxiliary to the public sector, the CRCS helped implement the agreement between the leaders of the two communities regarding the uninhibited movement of ambulances from and to the occupied areas. As of May 2009, ambulances carrying the insignia of the Ministry of Health and the CRCS emblem had moved between the occupied and the free areas of the island transporting sick or injured Greek and Turkish Cypriots. In 2013, three ambulances were used. The necessary arrangements for and the cost of the insurance coverage of the ambulance vehicles were taken care of by the CRCS.



POST MORTEM TRANSFERS TO THE OCCUPIED PART

Pursuant to the decision taken at the meeting held at the Presidential Palace on 9 October 2013 - at which, in addition to the CRCS, the Humanitarian Affairs Services of the Government, a representative of the UNFICYP and a representative of St. Peter's Funeral Services were also present - the arrangements for the post mortem transfers to the occupied part of Cyprus, the Humanitarian Affairs Services will undertake the transfer, UNFICYP will monitor the crossing of the hearse and accompany it to the burial site, and the CRCS will undertake the expenses on a reimbursable basis.

INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE

Although the financial prosperity of Cyprus during the previous years allowed the CRCS to extend generously its solidarity to a number of countries, the financial crisis of 2013 obliged the Society to divert its diminished resources towards the increasing local humanitarian needs. The only international financial assistance during 2013 was a donation for the victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines and the completion of the projects, one in Haiti and one in Gaza, which had started in 2012.

HUMANITARIAN AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

CRCS assistance to the Philippines

Typhoon Haiyan (also known as Yolanda) – the strongest typhoon ever to hit the Philippines – smacked into Central Philippines on Friday, 8 November 2013. The humanitarian impact of the typhoon has been massive, families have been devastated, buildings and infrastructure have been destroyed, and whole communities disrupted. Lives and livelihoods have been affected at all levels: homes, health facilities and schools destroyed, fishing fleets washed out to sea, crops torn up, and agricultural land flooded. Because of this massive impact of the disaster and the increased sensitivity felt by Cypriots towards the country, and because of the thousands of people from the Philippines who are employed in Cyprus, the CRCS announced a collection of donations which till the end of the year raised **11,250.00 Euros**.



Completion of the construction of an Emergency Call Centre in Haiti

After the earthquakes of February 2010, in Haiti, CRCS undertook the construction of an **Emergency Call Centre** in the country. Although the agreement was made in 2010, the construction of the Centre started in 2012 and was only completed in 2013. CRCS's contribution to the project was **300,000.00 Euros** and will cover, among others, the following:

1. The development and the installation of an Emergency Call Centre, together with the required electronic equipment, to be operated under the Civil Defence;
2. The management and operation of the Centre by qualified personnel;
3. The training of the personnel; and,
4. Educating the public through informative campaigns.

The project was coordinated locally by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Ambulance Station and Medical Centre in Gaza

The CRCS agreed in 2012 to help the Palestinian Red Crescent with the construction of an **Ambulance Station** in the city of **Tulkarem** and the construction of a **Medical Centre** in the city of **Albalah, in Gaza**. Due to the prevailing difficult situation in the area, the completion of the projects were delayed till 2013. The total cost for the two projects was **USD 50,000.00**.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

In a globalized world of inter-dependency, and as a member of the largest humanitarian organization in the world, it is clear that the CRCS cannot operate in isolation. After our recognition by the ICRC, during 2013 the CRCS strengthened its contacts and enhanced cooperation with Sister Societies. Results achieved have been hailed by all concerned as a great success. Officials, members and volunteers of the Society participated in seven International and European Meetings that dealt with several subjects, including: migrants, refugees and asylum seekers; first aid; psychosocial support; tracing services and Restoring Family Links (RFL), volunteerism and the Statutory Meetings of the International RC/RC Movement. The most important development was the admission of the CRCS to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) on 12 November 2013.

ADMISSION OF THE CRCS TO THE IFRC 12 NOVEMBER 2013

Regardless of the fact that **CRCS was officially recognized by the ICRC on 23 February 2012**, and that CRCS should have been automatically admitted to the International Federation Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), this did not occur, because Turkey kept posing obstacles, demanding recognition of a so-called “northern Cyprus Turkish red crescent” (NCTRC).

During 2013, Dr. Mohammed Al Hadid, the Special Representative of the Standing Commission and Chairman of the Working Group, who was appointed by the Governing Board of the IFRC in order to find a solution for the admission of CRCS by acclamation, continued his deliberations with all parties concerned and finally submitted his report to the Governing Board of the IFRC. In his report, which was sent to the CRCS on 19 June 2013, he proposed that the Governing Board “will provisionally admit CRCS and submit the application for approval to the General Assembly of the IFRC, in Sydney, to be adopted by acclamation”. He also proposed that “NCTRC is granted a special observer status to the 19th session of the General Assembly in Sydney and future GA”, as a non-governmental organization.

On 6 August 2013, the CRCS sent a letter to Dr. Al Hadid, informing him that his compromise proposal could not be accepted, because, among others, the provision of the special observer status to NCTRC flagrantly violated the fundamental principle of the Movement that there could only be one national society in one country.

A contribution of decisive importance on the issue of CRCS’s admission were two meetings held by Mrs. Leda Koursoumba, Vice President of the Society, in Geneva, on August 27, with the Vice President of ICRC, Mrs. Christine Beerli, and the Under-Secretary General of IFRC, Mr. Matthias Schmale. Mrs. Koursoumba, based on well documented “talking points”, she had sent them in advance of the meetings, explained to the Movement officials the positions of CRCS, the reasons why Dr. Al Hadid’s proposal could not be accepted and the expectations of the Society from the General Assembly in Sydney.

After these meetings, a “skype conference” took place on 6 September between Mrs. Leda Koursoumba, Mr. Frank Mohrhauer (IFRC), Mr. Philip Spoerri (ICRC) and Dr. Mohammed Al Hadid, at which the issues were further discussed at length.

As a result of these meetings, the CRCS received a letter dated 16 September 2013, signed by the President and Secretary General of IFRC, by which it was announced that the Governing Board had “provisionally admitted Cyprus Red Cross Society into membership of the IFRC at its 28th session, which was held on 12 September 2013” and, furthermore, “the Governing Board will present the Cyprus Red Cross Society’s application for admission to the IFRC membership in the 19th Session of the General Assembly, Sydney, Australia, 12-15 November 2013”.

Following the announcement, there were attempts by Turkey to form a “group of friends of the NCTRC” to exert pressure on Turkey’s behalf. Accordingly, the CRCS had to be on the alert until the final decision taken in Sydney.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

It should be noted that throughout 2013, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic was very helpful and supportive on the issue of our admission to the IFRC. Furthermore, among others, the Missions of the Republic of Cyprus in 33 countries had meetings with the leadership of the national societies in their respective countries, informing them about the situation and requesting their support.

Having taken the above, and many other actions, the CRCS proceeded to the final phase with very careful preparations for its participation in the Statutory Meetings in Sydney, where the 19th General Assembly of the IFRC, finally decided, on **12 of November 2013, to admit CRCS as its 188th member.**

INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

PERCO MEETINGS

16-17 April 2013, Budapest, Hungary and

14-15 October 2013, Geneva, Switzerland

Although CRCS was attending the meetings of the Platform for European Red Cross Cooperation on Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Migrants (PERCO) for many years, with the status of an observer, the Budapest meeting was the first that CRCS attended as a fully recognized member. At the last two PERCO meetings, the one in Budapest, and that in Geneva, CRCS was represented by Mrs. Andri Agrotis, Secretary of Nicosia Branch. Pursuant to the existing procedure, Mrs. Agrotis was requested and provided a short presentation on the Society's programmes and activities on migration issues and the existing situation in Cyprus with regard to irregular migrants and asylum seekers. During the Geneva meeting, CRCS was involved in the process of establishing a new PERCO Working Group (WG), focusing on vulnerabilities caused by the lack of Legal Status. The new WG will be chaired by the Austrian Red Cross, and CRCS will serve as the Co-Chair.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FIRST AID EDUCATION EUROPEAN NETWORK (FAEEN)

19-21 September 2013, Burgas, Bulgaria

Following an arrangement which started a few years ago, CRCS participated in the Annual Meeting of the First Aid

Education European Network (FAEEN), which was held in Burgas, Bulgaria, from 19-21 of September 2013,. The meeting was attended by 59 representatives from 33 National Societies; the CRCS was represented by its Director General, Mr. Takis Neophytou. The programme of the meeting, in addition to the annual report on the FAEEN 2012 activities, included presentations by keynote speakers and representatives of NS, as well as organizational issues, workshops and group discussions.

During the meeting special attention was also given to the following issues:

- The establishment of a European Red Cross First Aid Certificate
- The preparation of a European Red Cross First Aid Manual
- The need for defining the roles and the promotion of coordination and further cooperation among the several Red Cross First Aid Agencies (Global F.A. Reference Centre, European F.A. Reference Centre, FAEEN and National Societies F.A. Programmes) which currently work independently.
- It was decided that FAEEN's future work must take into consideration evidence based data.

At the end of the meeting, a Company Forum was organized, during which several companies exhibited their First Aid related products.

RFL ANNUAL MEETING RC EUROPEAN TRACING SERVICES 2-4 October 2013, Lisbon, Portugal

On the invitation received from the ICRC, CRCS participated, for the first time, in the Annual Meeting of the Restoring Family Links and European Tracing Services (RFL), which was held in Lisbon, Portugal, from 2 to 4 of October 2013. The meeting was attended by 62 representatives from 32 National Societies, the ICRC and the IFRC. CRCS was represented by its Secretary, Ms. Thalia Vourkidou. The programme of the meeting included presentations by keynote speakers and representatives of NS, workshops and group discussions. During an overview of the most important issues of the meeting, emphasis was given on new technologies and RFL innovations, RFL in emergencies/disasters,

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partnerships and data protection. Special attention was given to the following issues, and the National Societies were requested to consider them until the next meeting to be held in 2014:

- Strengthening the integration of RFL services into DM preparedness response mechanisms domestically and internationally. The NS need to promote RFL and cooperate with the DM teams.
- Become familiar with data protection.
- Engage in a discussion on the tracing criteria and whether to open or close a tracing case.
- Foresee a broader use of information and communication technology tools like the Familylinks website, the Red Cross Tracing European Database Application and Familylinks posters.
- Use the website and RFL banners in emergency or humanitarian crisis/situations.

The next RFL Annual Meeting will be held in Sofia, Bulgaria in October 2014.



2013 EUROPEAN NETWORK FOR PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT MEETING (ENPS)
11-13 October 2013, Istanbul

Following the numerous problems of psychosocial nature, which had been caused to the population of Cyprus by the financial crisis, it was felt that the CRCS's participation in the 2013 European Network for Psychosocial Support (ENPS) meeting (Forum), was more than necessary. The meeting, held from 11 to 13 October 2013, was organized by the Turkish Red Crescent in Istanbul, and was attended

by 50 participants from 26 National Societies. The CRCS was represented by the Director General, Mr. Takis Neophytou. The two main subjects of the Forum were, Psychosocial Support First Aid and the presentation of the IFRC report on the Humanitarian Consequences of the financial crisis. Additional presentations were made by three countries, including one by the Cypriot participant on the very relevant subject: "The Psychosocial Impact of the Financial Crisis in Cyprus". The meeting was followed by the ENPS Annual General Assembly. The next ENPS Forum would be held in Ireland, in October 2014.



EUROPEAN NETWORK ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF VOLUNTEERING (ENDV)
17-19 October 2013 Geneva, Switzerland

The meeting was held in Geneva, from 17 to 19 October 2013, and was attended by representatives from 16 National Societies, the ICRC and the IFRC. The CRCS was represented by the Field Officer of the Nicosia Branch, Mr. Giorgos Frantzis. During the meeting, all ENDOV members emphasized the importance of up-scaling activities towards enhancing volunteer development and continuation of exchanging information on good practices. During the meeting, presentations were also made by the representatives of the IFRC, the Red Cross delegation to the European Union, the meeting organizer Swiss Red Cross and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

The IFRC gave a presentation on corporate volunteering. The EU Red Cross Office presented the new global report on natural disasters with a focus on the latest technologies

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applied to prevention and informed the members about the establishment of a new body of volunteers, the EU Aid Volunteers. The Swiss Red Cross presentation was focused on recovery based volunteering, their skills and work experience. The ICRC presented cases where volunteers were exposed to immediate risk. The ICRC representative explained that volunteers should be responsible to deal directly with technical issues, and emphasized also that in all their activities they should receive continued support from practitioners.

MOVEMENT'S STATUTORY MEETINGS 9-18 November 2013, Sydney, Australia

Following its recognition by the ICRC, in February 2012, the CRCS was invited for the first time to take part in the Movement's Statutory Meetings, including the Council of Delegates and the 19th IFRC General Assembly, which were held, along with the Global Youth Conference, in Sydney, Australia, from 9 to 18 November 2013. Beyond the uniqueness and importance of this major international gathering, the participation in the 19th General Assembly of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, was crucial for the CRCS, as one of the first items on its agenda, was the question of the CRCS's admission to the IFRC, because there was still uncertainty with regard to the conditions under which the admission would take place (for more information see under **ADMISSION OF THE CRCS TO THE IFRC - 12 November 2013** in this section).



This was the reason for the Council's decision to participate in the Meetings with a strong delegation, consisting of:

Mrs. Fotini Papadopoulou,	President
Mrs. Leda Koursoumba,	A' Vice President
Mr. Mustafa Hami,	B' Vice President
Mr. Takis Neophytou,	Director General
Mrs. Vanessa Kyprianou,	President Youth Section



In addition, Mr. Erricos Neophytou, a Cypriot living in Australia, joined the delegation as a volunteer.

Regardless of the serious concerns, it was gratifying that the admission procedure was completed without any undesirable impediments, and the CRCS, together with South Sudan, was admitted by acclamation as a member of the IFRC. The President of the IFRC, Mr. Tadateru Konoe, in presenting the certificate of admission to the President, Mrs. Fotini Papadopoulou, welcomed the CRCS to the Federation, stating that the new member "would bring new energy to the IFRC global network" and urged the other members to support CRCS in assuming its new responsibilities in compliance with the IFRC Constitution.

Mrs. Papadopoulou thanked the IFRC for the confidence it had shown in the CRCS and said that, "although the journey to recognition and admission has been long, we shall participate in a spirit of mutual respect and shared dedication to the Movement's ideals and fundamental principles".

Thereafter, the members of the delegation participated in most of the deliberations of the meetings held, attended sessions of special interest, made interventions, participated in workshops, had contacts with officials of the Movement and other delegates, and had also the opportunity to express personally their appreciation and thanks

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to many National Societies and individuals, who had been supportive of the CRCS's long process for recognition and admission.



During their stay, the members of the CRCS delegation, had a close cooperation with the Cypriot High Commissioner in Australia and also had the opportunity to meet representatives of the Hellenic and Cypriot communities in Sydney.

RED CROSS RED CRESCENT STATUTORY MEETINGS / GLOBAL YOUTH CONFERENCE 8-10 November 2013, Sydney, Australia

From 8 to 10 November 2013, 198 youth delegates from 116 National Societies met in Sydney, Australia, to discuss the shared global humanitarian and Movement challenges in

the setting of a post-2015 development agenda which will include the following:

- Building resilience in communities, including, in particular, addressing rising violence and armed conflicts, all kind of discrimination, inequity, poverty, at both their root causes and immediate consequences;
- Providing accessible quality and relevant education;
- Overcoming the impacts of climate change and increased natural disasters, and reaching environmental sustainability;
- Achieving gender and youth equality in the access to education, employment and decision-making;
- Improving the health of all people, addressing unhealthy lifestyles, morbidity and mortality;
- Ensuring food security and sustainability; and,
- Addressing the effects of migration, human trafficking and increasing numbers of asylum seekers and refugees.

The CRCS was represented by the President of the Youth Section, Mrs. Vanessa Kyprianou.

RED CROSS AND MIGRANTS, REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

The CRCS, in collaboration with the International Movement Red Cross Red Crescent and all Government services concerned, has developed a policy on Migrants, Refugees and Asylum Seekers and has been working towards the acceptance and integration of the migrants who live in Cyprus, as well as addressing their humanitarian needs as efficiently as possible. In 2013, CRCS continued to participate in the meetings of the Platform for European Red Cross Cooperation on Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Migrants (PERCO), and in September 2013 reactivated its committee with the aim to provide support to refugees, asylum seekers, migrant detainees and others who are vulnerable as a result of their foreign ethnic origin. It has also continued its efforts to provide humanitarian assistance, promote respect for diversity and social inclusion, and counteract stereotypes and xenophobic attitudes towards migrants.



ASSISTANCE TO ASYLUM SEEKERS, REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS

It is a well known fact that migrants constitute one of the most vulnerable social groups in Cyprus, sometimes living under appalling conditions. The CRCS, without discrimination and irrespective of the migrant's status, or the legality of their demands and actions, was always ready to provide food, clothing, footwear, blankets and any other support needed. In cases of health problems requiring medical care, high-ranking officials of the CRCS used their influence in order to overcome formalities and facilitate immediate admission to hospitals, where migrants were treated and looked after until their recovery. As an auxiliary body to the Government, the CRCS repeatedly expressed its intention and offered its services and cooperation to the Ministry of the Interior in meeting the needs of asylum seekers and migrants in general.

HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE BY THE BRANCHES TO MIGRANTS, REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS

All Branches continued to increase the daily provision of humanitarian assistance, consisting of food and clothing to migrants, refugees and asylum seekers. Due to the high demand and the urgency for humanitarian assistance and support – due to the very high level of unemployment and other consequences of the financial crisis - led the CRCS to the decision to explore the possibility of working in coordination with other humanitarian Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), in order to be able to cover the needs more effectively.

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MEDICAL SERVICES

In an effort to try to meet all the needs of the migrants, the Nicosia Branch made the necessary arrangements with volunteer doctors from the Evangelistria Clinic, as well as other private doctors, to provide free medical examinations and treatment to migrants. This is a desperately needed service, especially for illegal migrants, who for obvious reasons are reluctant to visit Government Hospitals for examinations and treatment.

OTHER SERVICES

Additional personal services were offered to many migrants, such as tracing and connecting them with their families back home, securing documents from their country's National Red Cross Society, examining complaints, preparing applications and promoting requests submitted to Government Departments.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO CHILDREN FROM SYRIA

In May 2013, during a more than a month long demonstration by refugees from Syria with their family members, outside the Ministry of the Interior, the CRCS, responding to an emergency situation requiring urgent provision of medical care to 12 children, made arrangements for their treatment at Government hospitals. In addition, the CRCS provided other desperately needed in kind humanitarian assistance such as food, blankets and other items of clothing.

VISITS TO THE RECEPTION AND DETENTION CENTRES FOR MIGRANTS



After an agreement with the Police Authorities and the Director of the Menoyia Detention Centre, CRCS members and volunteers, in addition to the other Reception Centres, started visiting the Menoyia Centre, which had opened recently and is the largest in Cyprus. Pursuant to the agreement, the CRCS provided in kind humanitarian assistance and organized recreational activities. Currently discussions are underway with a view to extend the co-operation with the authorities concerned in order to cover additional kinds of humanitarian assistance and support.

MIGRANTS COMMITTEE

As of September 2013, the CRCS has reactivated and reorganized its Migrants Committee with the aim of providing more effectively its support to refugees, asylum seekers, immigration detainees, and other individuals who are vulnerable as a result of migration. The Committee is gradually developing a programme that would entail a range of services and programmes that protect and uphold the health, dignity and wellbeing of vulnerable migrants.

The main activities of the Committee are the following ones:

- Provision of humanitarian assistance in kind (food and clothes)
- Development and provision of psychosocial services to detention centers
- Ensure access to basic medical and pharmaceutical aid

The Committee is currently working on the organization and implementation of an advocacy campaign for defending the rights of the asylum seekers.

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FOUNDING

The CRCS Children Therapy Centre Stella Soulioti (former Home for Sick Children) was founded by the CRCS in 1957 to serve sick and disabled children. By far, it is the largest and oldest project of the Society. During its 56-year history, the Centre has gone through four phases. The first phase was the period of its operation in Kyrenia (1957-1974), with a permanent base serving as a home for the staff and children from all the communities of Cyprus until the invasion of Cyprus in 1974. The second phase was during the period 1980 – 1994, when its operation began in Limassol, on a residential basis. Its third phase began in 1994, providing only day care services, and the fourth phase started in 2012, when it was renamed and renovated.

POST 1974 OPERATIONS

The fallout resulting from the 1974 invasion made it necessary to build a new Home in Polemidia. With the assistance of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

(UNHCR), the new Home commenced operations in 1980, with all the necessary facilities. The Home also offered boarding facilities until 1994, but currently it provides only day care services.

POST 2012 OPERATIONS

Cyprus Red Cross Children Therapy Center Stella Soulioti

On December 2012, the Home for Sick Children was renamed as the Cyprus Red Cross Children Therapy Center Stella Soulioti, in memory of the unforgettable former CRCS President Stella Soulioti, who not only pioneered its founding, but generously supported its operation with her unlimited care and love until her death.

Actually in 2012, the Centre made a new start through extensive renovations of its 30 years old buildings. Since then, from the operational point of view, it has been upgrading and extending its programmes, becoming a modern and high level Day Care Therapy Centre. Furthermore, it has

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been accommodating in its large complex of buildings, the ELPIDA Day Care Centre for adults with disabilities, operating under the responsibility of the Theodocos Foundation, and the Special School for Children with Disabilities, operating under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education and Culture.

Services Offered



The Centre, the only one of its kind in Cyprus, treats around 75 children up to 18 years old, with severe physical and multiple disabilities, such as cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy and other physical and developmental problems. In addition to medical and nursing care, the Centre offers physiotherapy, hydrotherapy, speech therapy and occupational therapy; it also provides mobility solutions for the

children's comfort. Close attention is paid to creating a family atmosphere, the children's entertainment, facilitating their social integration and generally making the best possible effort to give them a better quality of life. The services offered by the Centre are constantly upgraded. A specialist Pediatrician supervises the general healthcare, cooperating closely with the Limassol General Hospital and foreign specialists. Dedicated therapy personnel and a fully comprehensive set of equipment provide healthcare and therapeutic treatment of the highest standard.

Collaborations

In cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Culture, the Centre operates a special school for children, offering, among others, special education, therapy, and psychological support. It also works closely with the Ministry of Health and the Limassol General Hospital to provide orthopedic, neurological and other treatments on a regular and ad hoc basis. The Centre has collaborated with St James' University Hospital in Leeds, the United Kingdom, since 1998 to provide Botulinum Toxin treatment to children with cerebral palsy. Since the successful introduction of the treatment, Botulinum Toxin is now also offered to children in State hospitals. Partnerships are continually being developed with many other bodies, such as government agencies, schools and other institutions for children with disabilities, parents, the British Sovereign bases - which offer hippo therapy programmes - foreign organizations, European programmes for staff training, charities and other voluntary organizations.

Operational Costs

The Centre is largely supported by the love and care of the CRCS members and volunteers who cover the major portion of the financial requirements for its operation. The Government of the Republic of Cyprus through the Ministry of Health covers approximately 30 per cent of the Centre's operational costs; the remaining amount is covered by the CRCS, through funds raised at special events, fundraisers and voluntary services offered generously by the ever-willing members of the public.

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Renovation Funding Scheme and Inauguration Ceremony

Due to the fact that there was an urgent and extremely important need to renovate the over 30 year old building of the Therapy Centre, the CRCS prepared a Donors Plan, which divided the cost into room or section repairs. According to the proposal, each donor would undertake the cost of the repair of one or more rooms/ sections. The cost per room/ section was estimated to be between 5.000 to 57.000 Euros. Since March 2011, CRCS has received – and continues to receive - various donations from companies, organizations and individuals. The first phase of the renovation was successfully completed in the first half of 2013. The building contractor was Mr. Pieris Hadjipieris, and the supervisor architect was Mrs. Maria Charalambidou Mouskou. More than 600 thousand Euros were spent for the renovation of the building and equipment, which could not be achieved without the support of individuals, institutions and companies, which decided, despite of the very difficult financial situation in Cyprus, to assist the CRCS financially in this effort. Outside each room/section repaired, a plaque was placed, with the name of the donor. A complete donors list was also placed at the entrance of the building.

The CRCS expresses its sincere appreciation and warmest thanks to all our sponsors who, either adopted a room or contributed generously towards the the renovation of the building: **Anastasios G. Leventis Foundation, Mr Giorgos and Mrs Kate David, the unforgettable couple Argyros and Ioanna Pierides, Mr. Dakis and Mrs Lietta Ioannou, Mrs Sylvia Ioannou, IKEA company, and especially, Alexandros Furlis, Tassos Papadopoulos family, Grammar School Limassol, Russian Commercial Bank, Radioma-**

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The inauguration ceremony took place on 5 July 2013 at the Therapy Centre in Limassol, in the presence of the President of the Republic of Cyprus, H.E. Mr. Nicos Anastasiades. The ceremony was attended by Government officials, the Sponsors of the Centre, various partners and friends and CRCS leadership, members, volunteers and staff. The ceremony started with prayers by the Bishop Athanasios of Limassol and addresses by the CRCS President, Mrs. Fotini Papadopoulos, and the President of the Republic of Cyprus, who officially opened the Centre. During the ceremony, a film about the work of the Therapy Centre was presented. In addition, Mrs. Alexia Souliotis gave a very short speech, mainly in order to thank the CRCS for renaming the Centre after her beloved mother, Stella Soulioti.



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Next phase of renovations

As it was announced by the CRCS President in her speech, the next renovation phase will include the parts of the Centre being used by the ELPIDA Centre and the Special School, the repair of the Centre's Nurses Home and the construction of a short stay unit where children undergoing treatment can stay for a short period with the person accompanying them, in conformity with international practices. This will be accomplished with a generous donation of 100.000 Euros (one hundred thousand Euros) by the Holy Archbishopric of America and the Cyprus Federation in the United States of America, which was received two days before the ceremony.

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ACTIVITIES, CAMPAIGNS AND EVENTS

The rich and multifaceted work of the CRCS is the result of the active involvement and enthusiasm of its members and volunteers, which in 2013 was expressed through a large variety of activities, campaigns and events. A significant number of the CRCS' activities were actualized on a long-term basis. Several short-term events also took place throughout the year. The size of the activities was determined by their goals, duration and geographic coverage. Most of the activities were primarily aimed at the raising of funds in order to enable the CRCS to provide various forms of assistance to vulnerable groups which increased considerably after the financial crisis, and to raise social awareness on a number of important topics that included: Road Safety; Blood Donation; First Aid; the Environment; and Disaster Management. Other activities included: tracing and restoring family links services, training of volunteers, promoting relationships and cooperation at the international level, administrative and organizational issues, as well as a variety of activities conducted by the CRCS.

2013 EUROPEAN YEAR OF CITIZENS CALENDAR

2013 was designated by the EU as the European Year of Citizens. This is why CRC dedicated its 2013 Desk Calendar to the citizens of Europe. By the publication of this calendar, CRCS, one of the largest and more active voluntary organizations in Cyprus dealing with people, tried to raise awareness about the citizens' rights, such as of Human Dignity, freedom of thought and religion, choice and engagement to work, the rights of the child, the elders, the people with disabilities and more.

PAN CYPRIAN "DOOR TO DOOR" FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

For the first time in the history of CRCS, the annual **"Door to Door" fundraising campaign** took place in two different phases. The first phase took place from 1 to 14 March 2013 in Nicosia, Limassol and Paphos, while the second phase from 18 to 31 March, in Larnaca and Famagusta. Due to the economic crisis triggered on 15 March, the second phase of the fundraising campaign was postponed and took place from 11 to 19 May 2013.

The sponsor of the 2013 fundraising campaign was Wargaming Ltd. The Campaign was launched on 27 February 2013 during a Press Conference. The total amount raised was **182,588.39 Euros**, much lower compared to that of previous years. Proceeds from the Campaign were allocated towards meeting the increased humanitarian needs which were caused by the financial crisis, the operational costs of the CRCS Children Therapy Centre Stella

Soulioti, as well as numerous other CRCS programmes. Once again, the "Door to Door" fundraising campaign provided also the CRCS with the opportunity to publicize and promote its aims and activities, as well as to offer Cypriots the opportunity to be part of a humanitarian society.



"DOOR TO DOOR" FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN
Open your door to the Red Cross

1-14 March 2013 in Nicosia, Limassol and Paphos
18-31 March 2013 in Larnaca and Famagusta

Additional events by the Kyrenia Branch

On the occasion of the fundraising Campaign "From Door to Door", the Kyrenia Branch organized an event on **Saturday, 2 March 2013**, at The Mall of Engomi in Nicosia.

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The event was launched by the CRCS President Fotini Papadopoulos and was attended, amongst others, by Government officials, the Mayor of Engomi, Mr. Zacharias Kyriakou, the Director General of the CRCS, Takis Neophytou, the President of the CRCS Kyrenia Branch, Maroulla Angelides, CRCS members and volunteers and many others. The event included a programme with dancing demonstrations by the Anita Hadjieftychiou Dance Studio, and music by DeeJay Tryfon Anastasiades, which offered an excellent entertainment to the participants.



FIRST AID AND BLOOD DONATION COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

First Aid is a traditional Red Cross activity because of its contribution to the survivors of accidents and other emergency situations, while in many other occasions may even save lives. Therefore, the CRCS's goal is to raise public awareness and encourage participation in the First Aid courses and training that it offers. In order to promote further First Aid activities and also coordinate and give the necessary importance to blood donation - another Red Cross traditional activity - the First Aid and Blood Donation Committee organized a considerable number of activities for the CRCS members and volunteers, as well as for the general public.

FIRST AID COURSES

The most important activity of the Committee is the organization of First Aid courses, which are being regularly updated and upgraded because of the constantly increasing demands and the need for well-qualified personnel to administer First Aid. The considerable increase in the number of road accidents, as well as the wide availability

and increased utilization of mechanical and electrical machinery, both at home and at work, which in turn increase the risk of accidents and injuries, were additional reasons. **CRCS is an official First Aid Training at Work provider certified** by the Department of Labour Inspection of the Ministry of Labour and Social Insurance, to offer the following two training programmes:

- First Aid at Work – Emergency Incidents (six hour course), and
- First Aid at Work (18hour course)

Embracing the slogan “**First Aid save lives**”, CRCS organized **12 First Aid courses**, in Greek and in English, for Cypriots and foreigners, including migrants. The total number of persons trained in 2013 was **91** (27 men and 64 women) and the total income received by the Society from organizing courses was **2,590.12 Euros**.



WORLD FIRST AID DAY

On the occasion of the World First Aid Day that was celebrated on **Saturday, 14 September 2013**, (every second Saturday of September each year), CRCS circulated a dedicated poster. The poster called on the public to learn First Aid and to always have a First Aid kit at home, in their car, and at work. The poster's slogan was “**First aid saves lives. It's for everyone, everywhere**”.



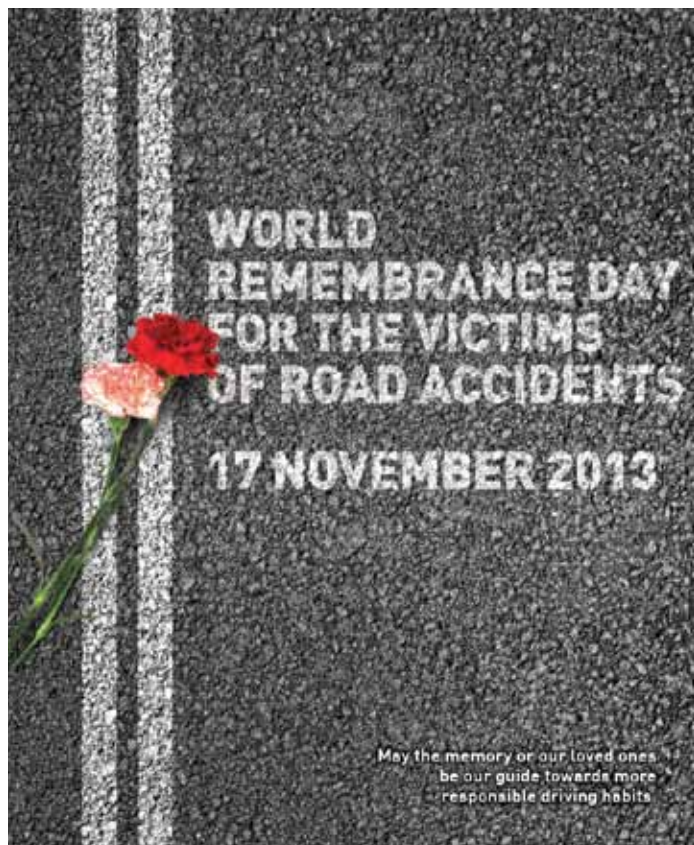
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ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN

Since 2008, CRCS has been organizing events on Road Safety in order to reduce the number of victims due to road accidents. In 2009, CRCS became a member of the European Charter on Road Safety and has therefore intensified its efforts to obtain the objective of the 2010-2020 World Road Safety campaign to reduce the number of road accident victims by 50 per cent. In collaboration with the Police and other NGOs, and under its slogan **"YOU'VE ONLY GOT ONE LIFE! TAKE CARE"**, the CRCS has organized many activities, especially in schools.

WORLD REMEMBRANCE DAY FOR THE VICTIMS OF ROAD ACCIDENTS

In addition to the above road safety activities, on **Sunday, 17 November 2013**, CRCS observed the World Remembrance Day for the victims of road accidents (every third Sunday of November) by publishing and distributing a poster, among others, to all schools and governmental buildings throughout the island. A relevant press release was also circulated to the media.



DISASTER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (DMC)

CRCS on red alert for possible arrival of refugees from Syria

In August 2013, after the escalation of hostilities in Syria, CRCS activated its Disaster Management action plan in preparedness of possible massive arrivals of third-country nationals and Syrian refugees to Cyprus. The Branches and the Youth Section were continuously kept informed on the developments and were asked to increase their level of readiness, and to inform their members and volunteers to be on the alert. CRCS held a number of meetings with all the relevant governmental bodies and the Civil Defense; all the relevant emergency procedures were checked and activated. Fortunately, at the end the whole preparation became just a very good exercise for all the teams involved, since the decrease of hostilities in Syria gradually defused the situation, and refugees moved by land to other neighboring countries.

Other DMC Activities

During 2013, the Committee participated in all the meetings and drills of the **ESTIA** disaster management plans. In doing so, it took every measure in checking the required equipment, reorganized the CRCS stores, and alerted its teams for emergency intervention throughout Cyprus; it also promoted the establishment of a Psychosocial Support unit. Some of its members were sent abroad for training and others participated in the European Civil Protection Assessment Mission Course. The Committee has been working very intensively in order to be ready in case of an emergency. Amongst others, it has organized or participated in the following:

Assessment Mission Courses

CRCS continued its participation in the exercises organized by the Government of the Republic of Cyprus within the framework of the Assessment Mission Courses of the European Union. These exercises take place three to four times a year. Until 2011, the training was undertaken by the German companies Technisches Hilfswerk and Johanniter International Assistance, in cooperation with the Cyprus Civil Defence, under the umbrella of the Ministry of the

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Interior. As of 2012, and with the old contract expiring, the training has been undertaken by the Cyprus Civil Defence in collaboration with the two German companies. CRCS, as an auxiliary member of the Cyprus Civil Defence, takes part in the training. On **15 April, 3 June, and 12 September 2013**, members of the Assessment Mission Course from various EU countries, consisting of four trainees and one leader, came to the CRCS Headquarters, where members of the CRCS DM Committee presented them a virtual scenario of an earthquake which occurred in the southwestern part of the island and elaborated on the measures taken and also the kind of assistance CRCS would need from the countries of Europe in order to cope with the crisis.



Disaster Management Warehouse

The Disaster Management Committee (DMC) continued its efforts to equip further and improve the operational effectiveness of the new large Disaster Management warehouse that was built in 2011. The equipment that was purchased during 2013 contained, among others, rain coats, first aid bags and tools.



Shelter facilities

Up until 2013, the provision of shelter facilities to large numbers of people in case of an emergency which was one of the disaster management priorities was not included in the CRCS plans. Therefore, in 2013, the CRCS Disaster Management Committee, after careful study and consultation with other National Societies, took all the necessary steps, including agreements, partners, funds, equipment and material lists, in order to obtain its objective to have the capacity to provide shelter for up to 1000 persons. The effort will be continued in 2014.

MANAGEMENT OF BURIAL ARRANGEMENTS

As an auxiliary body to the Government, the CRCS participates in the Ministry of Health's Plan of Action for the management of emergencies, such as the case of a pandemic. According to the plan, CRCS, in cooperation with the Archbishopric of Cyprus, are responsible for the management of arrangements to handle the burial of dead persons. During a meeting of the Director General and other members of the Disaster Management Committee with the Archbishop Chrysostomos, held on 7 February 2013, the following arrangements were agreed: The Archbishopric of Cyprus will have the responsibility for all burial arrangements, including finding the burial place, securing the priests and other staff, providing the necessary materials registering the burial in the Archive of the relevant cemetery. The CRCS will have the responsibility to contact the hospitals and make arrangements with the Church, police authorities, inform the family, make the funeral arrangements and inform the relevant foreign Embassy and Red Cross Society in case the dead person is a foreigner.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Among other priorities, CRCS is very sensitive for and concerned with environmental issues and the threatening consequences of climate change. Accordingly, during 2013, CRCS focused, among others, on the following environmental priorities and activities:

- Tree planting campaigns
- Participation in the Government's public awareness efforts
- Activities promoting water saving practices

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- Activities related to energy saving and promoting renewable energy sources
- Organization and participation in relevant events in Cyprus
- Relevant announcements, articles, leaflets, posters etc.

VOLUNTEERISM AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT SEMINARS TO CRCS MEMBERS

Recognizing that psychosocial problems among the population of Cyprus were one of the serious consequences of the financial crisis, the CRCS decided to proceed urgently with specialized training of its members and volunteers in psychosocial support. In less than three months after the crisis, CRCS organized **four seminars on Volunteerism and Psychosocial Support**, led by the CRCS Director General, Mr. Takis Neophytou, Mr. Panayiotis Proestos, Psychotherapist, and Mrs. Irena Anastassiou, School Psychologist/Psychotherapist. The seminars included, among others, subjects such as Recognition of stressful behavior, feelings of anxiety, grief, sadness, fear, Self-help approaches, Ability to handle stress, when to seek professional assistance, Management of aggressive behavior. The seminars were organized on 11, 13 and 21 June 2013, respectively, in Nicosia, Limassol and Larnaca. An additional seminar was organized in Limassol, on 21 September 2013.



TRACING SERVICES – RESTORING FAMILY LINKS (RFL)

Every year, thousands of family members are separated by conflicts, disasters or migration. People suffer terribly when they lose contact with their loved ones and do not know where they are or whether they are safe and alive. The ICRC and National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies work together around the world to locate people and put them back into contact with their relatives. Tracing activities may extend well beyond the end of a conflict or a natural disaster. As members of the Family Links Net-

work of the Movement, National Societies, including the CRCS, cooperated with the Central Tracing Agency of the ICRC in Geneva in order to restore contact between family members. In 2013 the CRCS considered **eight requests for tracing**.

2013 LUCKY CHARMS

Michalakis Aloupas Jewellers Ltd specially designed, produced and donated to CRCS, 1500 silver 2013 Lucky Charms. The charms were sold by CRCS at 15 Euros each; the proceeds were used for CRCS's charitable activities. CRCS extends warm thanks to Michalakis Aloupas Jewellers Ltd for their very generous donation. The total net revenue from the sale was **15,703.35 Euros**.



CHRISTMAS CARDS

Taking into consideration the economic crisis, as well as the fact that demand for printed cards had been reduced to almost the minimum, the CRCS decided not to print new cards and to dispose its old stock, in order to make available all the proceeds to its humanitarian work. The new cards were offered in nice plastic packaging. The proceeds amounted to **1,267.90 Euros**.



CRCS COMMEMORATIVE STAMP

The CRCS in cooperation with the Post Office Department circulated a commemorative stamp on the occasion of the CRCS's recognition on 23 February 2012 by the International Committee of the Red Cross as the 188th member of the International Red Cross Red Crescent Movement.

ACTIVITIES, CAMPAIGNS AND EVENTS

The stamp's first day of issue was **30 January 2013**. Additionally, the commemorative stamp was depicted on a special collector's card, which was designed and issued by the Cyprus Philatelic Society.



HONOURARY EVENTS FOR RETIRING CRCS MEMBERS

After the adoption of the new CRCS Statutes, a few members of the Society had to retire from their positions in the CRCS because their term of office had expired. The Branches and the Youth Section organized events in order to honour and thank them for their devoted and valuable long services.

CAMPAIGN BY ALPHAMEGA

The hypermarkets ALPHAMEGA, in cooperation with their various distributors, organized a campaign called **"We Buy. We Participate. We Contribute"**, from **9 May to 5 June 2013**, in order to raise funds and support the humanitarian work of the CRCS. The campaign encouraged consumers to buy low price products from the ALPHAMEGA hypermarkets and at the same time support the CRCS which was going through difficult period in terms of its financial resources due to the financial crisis. The campaign was



launched at a Press Conference which was held on 8 May 2013 at the CRCS Headquarters in Nicosia. The President of the CRCS, Mrs. Fotini Papadopoulou, and the President of the ALPHAMEGA hypermarkets, Mr. Andreas Papaellinas, addressed the press conference. During the press conference, Mr. Papaellinas donated 30,000.00 Euros to the CRCS. The campaign was very successful and the total amount raised for the Society was **130,000.00 Euros**.

CAMPAIGN BY UNILEVER

A similar campaign, called **"You Buy. You Help. You become a Citizen of Solidarity"**, was organized by the UNILEVER Tseriotis Cyprus, from **2 to 30 September 2013**. Consumers were encouraged to include in their daily shopping basket UNILEVER products, which were offered at special prices, and the UNILEVER made a donation to the CRCS for every product purchased. The campaign was launched by the President of the CRCS, Mrs. Fotini Papadopoulou, and the Managing Director of the Unilever Tseriotis Cyprus, Mrs. Rea Kartelia, at a press conference which was held on 2 September 2013 at the CRCS Headquarters in Nicosia. The total amount raised for the CRCS was **50,000.00 Euros**.



DINNER IN HONOR OF CRCS DONORS

CRCS has made it a tradition to express its gratitude and thanks to all the individuals and companies that support its humanitarian work by organizing special honorary events. The last event was a dinner hosted by the CRCS President, Mrs. Fotini Papadopoulou, at her residence, on 3 December 2013, during which major donors were recognized and honored with the presentation of plaques:

- GCC & Iacovou Joint Venture: Mr. Iacovos Iacovou and Mr. Kyriakos Avraamides
- Mr. Petros Hadjipetrou
- Mr. Kriton Georgiades, Architect

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NICOSIA BRANCH



Since March 2013, when the financial crisis struck Cyprus, the CRCS Nicosia Branch has been flooded by an overwhelming number of applicants requesting assistance. In response, the Committee of the Branch decided to upgrade its programmes and increase the outreach of its activities. Emphasis has been given on the development of the volunteer workforce which has been the backbone of the Nicosia Branch since its establishment. Today, the Branch's 960 members and volunteers are the driving force for its activities, contributing to the implementation of its programmes and assisting thousands of vulnerable individuals who require urgent humanitarian assistance.

ENCLAVED PEOPLE

The Branch assisted the enclaved people visiting the government controlled areas of Cyprus by facilitating their access to public services and by providing food to those visiting the CRCS premises in Nicosia.

HUMANITARIAN AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Branch provided humanitarian assistance to individuals and families, such as, among others, food, clothing, footwear, milk and diapers for children, refurbished

furniture and more. This effort was particularly intensified over the Christmas and Easter periods. A new procedure has been introduced promoting holistic approaches and enhancing mechanisms that observe and verify the socio-economic status of aid applicants. Interviews and home visits conducted by trained volunteers, allow for a better acknowledgement and evaluation of beneficiaries' needs and the adoption of sustainable solutions. During 2013, more than **2976 beneficiaries** received in kind humanitarian assistance from the Branch at a total cost of **43,000.00 Euros**. In addition, the Branch also distributed **12,718.00 Euros** in cash, helping individuals and families for several causes, at the local level.

AID ON SITE

During 2013, the Branch organized visits to aid applicants at hospitals and homes. During home visits along with consultations, humanitarian assistance in kind was provided, including food, clothing and footwear. Those with most need also received psychosocial support. Moreover, the Branch arranged visits to prisons where such support was required.

MEDICAL AID

The Branch covered the travelling and part of the medical expenses of individuals requiring emergency travel for medical treatment abroad. In addition, the Branch provided financial assistance to individuals in need during their recovery period.

WHEELCHAIR AND MOBILITY EQUIPMENT SCHEME

Wheelchairs and mobility equipment were provided to the poor and disabled individuals, free of charge. Wheelchairs were also offered for short term rental to the public at a very low cost. During 2013, a total of **271 wheelchairs** were offered.

SUPPORT SCHEME TO MIGRANTS

A group of volunteers visited on a monthly basis the Reception Centre for Asylum Seekers at Kofinou, offering in kind humanitarian assistance such as food and clothing, as well as psychosocial support, as needed. In addition, after an agreement of the CRCS with the management

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of the Menoyia Detention Center, the Branch offered four times clothing and footwear to the detainees and started organizing a series of recreational activities at the center. Furthermore, a group of volunteers was recruited to pay home visits to migrants and provide similar services. The Branch continued with its successful "humanitarian support scheme" during which, large numbers of refugees, migrants and asylum seekers visited the Branch, twice a week, receiving food and clothing. Medical support was also provided for emergency cases.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

During 2013, the Branch organized several successful fundraising activities which generated considerable income. Those included two large bazaars, a tea and bingo afternoon, exhibitions, auctions and the Pancyprian "Door to Door" Collection and several other fundraising campaigns, in supermarkets, parks, stadiums and schools.

BLOOD DONATION

The Branch participated in several blood donation activities hosted by other organizations.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Members and volunteers of the Branch participated in several seminars on Psychosocial Support and Volunteer Training, which were organized by the CRCS Headquarters, in Nicosia, for the Nicosia and Kyrenia Branches and the



LIMASSOL BRANCH



In 2013, in response to the substantial increase in the demand for humanitarian assistance caused by the financial crisis, the CRCS Limassol Branch intensified its efforts to provide humanitarian assistance to individuals and families in Limassol and the district. With its **350 members and volunteers** the Branch assisted and participated in several activities and Campaigns organized by the Headquarter Committees, in full compliance with the policies of the Movement.

HUMANITARIAN AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

On a daily basis the Limassol Branch continued to offer all kinds of help to individuals, families, migrants, asylum seekers and refugees in need. Financial aid totalling **3,361.00 Euros** was offered in special cases for medical reasons. For Christmas and Easter, **1,560** special festive food parcels were prepared and distributed to needy families. After March 2013, when Cyprus was hit by the austerity measures and the number of those in need increased

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substantially, the Branch, in addition to its established programme offering food parcels only at Christmas and Easter, started offering 100 parcels twice a week. The total amount spent on food parcels for 2013 came up to **64,730.22 Euros**. The Limassol Branch also offered breakfast to 100 students during the school period and provided food parcels, bedding, clothing and toys to their families during Easter and Christmas. Following a long tradition to support the Limassol General Hospital, the Branch offered 500 sheets, 500 pillow-cases, 500 pillows, 12 cool boxes for the blood bank, and a printer machine. Donations of bedding and food were also made to other charitable organisations.

HOME VISIT SCHEME



The main target of this scheme was to visit individuals who had commuting problems because of disability. Their needs were noted and the individuals and families concerned were provided as much assistance as possible. Visits were made to hospitals, old people's homes, kindergartens, families and individuals, covering Limassol and the district. The donations included clothing, toys and sweets.

WHEELCHAIR AND MOBILITY EQUIPMENT SCHEME

Throughout 2013, the Limassol Branch provided wheelchairs and mobility equipment to poor and disabled people free of charge – in total, 68 wheelchairs, 15 walkers and 10

crutches were distributed. Also, wheelchairs were available for short term rental for a very low fee.

BLOOD DONATION

Initiated in 1969, the blood donation scheme of the Limassol Branch continued all through 2013 with great success, with a total of **4.000 bags of blood** collected in Limassol and Limassol District Schools, which were offered to the Blood Bank of the General Limassol Hospital. Furthermore, certificates and ID cards were issued to each blood donor. Once a year a prize is given to the school which offered the most blood units.

FUNDRAISING AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

The main fundraising event was the Pancyprian “Door to Door” Collection. In addition, collections were made at a summer party held at the house of a member of the Branch Committee, at a Tete-a-Tete beach party organized by some of the Branch's volunteers, and during the Christmas period at My Mall and at the Branch's stall at the Limassol Christmas Bazaar. Furthermore, additional funds were received through a percentage of the proceeds from the sale of the Karagiorgi & Violari book, entitled, “Tombs of the Late Bronze Age in Limassol”, and from the sales made at the opening of Chanel's Ephemeral Space. Other sources of income included the collection of membership fees, donations received at funerals in memoriam, as well as donations given by individuals. For the collection of foodstuffs, shopping trolleys were placed at eight major supermarkets while members of the Branch collected food outside supermarkets, twice in 2013. At the Branch premises in Limassol, two rooms were converted into adult and children's clothing boutiques, in order to facilitate the selection of clothing by those in need.

In addition to the above activities, an event was held at the Town Hall of Limassol, in November 2013, to honour the retiring members of the previous Limassol Branch Committee, in the presence of the Mayor of Limassol, the CRCS President and other officials and members of the CRCS.

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FAMAGUSTA BRANCH



After its displacement from Famagusta in 1974, the Branch moved its quarters to Larnaca. In 2013, the Branch had more than **352 members and volunteers** who, despite the

unfavorable conditions, continued to provide humanitarian assistance to individuals and families from Famagusta who were dispersed all over the island, as well as to individuals, families and organizations in Larnaca and unoccupied Famagusta. In addition to providing assistance, the Branch participated in several activities and campaigns organized by the Headquarters in an effort to comply with the policies and the trends of the Movement.

HUMANITARIAN AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Branch provided baskets to individuals and families in Larnaca and the free part of Famagusta district. This effort was intensified during the Christmas and Easter periods, when baskets of food and clothing were offered to **350 individuals and families**. The Branch also covered the expenses for providing breakfast to several poor students at schools. Additionally, at its premises the Branch continued supporting vulnerable migrants, asylum seekers and refugees by providing food, clothing and footwear. In many cases, financial assistance was also provided to students and other individuals in need. The total amount spent for the said purposes amounted to **5,650.00 Euros**.

HOME VISIT SCHEME

The Branch has a home visiting programme which includes kindergartens, special schools, homes for the elderly, shelters and other institutions. The Branch Committee responsible for the home visits, paid monthly visits in support of those in need. The visits intensified during the Christmas and Easter periods, when baskets of food and clothing were provided to **950 individuals and families** in Larnaca and free Famagusta district. The total amount spent for the said purposes amounted to **17,000.00 Euros**.

WHEELCHAIR SCHEME

Provision of wheelchairs to poor and disabled individuals was free of charge. Through this scheme, wheelchairs were also offered for short term rental to the public at a very low cost. The Branch offered **28 wheelchairs**.

MEDICAL AID

The Branch, among others, covered the expenses for therapies, such as speech therapy, physiotherapy, hydrotherapy and psychological services for several children with special needs. Furthermore, in some cases, the Branch covered the cost for medical equipment.

FUNDRAISING AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Throughout 2013, the major annual fundraising activities of the Branch were successful and generated considerable income to the Branch - specifically, the organization of a fundraising Tea Party, as well as the major fundraising campaign of the CRCS, the Pancyprian "Door to Door" Collection. Other sources of income were the collection of membership fees, donations received from individuals and companies, as well as the donations received in memory of deceased persons.

Furthermore, the Famagusta Branch, together with the Larnaca Branch, organized a "Lunch Love Campaign" at Mare Restaurant in Makenzi, Larnaca on 27 and the 28 April 2013. The participants enjoyed very much the entertainment programme, including dancing and music. There was no entrance fee but the participants were encouraged

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to donate foodstuff, in support of the parcel distribution programme of the Branches. The event was attended by the Ministers of Defence and Communications & Works, the CRCS President, Mrs. Fotini Papadopoulou, the First Vice President, Mrs. Leda Koursoumba, the Director General, Mr. Takis Neophytou, and other officials and members of the CRCS.

The Branch participated in a food collection event organized by the Municipality of Larnaca on 2 May 2013, in Aradippou. The Branch received a significant amount of foodstuff which was offered to families and individuals in need.

The Branch also participated in the "Together for Larnaca" event on 27 May 2013, at the Finikoudes promenade. The Famagusta Branch together with the Larnaca Branch, set up their own kiosk for the collection of foodstuff, clothing and other items. The items collected were offered to families and individuals in need.

LARNACA BRANCH



In 2013, the Larnaca Branch had **270 members and volunteers** who were always committed to their humanitarian work and continued to support the vulnerable people trying to alleviate their human suffering. In addition to providing assistance, the Branch participated in several activities and campaigns organized by the CRCS Headquarters Committees in an effort to comply with the policies and the trends of the Movement.

HUMANITARIAN AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Due to the financial crisis, there was a substantial increase in the number of individuals needing support, queuing for food parcels, clothing and footwear. The response of the Branch was immediate. There was a large increase in the number of food parcels which were distributed every week, while the Christmas and Easter Love Campaigns were upgraded, both in quantity and quality. At the same time, the Branch continued and improved its support to underprivileged families and children with special needs. Furthermore, the Branch provided family-sized food parcels for **15 secondary school students**. In several cases, financial assistance was also offered to vulnerable families and individuals, and the support to vulnerable migrants, refugees and asylum seekers was increased. The total amount spent for the above was **11,870.00 Euros**.

HOME VISIT SCHEME

During the year, the Social Support and Home Visits Committee of the Branch continued its regular visits to homes for the elderly, children's homes, special schools, shelters and other institutions. During the Christmas and Easter period, family-sized food parcels were distributed to more than **500 families** in Larnaca city and the district. Clothing, footwear and toys were also provided, as requested.

WHEELCHAIR AND MOBILITY EQUIPMENT SCHEME

Provision of wheelchairs and mobility equipment as well as other special mobility equipment to poor and disabled individuals was free of charge. Through this scheme, wheelchairs were also offered for short term rental to the public, at a very low cost. The Branch offered wheelchairs and mobility equipment to **27 recipients**.

MEDICAL AID

Financial assistance was provided to three individuals suffering from Thalassemia and Leukemia to cover part of the expenses for their treatment.

BLOOD DONATION

During 2013, the Branch, in cooperation with the American Academy of Larnaca, organized blood donation events, with

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a large number of **student donors**. The Branch issued certificates and awards to all of them.

FUNDRAISING AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Unfortunately, due to the consequences of the financial crisis which hit Cyprus in March 2013, the major fundraising campaign of the CRCS, the Pancyprian "Door to Door" Collection, as well as the traditional Christmas Tea and Sweets Bazaar did not match the level of the income of the previous years. Nevertheless, during the year, various groups of individuals offered to organize food collection, musical or athletic events in favour of the Larnaca Branch, such as the Total Fitness Club event, the Larnaca Medical Staff Collection, the University of Bradford collection and the Faneromeni Church Ladies sale of doughnuts. Other sources of income were the collection of membership fees, donations from individuals and companies and donations in memory of deceased persons.

Furthermore, the Larnaca Branch, together with the Famagusta Branch, organized a "Lunch Love Campaign" at Mare Restaurant in Makenzi, Larnaca, on the 27 and 28 April 2013. The participants enjoyed the entertainment programme, including dancing and music. There was no entrance fee but the participants were encouraged to donate foodstuff, in support of the parcel distribution programme of the Branches. The event was attended by the Ministers of Defence and Communications & Works, the CRCS President, Mrs. Fotini Papadopoulos, the First Vice President, Mrs. Leda Koursoumba, the Director General, Mr. Takis Neophytou, and other officials and members of the CRCS.

The Branch also participated in the "Together for Larnaca" event on 27 May 2013, at the Finikoudes promenade. The Larnaca Branch, together with the Famagusta Branch, set up their own kiosk for the collection of foodstuff, clothing and other items. The collected items were offered to families and individuals in need.

On 15 June 2013, the Larnaca Branch participated in a Fitness Charity Day event, organized by 15 fitness centres of Larnaca, Limassol and Nicosia. The event included gymnastic and other similar demonstrations, which offered an excellent entertainment to the public. The Larnaca Mayor

and the President of Larnaca Branch addressed the event. Admission was free, but the public offered foodstuff and other in kind aid to the Branch.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Continuing a tradition of the previous years, the Branch offered two new four-year scholarships to African students of the Orthodox Church School of the Archbishopric of Kenya.

On 1 December 2013, at Sun Hall Hotel in Larnaca, the Branch honored nine distinguished retiring members for their long services to the Branch. The event was attended by the CRCS President, the First Vice President, the Director General and other CRCS officials and members of the Branches and the Youth Section.

The highlight of the Branch's activities during 2013 was the donation of a high standard medical machine to the Ophthalmiatric Clinic of the Larnaca Hospital that cost **15,000.00 Euros**. A special honorary handover ceremony was organized in order to present the machine to a Hospital representative. The event was attended by the President and the Director General of the Society. During the event the retiring President of the Branch, Mrs. Chrystalla Pantelides, was honored by the Branch for her devoted and valuable long services.

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PAPHOS BRANCH



In 2013, the Branch had **49 members and volunteers**. Despite its relatively small size, the Branch continued to provide humanitarian assistance in Paphos and its district. In addition to providing assistance, the Branch participated in several activities and campaigns organized by the Headquarters Committees in an effort to comply with the policies and the trends of the Movement.

HUMANITARIAN AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

In response to the increased demands which were caused by the financial crisis, the Branch intensified its efforts for the provision of humanitarian assistance. In some cases, financial assistance was also offered, especially to students and individuals, as well as to families facing special difficulties. Additionally, at its premises the Branch continued supporting vulnerable migrants, asylum seekers and refugees, providing food, clothing and footwear. The total amount spent for the above, amounted to **4,500.00 Euros**.

HOME VISIT SCHEME

The Branch has a home visiting programme, which during 2013, included provision of assistance to kindergartens, schools, children's homes, homes for the elderly, special schools for people with special needs, shelters and other institutions. The visits intensified during the Christmas and Easter periods when baskets of food, clothing and toys were distributed to 250 families and individuals in Paphos and the surrounding areas.

WHEELCHAIR SCHEME

Provision of wheelchairs to poor and disabled individuals was free of charge. Through this scheme, wheelchairs were also offered for short term rental to the public, at a very low cost. The Branch offered **13 wheelchairs**.

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

During 2013, the major annual fundraising activities organized by the Branch were successful and generated considerable income. The major one was the Pancyprian "Door to Door" Collection. Other sources of income were the collection of membership fees, donations received from individuals and companies, as well as the donations received in memory of deceased persons.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

The Branch participated in the Anglican Church Bazar that was organized on 4 December 2013. The President of the Branch gave a speech to two Elementary Schools on "Volunteerism" and the schools offered food in return. In October 2013, the Branch also organized a "Bingo and Tea" afternoon.



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KYRENIA BRANCH



Despite its displaced status, the Kyrenia Branch was one of the most active of the Society. During 2013, it had 300 volunteers and members, whose enthusiasm, initiatives and efforts responded successfully to the humanitarian needs of the displaced Kyrenians who live all over the island, as well as other individuals in need. Members of the Branch also participated in all CRCS activities and campaigns organized by the Headquarters Committees in compliance with the policies and trends of the Movement.

HUMANITARIAN AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Branch provided in kind assistance to hundreds of individuals and covered the medical expenses for individuals requiring treatment. Financial assistance was also provided to students and families, especially those who were adversely affected by the financial crisis and were unable to pay their electricity and other bills. In close cooperation with the Nicosia Branch and the Youth Section, the Branch participated in the Christmas and Easter Love Campaigns, to provide to primary school children in Nicosia district with everything necessary for a fulsome Christmas and Easter meal. Furthermore, it provided assistance to more than **1300 individuals and families** throughout the island. The total amount spent for the said purposes was **31,284.00 Euros**.

HOME VISITS

The Branch has a home visiting scheme which includes children's homes and homes for the elderly and, especially, visits to individuals and families coming from Kyrenia district. The visits intensified during the Christmas and Easter seasons when baskets of food, clothing and toys were offered.

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

Thanks to the conscientious efforts of all its members, fundraising activities which were organised by the Branch in 2013 were successful, despite the financial crisis. They generated considerable income to the Branch and consisted of the annual Tea Party, the Pancyprian "Door to Door" Collection, and the Christmas Bazaar at "Eleftheria" Square in Nicosia. Other sources of income were the collection of membership fees, donations by individuals and companies as well as donations received in memory of deceased persons.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT PREPAREDNESS

Members of the Branch are actively involved in the Disaster Management Committee and took an active part in the organization of the new DM warehouse.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Following a long standing tradition, the Branch organized an excursion to the Saint Panteleimonas and Saint Kyprianos Monasteries for elderly and living alone people.

The Elli Sotiropoulou award which is annually given to the best athlete of the third class of the gymnasium of Aglantzia, who is also a volunteer, was also given in 2013, jointly with the CRCS Youth Section.

YOUTH SECTION ACTIVITIES

In 2013 the Youth Section continued its reorganisation which had started after the approval of the new CRCs Statutes in 2012, which provided for a lower age limit for the members of the Youth Section. Fortunately, the financial crisis of 2013, and its many serious consequences, instead of affecting adversely the Youth Section's operation, provided incentives to upgrade very significantly the Section's operation, as highlighted by a variety of actions and activities, especially in the humanitarian section and the provision of assistance to those who were in need. In 2013, the Youth Section had 3000 members who were mainly students of primary and secondary education, and university students, as well as many other young volunteers.

The Youth Section's activities in 2013 fell under the following fields:

- + Provision of humanitarian assistance
- + Fundraising
- + Training
- + Organization of special events for raising awareness and information

PROVISION OF HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE



- Provision of breakfast to 469 primary and secondary school students, on a daily basis, at a total cost of 72,750.00 Euros.
- Distribution of 4000 food parcels to families of students of primary and secondary education during Easter and Christmas in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Culture and the Nicosia and Kyrenia Branches.
- Financial assistance to students and other individuals in need (travelling expenses for treatment abroad, purchase

of books etc).

- Visits to charitable institutions: Secondary school students from "Marios Tokas" Music Lyceum visited the CRCs Children Therapy Centre Stella Soulioti, on 11 December 2013, and offered Christmas gifts to the children. Also, on 9 December 2013, students from five Gymnasiums (Anthoupoli, Engomi, Archangelos, Makedonitissa and Stavrou) and two Lyceums (Apostolos Markos and Latsia), visited the Christos Stelios Ioannou Foundation for adults with disabilities and offered gifts to the residents.

FUNDRAISING

- "Door to Door" Pancyprian Collection. The revenue from the fundraising campaign for 2013 amounted to 56,000.00 Euros.
- Organization of three events: Christmas charity bazaar, tea and fashion show at the residence of Mrs. Maro Efsthadiadou, and an event at George Theophanous' music studio.



YOUTH SECTION ACTIVITIES

TRAINING

Although the 2013 Annual Pancyprian Conference was cancelled due to the financial crisis, the following training events were organized for the members and new volunteers.

- **“Saturday Children Programme”**: This programme is addressed to young people aged 12-18 year old, who gather every Saturday at the offices of the Red Cross in Nicosia with the objective to organize and participate in various events. The total number of children attending this weekly programme was 40.
- **Camp in Lemythou village**: In 2013, the summer camping in Lemythou, was attended by 70 children, aged 12-15 years old, from all cities of Cyprus. The camping lasted a week from 1 to 10 July 2013. The main objective of the camp was to give the children the opportunity to participate in an entertaining and at the same time educational programme for young leaders, which would allow them to learn more about the Red Cross; the promotion of the principles, ideals and spirit of the Red Cross; and teach them leadership skills which they could use in their schools. A special closing event was organized by the children on the last day, which was attended by many CRCS officials and parents.
- **Educational Seminars**: Two very important educational Seminars of the Youth Section were held on 2 December 2013, at the CRCS Children Therapy Centre Stella Soulioti in Limassol and, on 6 December 2013, at the University of Nicosia. The theme of the seminars was “The promotion of active citizenship with emphasis on social solidarity”. The Speakers of the seminars were Mrs. Mary Koutselini, Professor at the University of Cyprus, Mr. Stephanos Spaneas, Professor, and Mrs. Irene Katsama, Lecturer, at the Social Work Department of the University of Nicosia. The Seminars were attended by 260 teachers.
- **Informative lectures for the Red Cross in primary and secondary schools**: The aim and objectives of these lectures which are organised by the Youth Section in primary and secondary schools are to inform students and teachers about the humanitarian work of the CRCS and the structure, organisation and activities of the Youth Section. In 2013, the Youth Section organised 30 such lectures.

ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL EVENTS FOR RAISING AWARENESS AND INFORMATION

- **Road Safety**: The Youth Section participated in the Headquarters’ road safety campaign and the distribution of car air fresheners to students of schools all over Cyprus.
- **Event for raising awareness against sexually transmitted diseases with the Motto “Zero new HIV infections, zero discrimination and zero AIDS related deaths”**: This Youth Section raising awareness event, concerning sexually transmitted diseases, and specifically AIDS-HIV, took place at Café Mercedes and Momo Clubs in Nicosia on 1 December 2013, on the occasion of the World Day against AIDS-HIV. During the very successful event, the Youth Section set up a promotion kiosk from which free condoms and informative material were distributed to the public for the protection against sexually transmitted diseases.



INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION

In 2013, the CRCS website and the Society's Facebook page remained the basic communication tools, through which the CRCS remained in contact with thousands of members, volunteers and friends in Cyprus and abroad. Furthermore, the CRCS carried out its information and communication activities through media relations activities, radio and TV interviews, press releases and conferences, public speeches, TV advertising, print ads and other promotional materials, such as PowerPoint presentations in Greek and English on the work of CRCS, the 2013 desk calendar etc.

MONTHLY DIARY OF EVENTS

In 2013 the CRCS continued preparing a monthly diary of events. The diary is a powerful tool that provides information on the planned activities for each month. It is distributed to the members of the Executive Committee, to all the Branches and the Youth Section, as well as the Children Therapy Centre Stella Soulioti, informing them on the upcoming events of the month.

WEBSITE

A major accomplishment of the CRCS in the field of information and communication in 2013 was the upgrade of its website www.redcross.org.cy. The website is prepared in three languages - Greek, English and Turkish - and is a gateway through which a visitor can obtain information and facts, become aware of CRCS activities and have access to considerable amount of photographic and other material. It is well known that the most difficult task, after setting up a website, is to keep it up to date, which the CRCS has been able to manage with considerable success.



SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media serves the social interaction among people through which they create, share or exchange information and ideas in virtual communities and networks. CRCS, in an effort to update members and volunteers about its events and programmes and attract new friends and supporters, created a group on Facebook in April 2009, named Cyprus Red Cross Society. During the years that followed, the CRCS's Subsidiary Units started creating groups and pages on Facebook. Currently, the CRCS has in total 7 groups and pages on Facebook (www.facebook.com), as follows:

- + Cyprus Red Cross Society
- + Cyprus Red Cross Children Therapy Centre Stella Soulioti
- + Cyprus Red Cross Society Nicosia Branch
- + Cyprus Red Cross Society Limassol Branch
- + Cyprus Red Cross Larnaca
- + Cyprus Red Cross Youth Section
- + Saturday Red Cross Kids



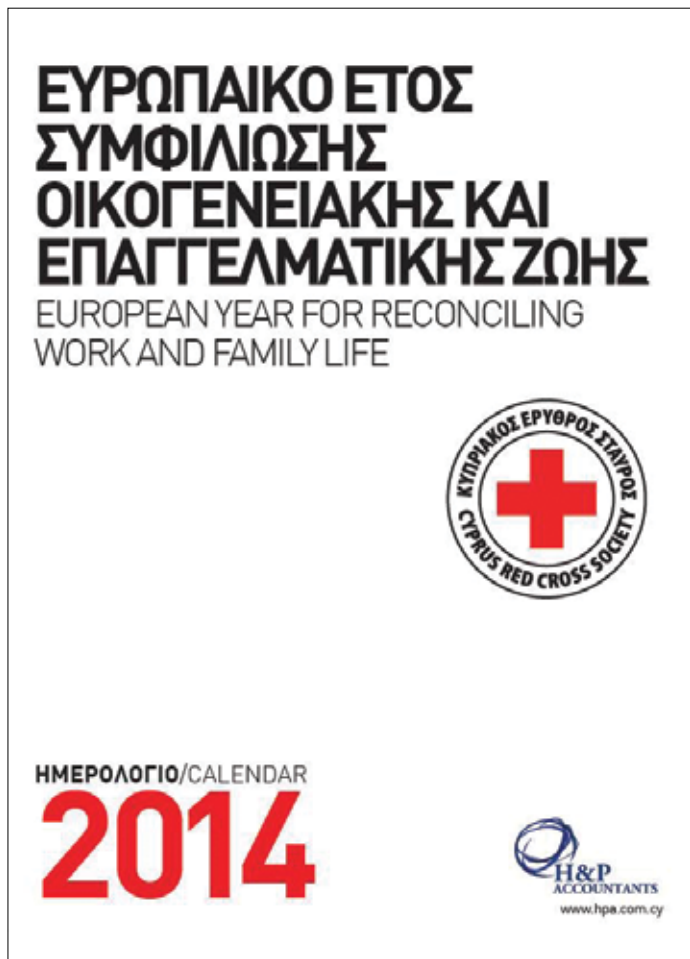
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DESK CALENDARS

In December 2013, a large number of 2014 Desk Calendars were printed both in Greek and English languages, promoting the European Year for Reconciling Work and Family Life. The calendars were distributed free of charge to CRCS members and associates and a small number of copies were sent to the Red Cross Headquarters in Geneva, as well as Brussels, Budapest and other RC/RC National Societies. The production of the calendars was sponsored by H&P Accountants to whom CRCS expresses its sincere thanks and appreciation.

CONTINUATION OF THE CRCS - MARKETWAY/PUBLICIS COLLABORATION

The CRCS continued its collaboration with Marketway/Publicis. Since 2009, the agency has acted as the communication and publicity consultant for all CRCS activities, free of charge. The CRCS expresses its warm thanks to Mrs. Barbara Petropoulou - Lillikas, Managing Director of Marketway/Publicis, and to all the members of the staff for their generous and valuable assistance and support in promoting with great success the CRCS activities, programmes and humanitarian work.



FINANCIAL AND INTERNAL INFORMATION

The overall financial position of the CRCS for 2013 cannot be considered as satisfactory and it reflects the adverse economic conditions that prevailed in the country during the year and the results of the severe measures that were imposed on the local banking sector.

In March 2013 the EuroGroup decided to lend to the Government of Cyprus about €10 Billion under the following two onerous conditions:

- a. Severe economic measures that naturally led to further recession in the economy and a dramatic increase in unemployment.
- b. The bail-in (commonly known as “hair-cut”) of the two largest local banks and the absorption of the second largest one by the largest.

Above developments had the following results on CRCS financials:

- a. A significant reduction in contribution flows resulting from the adverse economic conditions, and at the same time a dramatic increase in the number of needy people who asked for CRCS assistance. This last one resulted in a significant increase in amounts spent.
- b. The loss of over € 350.000 arising from the bail-in in the two largest local banks where a significant proportion of the CRCS surplus funds were deposited.

CRCS PERSONNEL

Although CRCS is a purely voluntary organization and its extensive activities are carried out by several thousands of members and volunteers, its mission could not be accomplished without the significant administrative support, coordination and contribution of CRCS Staff. As with prior years, in 2013 CRCS employed a relatively small number of staff as follows:

Head Offices:

Director General - Takis Neophytou
Secretary - Thalia Vourkidou
Head of Accounts Department - Christiana Eliades
Administration Officer - Androulla Angelidou
Administration Officer - Neophyta Christodoulou (until 31.5.2013)
Messenger/ Driver - Sofoklis Sofokleous (until 31.5.2013)
Cleaner - Vasiliki Michael

Nicosia Branch:

Field Officer - Giorgos Frantzis
Administration Officer - Eleni Panayiotou
General Officer/ Messenger - Michalis Neophytou

Limassol Branch:

Administration Officer - Stella Philippou

Famagusta Branch:

Administration Officer - Cornilia Zografou

Larnaca Branch:

Administration Officer - Maria Lambrou

Paphos Branch:

Administration Officer - Elli Sokratous

Youth Section:

Administration Officer - Andrea Loizou

CRCS Children Therapy Centre Stella Soulioti:

Matron - Katerina Christodoulou
Assistant Matron - Constantina Prapa Savoulla
Physiotherapists: Dena Palazi, Eleni Savva and Pantelis Constantinou
Speech Therapist: Elena Ioannou
Occupational Therapists: Andreas Nikola and Stavroulla Charalambous
Cleaner - Margarita Constantinou
Cleaner - Isabella Rozou Constantinou

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Retiring members of CRCS staff

Mrs. Neophyta Christodoulou and Mr. Sofoklis Angeli Sofokleous, members of the Headquarters staff, retired from the CRCS, on 31 May 2013. They both were recognized with appreciation for their long, faithful and conscientious services to the CRCS. Mrs. Neophyta Christodoulou had offered humanitarian help to her fellow citizens and the CRCS for the past 38 years, mainly as the staff member responsible for the Society's archives and also dealt with all matters concerning the 1974 prisoners of war and missing persons. Mr. Sofoklis Angeli Sofokleous provided substantial services for more than 35 years to the CRCS not only as messenger and driver, but also with additional responsibility for all the needs of the enclaved, Greeks and Maronites. The CRCS President and the members of the Council expressed their sincere thanks for their very long and dedicated services and contribution to the CRCS. The two CRCS retiring staff members, Neophyta Christodoulou and Sofoklis Angeli Sofokleous, were honoured during a special ceremony, on 13 June 2013, during which they were also presented with a commemorative plaque.



EMPLOYMENT OF YOUNG UNIVERSITY GRADUATES

In May 2013, the Human Resource Development Authority (HRDA) in Cyprus, in cooperation with the Ministry of Labour and Social Insurance, with the objective of minimizing the adverse effects of the financial crisis, put forward a "Special Prevention Action Plan". Among others, the HRDA scheme provided for "Job placement and training of unem-

ployed tertiary education young graduates". In response to applications received, the CRCS secured the recruited two young university graduates as an Administrative Officer and Social Worker, who worked at the CRCS Headquarters for a period of six months, from October 2013 to April 2014. The salary of the two employees was covered by the HRDA.

Furthermore, the CRCS, in response to an application received from the European University in Cyprus, offered employment and practical training to two young graduate Social Workers. They were placed in the Nicosia Branch of the CRCS, for a period of six months, where they were mainly involved in the distribution of humanitarian assistance.

MEMBERSHIP FEE

The CRCS's annual membership fee is 10 Euros.

CRCS VICE PRESIDENT ACTING AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC TO THE UNDP-ACT

Since 2009, Mrs. Leda Koursoumba, Vice President of the Society, has been representing the President of the Republic of Cyprus to the United Nations Development Programme – Action for Cooperation and Trust (UNDP-ACT), a position previously held by the late Stella Soulioti, Honorary President of the Society. During 2013, Mrs. Koursoumba continued to sign, on behalf of the President of the Republic of Cyprus, all the UNDP-ACT bi-communal programmes that concerned the Government and chaired the UNDP-ACT meetings which were hosted by the CRCS at the premises of its Headquarters in Nicosia.

UNDP-ACT PROJECT

The cooperation of the CRCS with several UN agencies goes back to the first years after the invasion. The goal of the UNDP-ACT programme is to contribute towards a strengthened culture of cooperation and trust amongst all segments of the Cypriot society. In return to the accommodation provided to the programme's meetings and other facilities by the CRCS, in 2013 the UNDP-ACT continued its assistance to the CRCS and provided **26,000.00 Euros** for the period **November 2013 – June 2015**. The funds will be used to provide support towards the cost of staff, maintenance of office equipment, furniture and supplies.

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FENCING AND REPAIRING OF THE CRCS HEADQUARTERS'S BUILDING



The fencing of the Headquarters' building, which had started towards the end of 2012, was completed in early 2013, at a cost of 22,500.00 Euros.

On 1 October 2013, pursuant to the ongoing project to renovate and repair the Headquarters' building, under the guidance and supervision of the architect Mrs. Maria Charalambidou Mouskou, the Society started the repairs of the area between the multipurpose hall and the Nicosia Branch. The repairs were completed in early 2014.

PIERIDES BEQUEST

The final settlement of Ioanna's and Argyro's Pierides bequest, in addition to the house in Larnaca, left an amount of **47,300.00 Euros** in cash to the CRCS Children Therapy Centre Stella Soulioti. The finalization of the necessary legal arrangements was made possible with the valuable assistance of Mr. Yiannis Karamanolis, Lawyer at the Tasos Papadopoulos Associates Law firm, to whom the CRCS wishes to express its warm thanks.

In September 2013 the Larnaca Municipality requested the usage of the house as a Community Medical Centre in order to serve vulnerable people of Larnaca.

On 20 December 2013, the Treasurer and the Director General of the Society, accompanied by Mr. Yiannis Karamanolis, met with the Mayor of Larnaca in an effort to reach an agreement, including an undertaking by the Municipality for some necessary repairs of the building, at an estimated cost of 29.000 Euros. A second meeting was scheduled for 2014 in an effort to obtain a mutually accepted agreement.

DIGITIZING THE DOCUMENTS: PRISONERS OF WAR, ENCLAVED, MISSING PERSONS

Since 1974, CRCS was in the possession of some very important and historical documents. These were the lists with the names of all the persons who had been prisoners of war, enclaved or missing after the Turkish invasion of 1974. After these documents were used intensively for 39 years, for the issue of different kinds of certificates, it was found that they started wearing out and urgent measures for their preservation and protection were needed. Fortunately, the documents were saved after being digitized by the University of Cyprus to which the CRCS expresses its sincere thanks.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS

The present Annual Report was prepared with the intention to present the work and achievements of the CRCS during 2013. It is more than evident that everything presented has been the accomplishment and the result of the collective work and efforts of thousands of individuals. We therefore express our warm and sincere thanks to all the individuals and the organizations concerned, our members and volunteers, as well as the CRCS staff members, whose commitment, efforts, enthusiasm and generosity contributed in making 2013 a very successful year.

TO MEMBERS, VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF

We first wish to convey our respect, appreciation and thanks to all our members and volunteers who joined forces with millions of Red Cross members and volunteers from all over the world, to help alleviate the suffering inflicted on their fellow human beings; it is thanks to them and their commitment to the principles and ideals of the Red Cross that our message, "from one human being to another" became a tangible reality. Thanks are also due to the CRCS staff members for the dedication they have shown for their tasks and their support to the members and volunteers of the organization.

TO DONORS AND SPONSORS

Equally warm thanks and gratitude are due to all public and private companies, institution and individuals that generously expressed their support to the CRCS through financial donations, the provision of goods and services, as well as other forms of assistance. Special thanks also go to all sponsors, both large and small: Anastasios G. Leventis Foundation; Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America; UNDP-ACT, Alphamega Supermarkets; Radiomathonios Foundation for Children with Special Needs, Wargaming Public Company Ltd; GCC-Iacovou Joint Ventrure; Marketway/ Publicis; Lanitis Bros Ltd; BP Eastern Mediterranean Ltd; OPAP; Remedica; Michalakis Aloupas Jewellery; Grecian Hotel Enterprises Ltd; CYTA; Central Bank of Cyprus; Cooperative Central Bank of Cyprus; Marfin Popular Bank; Bank of Cyprus; Alpha Bank; Barclays Bank Plc Cyprus;

Union of Cyprus Municipalities; Unilever Tseriotis Cyprus Ltd; Rotary Club Nicosia – Aspelia Community Fund; ForexTime Ltd; H&P Accountants; N.G. Adamides Geological Services Ltd; Noble Energy International Ltd; Cyprus Association of Licensed Electrical Contractors; Cyprus Airways, as well as the University of Cyprus and all the Media.

We would also like to extend our gratitude to all other donors who made contributions, often anonymously and at great cost to themselves.

TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

We consider it appropriate to express our thanks and appreciation to the Government of the Republic of Cyprus for the support of and cooperation with the CRCS. Special thanks in particular to: the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; the Ministry of the Interior; the Ministry of Health; the Ministry of Education and Culture; the Ministry of Labor and Social Insurance; the Ministry of Communications & Works, and the Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources & Environment. We are also indebted to the Service for Humanitarian Affairs, the Cyprus Police and Civil Defense, for their cooperation and support.

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