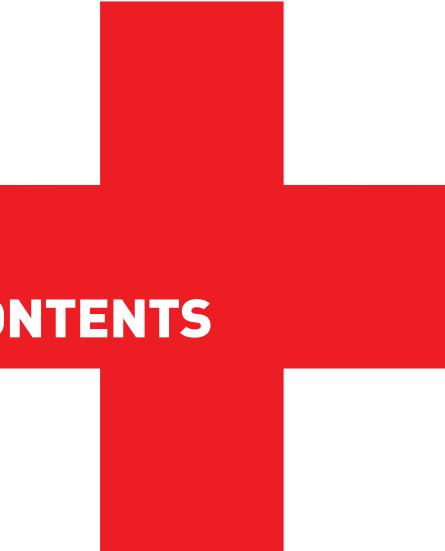


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PRESIDENT'S INTRODUCTION CYPRUS RED CROSS SOCIETY 2011 ACHIEVEMENTS

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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 2011 Annual Report but, most importantly, the contributors to the success of the CRCS.

In 2011, 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 Rules. It was supported, as always, by the commendable efforts of its Branches, Youth Section, its members, several thousand volunteers, as well as its staff.

In 2011, the CRCS fulfilled to a greater degree its role as an auxiliary body to the public authorities concerned, by mobilizing the strength and enthusiasm of its volunteers and accomplishing thus its humanitarian mission. Our main activity and concern was of course the Children's Home. The CRCS attempted also to meet the needs of the poor, the sick, the disabled, the elderly, the enclaved, the migrants and other vulnerable people, by offering care and support continuously, without prejudice or discrimination. Activities such as blood donation, first aid training, road safety, disaster relief, tree planting, 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, which took place in May, many other activities, including seminars and conferences

abroad, the European Action Week against racism, the Eleonora Zouganelli concert and the Lina Nikolacopoulou events, the official opening of the Paphos Branch building, the Fashion in Red activity, the dinner in honour of our donors, the mobilization in support of the Mari explosion victims and their families, the construction of the new Disaster Management Warehouse and the continuation of our efforts for recognition, which in 2011, for the first time, appeared promising, were only a few of the activities which made 2011 a really productive year.

To all those praiseworthy individuals who helped the CRCS to undertake its humanitarian activities, I would 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 staff, I wish strength, health and courage to carry on in fulfilling your noble responsibilities, so that together we can all continue our humanitarian mission with even more success.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fotini Papadopoulos".

Fotini Papadopoulos
President

CYPRUS RED CROSS SOCIETY: FROM 1950 TO 2011

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The Cyprus Red Cross Society (CRCS) was founded in 1950 as a branch of the British Red Cross. Following the declaration of independence of the Republic of Cyprus in 1960 and the adhesion 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.

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 Rules. The main governing bodies are the General Assembly, the Council, the Executive Committee and the Executive Team. 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, first aid lessons, blood donation, as well as activities to inform and to create awareness of the Red Cross mission, its principles and the protection of the Red Cross Emblem.

Of particular importance was the help 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 visiting 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 tree planting, road safety, disaster management and psychosocial support, 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 Children's Home, which since 1957 helps children with severe and multiple disabilities. One of the most important activity was the continuation of our efforts for recognition which in 2011, for the first time, appeared promising.

These extensive activities of CRCS are not limited to Cyprus but are also extended overseas. CRCS responds to various appeals of the International Red Cross 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 two hospitals in Sri Lanka, a community medical centre in Peloponnese in Greece – which would be completed by mid 2012 - a disaster centre in Haiti and two ambulance stations in Gaza. Specifically and after the 2007 forest fires in the Peloponnese, Greece, in cooperation with the Pan Cyprian Volunteerism Coordinative Council, a medical centre is being built for the victims of the fires of the Municipality of Oleni, at a cost of 200.000 Euros.

Following the devastating earthquake of January 2010 in Haiti, the CRCS, in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme in Haiti, participated in the establishment of an "Emergency Call Centre". The Emergency Call Centre would be completed in 2012. CRCS's contribution to the project was 300.000 Euros.



2011 DIARY OF ACTIVITIES

2011 European Year of Volunteering

January

Circulation of 2011 Lucky Charms

19

CRCs Council Meeting

February

Conflicts in Egypt – Immediate response and assistance to refugees from Egypt arriving in Cyprus –
CRCs Reception Kiosk at Larnaca International Airport

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Workshop and award ceremony of the European Road Safety Charter, Brussels, Belgium

March

Japan earthquake – CRCs appeal for financial assistance

14-21

European-wide Action Week against Racism

April

11

“Assessment Mission Course” European Civil Protection

May

8

Word Red Cross Day

2-15

Pan Cyprian “Door to Door” Collection Campaign

4

CRCs Executive Committee Meeting

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CRCs Concert with Eleonora Zouganelli

23-24

Second Thematic Conference on the 2011 European Year of Volunteering, Brussels, Belgium

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Lina Nikolakopoulou event in aid of CRCs

June

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Lina Nikolakopoulou event in aid of CRCs

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Official opening of the Paphos Branch building

6-8

Third Commonwealth RC/RC International Humanitarian Law Conference

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Emergency & Disaster Management exercice “Argonaut”

Fashion in Red – Madame Figaro and CRCs

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Dinner in honor of CRCs donors

2011 DIARY OF ACTIVITIES

July

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| 7 | Closing Ceremony of the "Door to Door" Collection Campaign and award ceremony for 11 CRCS volunteers |
| 11 | CRCS mobilization, assistance and support to the victims at the naval base "Evangelos Florakis", Mari, Cyprus |
| 20 | "Assessment Mission Course" European Civil Protection |

August

September

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| 10 | World First Aid Day |
| 16 | Famagusta Branch Annual General Assembly |
| 21 | CRCS Annual General Assembly |
| 23-30 | CRCS Cruise to Mediterranean |

October

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| 19 | CRCS Executive Committee Meeting |
| 5-7 | Humanity in Action Conference and Positive Images, London, UK |
| 14-15 | PERCO Meeting, Glasgow, Scotland |
| 14-16 | European Network for Psychosocial Support – ENPS, York, UK |

November

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| 8 | Kyrenia Branch Annual General Assembly |
| 20 | World Remembrance Day for the victims of road accidents |
| 22 | Paphos Branch Annual General Assembly |

December

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| | Circulation of Christmas Cards |
| | Issue of the 2012 Desk Calendar |
| | CRCS new Disaster Management Warehouse construction |
| 5 | International Volunteering Day |
| 17-18 | CRCS Christmas Bazaars |

Hosting children from the tsunami affected region of Japan

2011 CRCS MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS

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According to CRCS Statutes the Governing bodies of the Society are the following:

1. The General Assembly
2. The Council
3. The Executive Committee
4. The Executive Team

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL IN 2011

Appointed under Rule 41(1)(a) and (b)

Mrs. Stella Soulioti, Honorary President, Nicosia

Elected under Rule 1(1)(a)*

Mrs. Fotini Papadopoulos, President
Mrs. Leda Koursoumba, Vice President
Mr. Takis Neophytou, Director General
Mr. Dinos Christofides, Treasurer
Mr. Andreas Artemis, Nicosia
Mrs. Evmorfia Fereos, Nicosia
Mr. Andreas Karageorghis, Nicosia
Mr. Nicos Lakoufis, Nicosia
Mr. Kleanthis Philaniotis, Nicosia
Metropolitan of Tamassos and Orinis, Isaias, Nicosia
Mr. Michalis Sarris, Nicosia
Mr. Bedros Shammashian, Nicosia
Mr. Stelios G. Sycallides, Nicosia
Mr. Nicos Gregoriou, Limassol
Mrs. Ino Zachariades, Limassol
Mr. Andreas Poetis, Famagusta
Mr. Andreas Mouskos, Larnaca
Mr. Georgios Hasapis, Paphos
Mr. Costas Pandehis, Kyrenia

Under Rule 11 (1) (b) Presidents of the Branches:

Mrs. Lilika Christodoulaki,
Acting President Nicosia Branch and later
Mrs. Marina Demades, President Nicosia Branch
Mrs. Stathoula Sykopetritis, President Limassol Branch
Mrs. Sylvia Poetis, President Famagusta Branch
Mrs. Chrystalla Pantelides, President Larnaca Branch
Mrs. Dina Kakoyianni, President Paphos Branch
Mrs. Maroulla Angelides, President Kyrenia Branch

Ex-Officio under Rule (11) (1)(c)

Director of Social Welfare Services
Director of the Department of Medical Services
Senior Nursing Officers
Mrs. Despo Frederickou, President Youth Section
Central Committee

Honoris Causa under Rule 11 (2)

Mr. Christos Mavroudis, Nicosia
Mr. Artemakis Zachariou, Limassol
Mrs. Elengo Rangou, Nicosia
Mr. Christis Phylactou, Nicosia
Mrs. Katy Garani, Nicosia
Dr. Minas Hadjiminas, Nicosia

*One seat is kept vacant for a Turkish Cypriot member.

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN 2011

President of the Society,
Mrs. Fotini Papadopoulos,
Vice President of the Society,
Mrs. Leda Koursoumba,
Director General,
Mr. Takis Neophytou,
Treasurer,
Mr. Dinos Christofides,
President of Nicosia Branch
Mrs. Lilika Christodoulaki (Acting President) and later
Mrs. Marina Demades
President of Limassol Branch,
Mrs. Stathoulla Sykopetritis,
President of Famagusta Branch,
Mrs. Sylvia Poetis,
President of Larnaca Branch,
Mrs. Chrystalla Pantelidou,
President of Paphos Branch,
Mrs. Dina Kakoyianni,
President of Kyrenia Branch,
Mrs. Maroulla Angelides,
President Central Committee Youth Section,
Mrs. Despo Frederickou

MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE TEAM IN 2011

President of the Society, Chairman,
Mrs. Fotini Papadopoulos,
Vice President of the Society,
Mrs. Leda Koursoumba,
Director General,
Mr. Takis Neophytou,
Treasurer,
Mr. Dinos Christofides.

2011 CRCS MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS

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MEETINGS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES

During the course of 2011:

The General Assembly met once on 21 September
The Council met once on 19 January

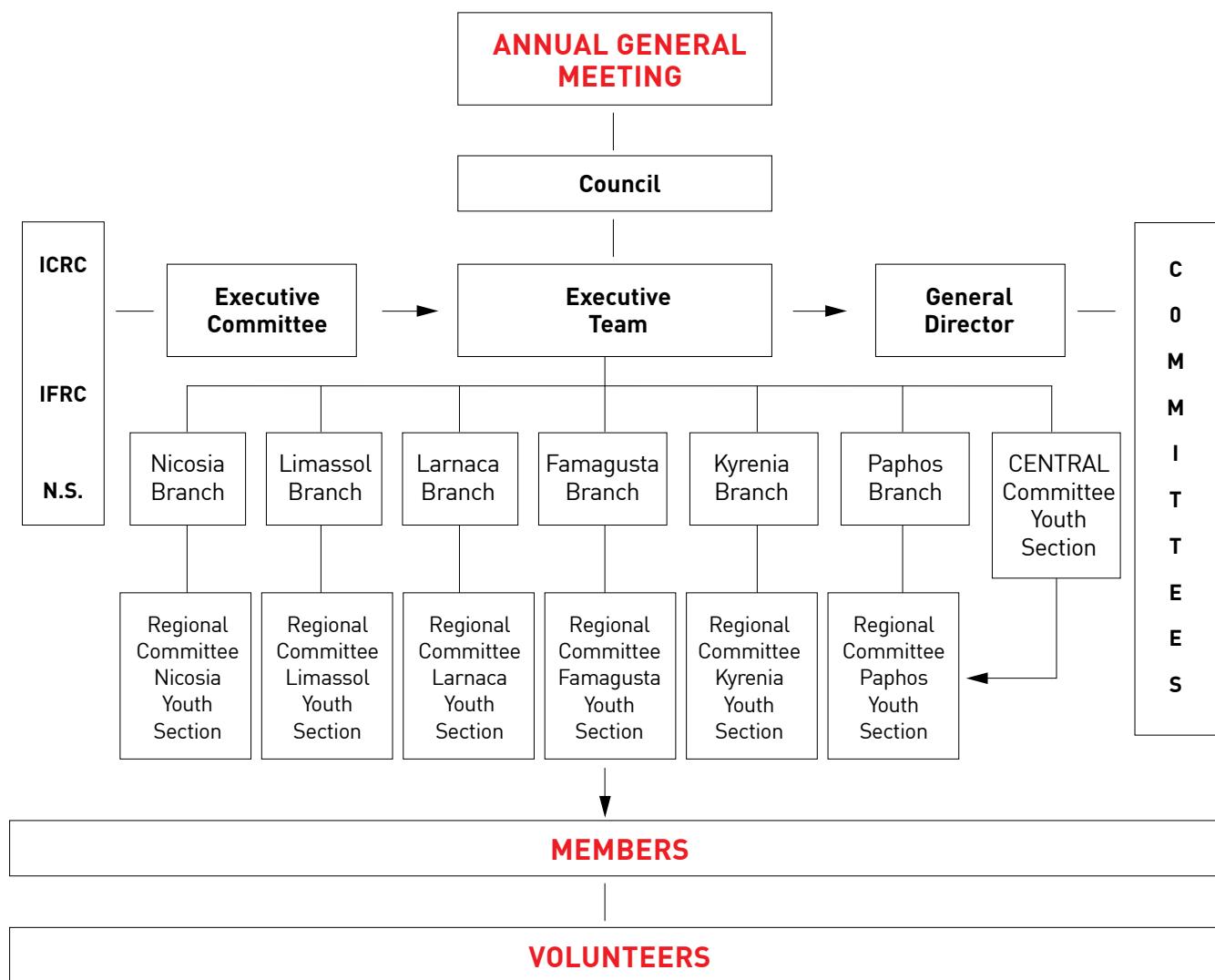
The Executive Committee met twice on 4 May and 19 October.

The Executive Team met seven times on 19 January, 24 February, 18 April, 30 May, 6 July 6, 4 August, and 19 September

COMMITTEES

Finance, Fundraising and Pan Cyprian "Door to Door" Collection, Disaster Management, Home for Sick Children, 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 2011, 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 37 years have elapsed since the invasion of Cyprus in 1974 and the standard of living in Cyprus has risen to rival that of developed countries, the core humanitarian help 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. It was fortunate that Cyprus was not affected by any natural disaster or other significant emergencies during 2011. Despite this, however, the CRCS was in a full state of preparedness to intervene and help when and if it was required.

ADDRESSING SOCIAL NEEDS, HEALTH AND OTHER FORMS OF VULNERABILITY

Hidden behind the visible prosperity of Cyprus, many people continue to need support to live in dignity, or even to survive. Regrettably, there are still many poor, sick, disabled and other groups of vulnerable individuals who require help. True to its principles, during 2001 the CRCS responded readily to any request for humanitarian assistance and moral support, discretely, on an almost 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 requirements; providing companionship to the lonely; visits to hospitals; old peoples' homes; prisons; schools and other institutions for the disabled.

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. It includes, among others: the provision of food parcels and other necessities; financial assistance; and psychosocial support. Further reference to 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 to captives of the Turkish invasion.

SUPPORT FOR THE ENCLAVED

According to the records maintained by the CRCS, as of 31 December 2011, **476 persons - 350 Greek Cypriots and 126 Maronites** – lived in Karpaz and Maronite villages in the Kyrenia District. These enclaved persons received support from the CRCS in various forms, both in the occupied and free areas. With the assistance of the United Nations, 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, spectacles. In 2011, the CRCS dispatched **839 parcels**, including: 6 oxygen bottles and one oxygen machine; 19 pairs of eye glasses; 16 parcels of toys; 496 parcels of dietetic bread; 294 parcels of medicines, five wheelchairs, one walking frame and one pressure monitor.

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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, **180 individuals** were transported from the Ledra Palace check point to destinations all over Cyprus by CRCS vehicles.



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, four 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. Two additional ambulances were used in 2011.



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 nevertheless several cases where assistance was provided to them in 2011. Within its framework of humanitarian assistance "without borders and discrimination", and in response to a request received, the CRCS donated four wheel chairs 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 with impartiality and without discrimination.

INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE

In response to appeals from the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) for assistance to vulnerable groups and victims of human and/or natural disasters worldwide, the CRCS sent humanitarian assistance to several countries; in 2011, the total of the financial assistance provided amounted to 52.700 Euros. Taking into consideration the relatively small size of Cyprus, the above amount is proportionally very large and reveals the sense of solidarity that Cypriots have developed toward their fellow human beings as a result of their own country's tragic past.

HUMANITARIAN AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

HAITI EARTHQUAKE

After the devastating earthquake on 12 January 2010 in Haiti, the CRCS, in cooperation with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Haiti, participated in the establishment of an "Emergency Call Centre". The work, which had already been approved by the CRCS Council, will provide, among others, the following:

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

CRCS's contribution to the project was **€300.000**.

PROJECT TO ASSIST THE PEOPLE AFFECTED BY THE FIRES IN GREECE

CRCS, in cooperation with the Pan-Cyprian Volunteerism Coordinative Council (PVCC), undertook the construction of a Community Medical Centre at the town of Oleni, in Peloponnesus, Greece, which was affected by the 2007 fires in the area. The Centre will serve the needs of the people of Oleni and nine other municipalities. It will be a two storey building with the clinic on the ground floor and an apartment on the first floor where visiting doctors will reside. The project was selected from a list submitted by several applicants from the region. The construction will cost up to **200.000 Euros** -- 160.000 Euros of which was derived as a result of a collection organized together with PVCC, with an additional 40.000 Euros contributed by the CRCS. The construction of the medical centre at the Oleni Municipality continued in 2011 and was expected to be completed in mid 2012.



AIDING THE REFUGEES FROM EGYPT

CRCS, as an auxiliary body of the civil authorities on humanitarian issues and, subject to obligations derived from its participation in the ESTIA Plan, which is coordinated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, responded immediately to the recent developments in Egypt and set up a Reception Kiosk at the Larnaca International Airport. CRCS was available to welcome all the refugees arriving in Cyprus in February 2011. Members of the CRCS Crisis Committee, as well as members and volunteers of the Nicosia, Larnaca and Famagusta Branches, manned the welcoming kiosk set up at the airport on a 24 hour basis. CRCS provided, over and above the first need items such as food and beverages, clothing and access to telephone, accommodation and food to 25 persons, members of large families and to the elderly who remained in Cyprus from two to eight days. Members of the United States Embassy and officials of the United Nations in Cyprus expressed their gratitude and thanked CRCS for its assistance.

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Very touching were the drawings of the children of a 10-member family, thanking CRCS. CRCS thanks the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the airport authorities, and all those who donated goods, as well as the volunteers, who once again promptly responded to the call for help.



CRCs STANDS BY JAPAN'S SURVIVORS

Following the devastating earthquake and the even worse aftermath of the destruction that had afflicted the Japanese people, CRCS sent out a call for help.

The response, which was immediate, was extremely moving. Amongst the many individuals, companies and organizations which responded to the CRCS's call were, to list just a few:

- The Young Leaders Network, the Spanish Club and the Grammar School Junior of the Grammar School in Nicosia organized a series of events and collected 2.287 Euros.
- The accounting firm Deloitte Limited donated 3.500 Euros.
- The students of the Nicosia schools; the American Academy, the English School, the American International School, and the GC School of Careers, organized an event and collected 1.987,10 Euros.
- The Malloupas and Papacostas Public Co donated 2,000 Euros.
- The OTAKU CY society organized an event and collected 685.90 Euros.

- Mr Dickran Ouzounian, Chairman of TOYOTA Cyprus, donated 2.102 Euros that was the result of a contribution by the company and a collection among its staff.
- The Falcon School Charity Committee donated 1.700 Euros.
- The Highgate Private School donated 870 Euros.

The CRCS President Mrs Fotini Papadopoulos, in letters addressed to all donors expressed CRCS's thanks and congratulated them for their commendable humanitarian initiative and generous donations in response to the CRCS's call. The total amount received was **50.000 Euros**. CRCS will not undertake any specific project but instead will send the amount collected to the Japanese Red Cross for further distribution to the survivors of the earthquake and tsunami.



CRCs PROJECT TO GAZA (PALESTINE)

After the agreement with the Palestine Red Crescent and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), it was decided that CRCS should go ahead 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. The total cost is expected to reach \$30.000, equivalent to about €21.000.

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

In a globalised 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. As a result of the 2007 policy agreements, in 2011 priority was given to strengthening CRCS contacts and enhancing cooperation with the International and European Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies. Results achieved have been hailed by all concerned as a great success. Officials, members and volunteers of the Society participated in more than six International and European events that dealt with several subjects, including: migrants, refugees and asylum seekers; psychosocial support; volunteering and road safety. Another positive effect of these meetings was the promotion of the issue of recognition of the CRCS by the International Movement.

DEVELOPMENTS ON THE ISSUE OF RECOGNITION OF THE CRCS BY THE RC/RC INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT

In December 2010, a delegation of the Joint Statutes Commission (JSC), composed of four high ranking ICRC and IFRC executives visited Cyprus on an evaluation mission. The report of the JSC was considered positive. On 15 March 2011, CRCS was informed officially that the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) had decided to begin the process of examining the CRCS application for recognition. Accordingly, CRCS's status was upgraded to that of a "Society of Pending Recognition", which gives CRCS the right to participate, as an Observer, in International and European conferences and other meetings.

In September 2011, CRCS received the first really good news. It was officially informed that the JSC had examined the application for 'recognition' and had decided to refer it to its next meeting to be held in February 2012, on the condition that CRCS would by that date had revised its Statutes and / or Rules in conformity with the Guidelines and Recommendations of the Movement.

Accordingly, the CRCS promptly initiated the necessary procedures required for the preparation of the new Statutes, as well as the amendments and/or revisions of its Rules, as appropriate, in order to have them finalized in time for the JSC's next meeting to be held in February 2012.

INTERNATIONAL AND EUROPEAN MEETINGS

WORKSHOP AND AWARD CEREMONY OF THE EUROPEAN ROAD SAFETY CHARTER

The workshops and the award ceremony of the European Charter on Road Safety took place in Brussels on Tuesday, 1 February 2011. Two hundred twenty four representatives from all 27 member states of the European Union (EU), representing a large number of organizations, attended the event. CRCS was represented by its Director General, Mr Takis Neophytou. The event was organized by the European Charter on Road Safety, which was established in 2004. At the event it was announced that the **Charter objective of achieving 50% fewer deaths during the period of seven years (2004 – 2010) was successful at 43%**. Additionally, to date, 2,000 civil society organisations have signed the Charter, which was twice as many as the number of signatories existing in 2007. Mr Neophytou attended the Workshop, entitled, "Road Safety in the city: How to improve the safety of vulnerable users", which focused on how **'to reduce the large number of deaths and injuries among vulnerable population groups, such as motorcyclists, cyclists, pedestrians, children, the elderly and the disabled'**, which occur mostly in urban areas. This was followed by the award ceremony, during which the six best 2010 Charter members were presented with diplomas. The youth newspaper 'Click' from Cyprus was one of the submitted entries. The event was concluded with a declaration by the Vice President of the European Commission and Commissioner for Transport Authority,

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Mr Siim Kallas, marking the start of the new campaign for the period 2011 - 2020 with the objective of further reducing deaths by 50%. An additional objective of the new campaign is to increase the number of the Charter membership.

SECOND THEMATIC CONFERENCE AT EUROPEAN LEVEL ON THE 2011 EUROPEAN YEAR OF VOLUNTEERING

The Conference was held in Brussels, Belgium, from 23 to 24 May 2011. About 300 delegates from volunteer and nongovernmental organisations, representatives of governmental departments and business organisations, as well as 15 Red Cross National Societies, participated in the Conference. The CRCS was represented by its Secretary, Thalia Vourkidou.



THIRD COMMONWEALTH RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW CONFERENCE

The Conference was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 6 to 8 June 2011. It was attended by the representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the Commonwealth, Red Cross / Red Crescent (RC/RC) National Organisations (NO), members of the International Committee of RC (ICRC), the International Federation of RC/RC (IFRC), the International Humanitarian Fact-finding Commission (IHFFC), the International Commission on Humanitarian Law (IHL Committee) and the Secretariat of the

Commonwealth. Mrs Leda Koursoumba, the CRCS Vice President, represented both the CRCS and the Cyprus Government (in her capacity as the Law Commissioner). It is of utmost importance to note that for the first time CRCS was officially invited to participate in a Commonwealth Conference, undoubtedly due to the fact that CRCS' application to be officially recognised by the ICRC and the IFRC was under review. The objective of the Conference was to prepare the member states of the Commonwealth and the respective NOs for the forthcoming International RC/RC Conference that would take place in Geneva, in November 2011. At the Conference the various aspects of the international humanitarian law were discussed, including the implementation of the relevant agreements and the role of the NOs, as auxiliary bodies of volunteers assisting public authorities as dictated by the Geneva Conventions. During the Conference, the CRCS Vice President met with the ICRC Vice President Christine Beerli, who mentioned that CRCS application for recognition was being reviewed.



HUMANITY IN ACTION CONFERENCE

The Conference organized by the British Red Cross (BRC) was held in London, United Kingdom, from 5 to 7 October 2011, highlighted two of its major educational programmes: Justice and Fairness, and Positive Images. CRCS was represented by Ms Christina Seroff, a member of the Kyrenia Branch. CRCS was invited to participate in the conference because of its participation in the Positive Images programme and was asked to organize, together with the Portuguese Red Cross (PRC), a workshop through which they could convey their experiences from

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the programme. The workshop which was held twice, was entitled **“Delivering migration classes in diverse educational contexts: Learning from Positive Images in Portugal and Cyprus”**.



EUROPEAN NETWORK FOR PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT – ENPS

The CRCS Committee on Health and Psychosocial Support was established in December 2009. Since its establishment, CRCS has deemed it necessary to attend and participate in the ENPS annual forums organized since 2004. At the 2011 forum held from 14 to 16 October 2011 in York, the United Kingdom, CRCS was represented by its Director General Takis Neophytou, because the President of the Committee, Dr Christos Stephanou, was unable to attend. The ENPS Forum 2011 was organized by the British Red Cross (BRC).

It was attended by 46 representatives from 22 National Organizations (NOs), the IFRC, as well as a number of speakers from various universities and organizations. The theme of the Forum was: **“Resilience in Practice: Exploring Links to Psychosocial Support”** Even though the term of “Resilience” was also discussed at the previous forum, its meaning had remained unclear to the participants.

As a result of the key note and other presentations, the interpretation of the term of “Resilience”, which prevailed at the end was as “the ability of the individual or group to use their inner power to overcome unfavorable situations”.

PERCO MEETING

The CRCS's participation at the annual meeting of the Platform for European Red Cross Cooperation on Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Migrants (PERCO) held in Glasgow, United Kingdom, between 14 and 15 October 2011, was the fourth in a row of participation, under status of an Observer. The Platform is constituted by representatives from almost all the National Societies of the Red Cross in Europe and looks exclusively at subjects that deal with the refugees, asylum seekers and migrants. The CRCS was represented by Mrs. Andri Agrotis, Secretary of the Nicosia Branch. Through a power point presentation, Mrs. Agrotis, informed the participants on the problems faced by Cyprus, as well as on CRCS's efforts in resolving the problems encountered.



In collaboration with the International Red Cross and all Government services concerned, the CRCS, pursuant to the conclusions reached at the Society's seminar on "Migrants, Refugees and Asylum Seekers", held in November 2007, has developed a policy in that regard and has been working toward the acceptance and integration of the migrants who live in Cyprus. In 2011, the CRCS continued to participate in meetings of the European platform for migrants, PERCO. 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 (legal and illegal) 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, 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 visited 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. The high cost of the assistance led to the decision taken by the CRCS to explore the possibility of asking the Government for financial support.

MEDICAL SERVICES

After assessing 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 of 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 connection with or tracing family members, securing documents from their country's National Red Cross Society, examining complaints, preparing applications and promoting demands submitted to Government Departments concerned.





VISITS TO THE RECEPTION CENTRES FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS

CRCS members and volunteers visited on a regular basis the Reception Centre for Asylum Seekers at Kofinou and Onisilos Centre in the Larnaca district, as well as at the Agapinor Centre in the Paphos district, offering their support and in kind humanitarian assistance such as clothing and food.

On Tuesday, 25 January 2011, representatives of the CRCS visited the Kofinou Reception Centre for Asylum Seekers and donated 60 jackets, 50 shirts, 60 pairs of trousers, 50 pairs of shoes and 50 dresses to the residents.

CRCS SUPPORTS THE INTERNATIONAL CAMEROON STUDENT ASSOCIATION

One of the objectives of the CRCS has been the integration of all migrants into the Cypriot Society. With that objective in mind CRCS has been supporting the '**International Cameroon Student Association (INCAMSA) in Cyprus**', a non-governmental organization (NGO). The Association organized a Get-To-Know-Each-Other Festival during the World Youth Week (5 to 13 February 2011). The CRCS also made available to the Association the CRCS's Meeting Room for their conference, which was held on Wednesday, 9 February 2011.

The CRCS Home for Sick Children (Home) was founded by the CRCS in 1957 to treat sick and disabled children. It is the largest project of the Society by far. In its 54 year history, it has gone through three phases. The first phase was the period of its operation in Kyrenia (1957 – 1974), with a permanent base serving as a home to 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.

It can be stated without any hesitation that 2011 was a new landmark in the Home's long history and the beginning of a new phase. The Home has been making a new start through extensive renovations of its 30 years old buildings. 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 been accommodating in its large complex of buildings, the ELPIDA Day Care Centre, operating under the responsibility of the Theodosos Foundation, and the Special School for Children with Disabilities, operating under the responsibility of the Ministry of Education and Culture.

POST – 1974 OPERATIONS

The fallout as a consequence of the 1974 invasion made it necessary to build a new Home in Limassol. The new Home commenced operations in 1980, complete with all necessary facilities. The Home also offered boarding facilities until 1994, but at the present it provides day care only.



SERVICES OFFERED

The Home, the only one of its kind in Cyprus, treats around 75 children up to 18 years of age who suffer from severe and multiple disabilities, such as cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, several syndromes and other developmental and mobility problems. In addition to medical and nursing care, the Home offers physiotherapy, hydrotherapy, speech therapy and occupational therapy; it also provides rehabilitation aids for the children's independent mobility and comfort. Close attention is paid to creating a family atmosphere and providing entertainment for the children, facilitating as well their social integration and making the best possible effort to give them a better quality of life. The services offered by the Home are constantly upgraded. A specialist Paediatrician supervises the general healthcare, cooperating closely with the Ministry of Health and foreign specialists. Dedicated therapy personnel and a fully comprehensive set of equipment provide early intervention services, healthcare and therapeutic treatment of the highest standard.

COLLABORATIONS

In cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Culture, the Home hosts a special school for children with learning difficulties, 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 Home has collaborated with St James' University Hospital in Leeds, United Kingdom, since 1988, 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 continuously being developed with many others, 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. The responsibility for the operation of the Home is under a Committee composed of Mr. Takis Neophytou, CRCS's Director General, Mr. Dinos Christofides CRCS's Treasurer, Dr. Costakis Christodoulakis, Mrs. Evanthia Papasavva, ex director of the Government Welfare Department, and Mrs. Katerina Christodoulou, the Matron of the Home.

OPERATIONAL COSTS

The Home, which is the largest programme of the Society, is mainly supported by the love and care of the members and volunteers of the Society, who cover the major part of its operational costs through events and voluntary contributions from ever-willing and generous members of the public. The Government of Cyprus contributes with approximately 25 per cent of the running costs.

SENSORY INTEGRATION ROOMS (SIR)

Sensory Integration is the neurological process of organizing the information received through the five senses, which constitutes the basic prerequisite for the smooth operation of the brain and the progressive growth of complex and complicated processes of learning and behaviour. At the SIR environment all the senses (sight, hearing, smell, feeling, taste) are stimulated in order to activate and develop sensory perception and integration.

The CRCS's Sensory Integration Unit, established in 2011, contributes to the enhancement of the services currently provided, thus improving the quality of the lives of children who receive therapies at the Home.

RENOVATION FUNDING SCHEME

The Home is housed in a building that was built in 1980 and today there is an urgent and extremely important need to renovate the over 30 year old building, the cost of which is estimated at 600,000 Euros. Due to the fact that the required amount was beyond its financial capacity, the CRCS prepared a Donors Plan, which divided the cost into increments or room size 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. Outside each room/ section repaired a plaque would be placed, with the name of the donor. A complete donors list would also be placed at the entrance of the building.

TV PROGRAMME ABOUT THE CRCS HOME FOR SICK CHILDREN

On Tuesday, 11 October 2011, the Cyprus TV Channel Antena, hosted Mrs Fotini Papadopoulos and Mr. Takis Neophytou, the President and the Director General of CRCS respectively, at the afternoon programme 'Pame Antena' (Let's go Antena). The programme, which was presented by Ms Caterina Christophides was dedicated to the CRCS Home. In response to many questions, the two guests provided a comprehensive picture on how the Home was run, and referred to the difficulties and problems encountered; they also announced the CRCS plans for the future of the Home. The programme allowed telephone calls from the public, most of which were received from individuals who had been treated at the Home during its first phase of operation in Kyrenia, from 1957 to 1974. The individuals concerned, not only provided important historical information and details about the Home's operation, but also emphasized its enormous contribution and assistance to hundreds of children with serious health problems and disabilities from all over Cyprus, irrespective of their ethnic or religious background.

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The rich and multifaceted work of the CRCS is the result of the active involvement and enthusiasm of its members and volunteers, which in 2011 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, 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: fundraising, training of volunteers, promoting relationships at the international level, administrative and organizational issues, as well as a variety of activities conducted by the CRCS.



PAN CYPRIAN "DOOR TO DOOR" COLLECTION

The annual "**Door to Door**" Collection took place from 2 to 15 May 2011. The campaign's new sponsor was P.C. Splash Water Ltd with Pokka Coffee. The Collection was launched on 6 May 2011 by H.E. Mr. Christos Patsalides, the Minister of Health, in the presence of CRCS President, Fotini Papadopoulos. The total amount raised was **233.877 Euros**. Proceeds from the campaign went towards the operational costs of the Children's Home, as well as numerous other CRCS programmes. Once again, the "Door to Door" campaign provided the CRCS with the opportunity to promote its aims and activities, as well to offer Cypriots the opportunity to be part of a humanitarian society. On Thursday, 7 July 2011, the CRCS gave a reception to thank and honour the individuals, public authorities and organizations that had contributed to the success of the campaign, with commemorative gifts, shields and certificates.



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OFFICIAL DONATION TO THE HOME FOR SICK CHILDREN

During the opening of the Door to Door fundraising campaign Mrs Christofia, President of the Radiomarathonios Foundation for Children with Special Needs, officially donated to the CRCS a car for the needs of the Home for Sick Children.



WORLD RED CROSS RED CRESCENT DAY - EVENT BY THE KYRENIA BRANCH

On the occasion of the World Red Cross Red Crescent Day and the “Door to Door” fundraising campaign, the Kyrenia Branch of CRCS organized an event at The Mall of Cyprus in Nicosia, which took place on Saturday, 14 May 2011. The CRCS Director General, Takis Neophytou, delivered the inaugural speech in the presence of a large group of participants, including numerous dignitaries. The event included an entertainment programme with a gymnastics demonstration by the Jojo Fitness and Passion Gym, and a dance performance by the Antigone Tassouri Dance Academy. The event was broadcast live by Mix FM Radio Station. During the event, the Marketing Director of the Remedica pharmaceutical company, Mr. Andreas Hadjipanayis donated 1.000 Euros to the CRCS.



AEROBICS MARATHON & FUTSAL TOURNEY

The gym IL Sportivo organized an event entitled “Aerobic Marathon and Fotsal Tournament”, which took place on Sunday, 8 May 2011. The proceeds of the event, 1.520 Euros, were donated to the CRCS Home for Sick Children.



2011 EUROPEAN YEAR OF VOLUNTEERING

The European Commission (EC) designated 2011 as the European Year of Volunteering. Accordingly, the CRCS, one of the largest and most active voluntary organizations in Cyprus, which relies on the dedicated work of its thousands of volunteers, decided to undertake a series of activities and organize events in order to promote the objectives of the **European Year of Volunteering**.

The series of CRCS events involving volunteers started in November 2010, when two seminars for teachers were organized in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Culture. In addition, in December 2010, the annual CRCS desktop calendar for 2011 was dedicated to the thousands of CRCS volunteers.

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Furthermore, at its meeting held on Thursday, 24 February 2011, the Executive Team (ET) of the CRCS decided to implement the following events that were successfully completed during 2011:

- A banner dedicated to Volunteers and Volunteering was placed on the facade of the CRCS headquarters in Nicosia and was kept up throughout the year 2011
- CRCS awarded the Best Volunteer of each Branch and the Youth Section, for his / her overall voluntary work and contribution
- CRCS participated in the European Tour, an event organized by the Pan Cyprian Volunteerism Coordinative Council at the premises of the International Fair, held on Tuesday, 5 April 2011, with an exhibition kiosk, dedicated to the Year of Volunteering
- CRCS undertook a campaign to increase the number of CRCS volunteers
- On Sunday, 13 March 2011, the Larnaca Branch participated in an event on volunteerism, organized by the Association of Women in Rural Areas, held on the occasion of the International Women's Day. The Vice President Mrs. Maria Nicolaïdou was the key note speaker.
- On Tuesday, 29 March 2011, the Limassol Branch participated in the Conference on Volunteerism through the Eyes of Students, which was organized at the Lyceum of Ayios Nikolaos. One of the guest speakers was the Branch's President Mrs. Stathoula Sykopetriti. A short film on the history of CRCS during the last 60 years, produced by Mrs. Sara Droushioti, was screened during the event.
- On Thursday, 7 April, 2011, the CRCS President Mrs. Fotini Papadopoulos visited the Ayia Paraskevi Secondary School in Yeroskipou, Paphos, where she was one of the speakers at the Second Student Conference on "Volunteerism: Respect – Responsibility – Solidarity".



- Mrs. Papadopoulos also spoke at the event "Women as agents of change", which was one of the '2011 Commonwealth Week' events, held at the Athienou Secondary School, on Wednesday, 11 May 2011. Her statement was entitled "The Statutes and Values of Volunteerism and social contribution, the high objectives of the CRCS Youth Section". Mrs Papadopoulos in her address to the students said: "Despite the international negative economic situation, I believe in the future, because the future is you, the new generation. I urge you to adopt volunteerism as a way of life. Only in this way you will experience the joy of giving. Only in this way you shall become better people and more complete persons. Give hope to tomorrow, color the future with volunteerism. "Become volunteers! Your contribution is important".

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CRC'S AWARDED ITS VOLUNTEERS

On the occasion of the 2011 European Year of Volunteering, the CRCS honored **eleven** of its most devoted **volunteers** for their overall long contribution, both to the organization and to the society in general. The ceremony was held on Thursday, 7 July 2011. Mrs Papadopoulos in her speech said: "Volunteerism is one of the seven principles under which the Red Cross operates, and that is why we thought that to those from our members who have made volunteering a way of life, a sincere thank you in appreciation and recognition of their work, is the least that we can do for them. Eleven persons proposed by the management, the Branches and the Youth Section have been selected... We believe that in each one of them we honor every single one of our CRCS volunteers and members. The people that we honor today are totally identified with CRCS are included amongst those who have founded and established the Red Cross in Cyprus. During difficult times and under especially adverse conditions they enacted the statutes and managed to establish CRCS as the biggest voluntary organization in our country".

The commemorative plaques to the honored volunteers were presented by the President of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Cyprus, H.E. Mr. Yiannakis Omirou, who honoured the event with his presence. The eleven awarded volunteers were Dr. Minas Hadjiminas, Mr. Andreas Karagiorgis, Mrs. Kety Garani, Mr. Panos Antoniades, Mrs. Stathoula Sykopetriti, Mrs. Androulla Mylona, Mrs. Chrystalla Pantelidou, Mr. Michalis Kapoudiotis, Mrs. Maroulla Fekkou, Mr. Petros Petrou and Mrs. Mary Agathangelou.



CHRISTMAS CARDS

In 2011, the CRCS continued a long tradition by printing and distributing two Christmas cards, each with a different theme. One card had a religious theme, depicting a 16th century icon of Virgin Mary from the Chrysaliotissa church, on display in the Byzantine Museum, Archbishop Makarios III Foundation. The second card had a nature theme, depicting a water colour painting by late Marvel J. Christofides, entitled "Joyous Red" an Honorary reprint of the 1998 Christmas card, as a gesture of appreciation to the late Marvel J. Christofides, for her valuable services to the Cyprus Red Cross Society. Twenty thousand cards were printed and the proceeds from selling reached a total amount of **5,388.00 Euros**. Although the Christmas card tradition is considered by some as passé, the CRCS believes there are people who still like them and that their circulation helps maintain and promote the public image of the CRCS. The net proceeds from the sale of the Christmas cards will be used for covering the operation of the CRCS Home for Sick Children. The Christmas Card Committee was composed of Takis Neophytou, Loukas Telemachou, Despo Frederickou, Costas Mantzalos, Aliki Mazi Papaianni, Christiana Eliades and Thalia Vourkidou.

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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 situations may even save lives. Therefore, the CRCS goal is to raise public awareness and 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 tradition - 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 First Aid courses that the CRCS has been offering since 2007 are being regularly updated. The decision to continue offering and upgrading First Aid courses was taken 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 utilisation of mechanical and electrical machinery, both at home and at work, which in turn increase the risk of accidents and injuries were additional reasons. On Tuesday, 17 May 2011, pursuant to the 2009 Safety and Health Regulations, the Department of Labour Inspection of the Ministry of Labour and Social Insurance, gave its approval to the CRCS as a **Provider of First Aid Training at Work**, to offer the following two training programmes:

- First Aid at Work – Emergency Incidents: a six - hour course, and
- First Aid at Work: an 18hour course



Thereafter, CRCS also agreed with the Institute of Banking Studies Cyprus to provide support and assistance in running the First Aid courses, by availing itself of the complimentary use of premises and other facilities provided by the Institute.

Embracing the slogan "**First Aid save lives**", CRCS organized nine First Aid courses, in Greek and in English, for Cypriots and foreigners, including migrants. The total number of persons trained was **45**. The Society also upgraded and enriched its First Aid training programmes and materials through cooperation and support from the IFRC, the British and the Hellenic Red Cross.



WORLD FIRST AID DAY

First Aid is an act of charity and the availability of First Aid is very important and saves tens of million lives each year the world over. Red Cross/ Red Crescent have been established as the most important supplier of First Aid services and training in the world. On the occasion of the **World First Aid Day** that was celebrated on **Saturday, 10 September**, (every second Saturday of September each year) CRCS circulated a dedicated poster that 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 **Do not remain inactive – save and protect human lives!**

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ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN



ALCOHOL TESTERS DISTRIBUTION

CRCS, in collaboration with MTN Cyprus and the Traffic Department of the Cyprus Police, announced a new campaign on Road Safety aiming at better informing the public and setting up measures that would reduce the number of road accidents in Cyprus, particularly those caused due to excessive alcohol consumption. The campaign, the main event of which was the distribution of 10,000 disposable alcohol testers, started symbolically on Easter Sunday, when volunteers and members of the CRCS Youth Section visited night clubs in Nicosia and Limassol and distributed the alcohol testers. At a later stage, CRCS members and volunteers, together with the Traffic Department distributed alcohol testers to drivers travelling on motorways in all the districts.



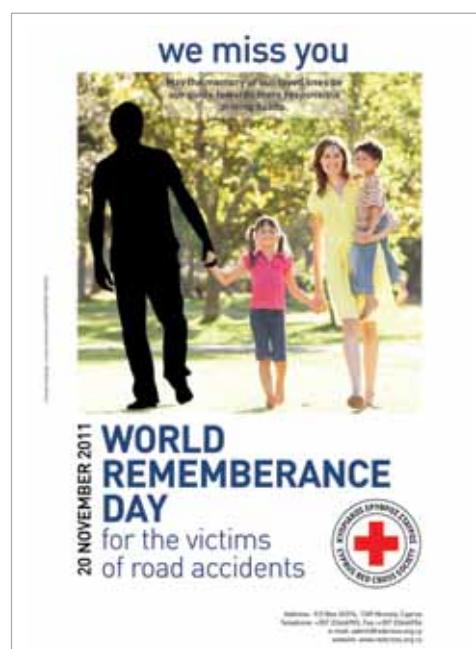
INFORMATIVE EVENTS ON ROAD SAFETY

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. The objective of the new European and now World campaign, 2010 - 2020, is to reduce the number of victims from road accidents by 50%. The CRCS slogan on Road Safety is:

"YOU'VE ONLY GOT ONE LIFE! TAKE CARE!"

WORLD REMEMBRANCE DAY FOR THE VICTIMS OF ROAD ACCIDENTS

On Sunday, 20 November 2011, CRCS observed the World Remembrance Day for the victims of road accidents (every third Sunday of November) by publishing a poster and distributing it, among others, to all schools and governmental buildings throughout the island. A relevant press release was also circulated to the media.



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DISASTER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

CRC'S AND THE TRAGEDY AT MARI AND THE ENERGY CRISIS

On Monday, 11 July 2011, a massive explosion at the Naval Base "Evangelos Florakis" at Mari, caused the death of thirteen individuals, injured many others, and severely damaged the nearby Vasiliko Power Station, the main electricity supplier of Cyprus. The whole Organization, and not just the Disaster Management Committee of CRC'S, was mobilized as soon as the tragedy was made known. Teams of volunteers from the three cities closest to the naval base, namely, from Nicosia, Limassol and Larnaca, under the leadership of the CRC'S President Fotini Papadopoulos went to the site of the disaster, to blood banks and to hospitals, ready to provide assistance and help. The mobilization was based on the emergency plan, coordinated by the Ministries of Interior, Foreign Affairs and Health, of which CRC'S is a part, as an auxiliary body to the public authorities in cases of emergency. About 100 CRC'S volunteers were involved in this emergency assistance, offering on-site assistance, at hospitals and blood collection centers and providing psychosocial support to the families of the victims. It should be noted that temperatures in Cyprus in July fluctuate around 39 °C (102.2 Fahrenheit); therefore, the distribution of cool water and food, as well as drinks by the CRC'S volunteers to the thousands of rescue personnel and others at the site of the tragedy was absolutely essential and very much appreciated.

In order to resolve some of its operational difficulties deriving from the consequences of the tragic events of 11 July 2011, and specifically from continuous shortages in the supply of electricity, the CRC'S desperately required a generator to cover its needs for electricity. The problem was solved after a generous offer of a generator on loan for six months, by Magen David Adom (MDA) of Israel. CRC'S expressed its sincere thanks to the MDA for its most valuable offer and support, as well as to the IFRC, the Cyprus Customs Department and to all others who were instrumental in securing and operating the generator.



OTHER DISASTER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

During 2011, the Committee participated in the meetings and activities of the ESTIA and ARGONAFTIS disaster relief plans. The Committee took the first steps in securing the required equipment, organizing the CRC'S stores, establishing 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:



"ARGONAFTIS" EXERCISE

Argonaftis is the largest national emergency and disaster management exercise which takes place in Cyprus once a year with the participation of the National Guard, Government Ministries and NGO's, including the CRC'S. The final preparations for the 2011 exercise were made in March and April 2011 when details were discussed and roles assigned among the participants. From Tuesday, 31 May to Friday, 3 June 2011, the plan was implemented at the Port of Larnaca. The exercise was observed by about 60 observers from different countries, representatives from eight embassies, the new Head of the National Guard and many other Cypriot stakeholders. The CRC'S participation was very visible and drew many positive comments.

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ASSESSMENT MISSION COURSES

Members of the CRCS Disaster Management Committee, Costas Constantinides and Achilleas Kontos, participated in two "Assessment Mission Courses" of the Civil Defense, which was organized, together with the European Union, on Monday, April 11 and on Wednesday, 20 July 2011.



NEW DISASTER MANAGEMENT WAREHOUSE

The construction of a new DM warehouse was completed by the end of 2011. CRCS expresses warm thanks to the Technical architectural Office of Petevi and Georgiades for preparing the warehouse designs free of charge, and the Iacovou - GCC Venture for the contribution of €30.000 towards the costs of construction. The effort to equip the warehouse has started already.

After the Mari tragedy, USAID of the United States Embassy in Cyprus decided to donate 50.000 US Dollars towards the purchase of Disaster Management equipment such as one big and two small mobile generators, communication devices, a tree cutting machine, water pumps, large family and individual tents and fire fighting and disposable uniforms. CRCS expressed warm thanks to USAID for their generous donation.



CLIMATE CHANGE

Among other priorities CRCS is very sensitive for and concerned with environmental issues. Accordingly, during 2011, CRCS focused its programming, among others, on the following priorities and activities:

- Tree planting campaigns
- Participation in Government's public awareness efforts
- Activities promoting the acquisition of water saving practices
- Activities promoting energy saving
- Organization and participation in relevant events in Cyprus
- Participation in events abroad
- Relevant announcements, articles, leaflets, posters etc.



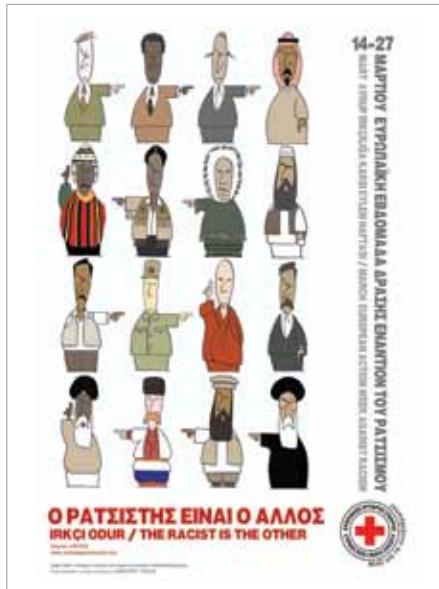
EUROPEAN-WIDE ACTION WEEK AGAINST RACISM

In 1966 the United Nations designated 21 March as the International Day for the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. This came about after the 1960 vicious slaughter of 69 individuals who had marched to protest the racist laws of apartheid in South Africa. Forty five years later, violent behavior and all types of discrimination resulting from racism are still an everyday occurrence. CRCS, taking into consideration the current serious situation which also affects Cyprus, and in cooperation with the **European Network Against Nationalism, Racism, Fascism** and in Support of Migrants and Refugees (UNITED) participated in the European-wide Action Week Against Racism, which was organized from 14 to 21 March 2011. Bias, the main cause of racism, is innate in every one of us. Social racism as a phenomenon is the collective expression of individual racism and for this reason the slogan selected for the 2011 Week was: "**The Racist is the Other**". Currently in Cyprus, getting rid of racism, immoderate nationalism and xenophobia constitute a mandatory necessity.

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CRCS, which during its daily humanitarian work witnesses the repercussions of this unacceptable mentality and behavior, has placed getting rid of racism high up on its list of priorities. Accordingly, a poster was published and an informative leaflet and a film were prepared and distributed. At the same time CRCS has been appealing to everyone to work together and collectively in order to help rid Cyprus of racism.



THE YIANNAKIS AND MARVEL CHRISTOPHIDES HALL

During an event held on Wednesday, 23 February 2011, the Council of the Nicosia Branch announced that as a small gesture of respect and appreciation of all that the couple had offered selflessly over the years to CRCS, the Branch's newly redecorated Meeting Room was renamed the **Yiannakis and Marvel Christophides Hall**.

The event was attended by CRCS Council members, government representatives, members of the Christophides family and representatives from all the Branches and the Youth Section. Statements were made by the President of CRCS Mrs Fotini Papadopoulos, the Acting President of the Nicosia Branch, Mrs Liliaka Christodoulakaki, and, on behalf of the family, by Mrs Niki Anna Artemi. The main speaker was the Vice President of CRCS, Mrs Leda Koursoumba who, inter alia, said: "... Yiannakis and Marvel were very different in character. They did, however, have the same values and principles, ethos and integrity, nobility of soul, kindness and a true love for the other person, they were approachable, in different ways, humble without the slightest need for self promotion..."



Yiannakis served as President of the Nicosia Branch from the early sixties until his appointment as Minister in 1972. During the tragic first days of the Turkish invasion, in the summer of 1974, when CRCS had to face, in a country without an effective government, the ravages of the consequences of the invasion, Yiannakis Christofides who, faithful to democratic principles had distanced himself from the Cabinet, was asked to take over the Presidency of Nicosia Branch again. The noble Yiannakis accepted it without hesitation and stayed for a short time, under especially adverse conditions, until he returned with dignity to his Ministerial duties, after the restoration of the democratic rule. Immediately after, Marvel was asked to assume the leadership of the Nicosia Branch. Marvel's positive response was a gift for the country in total. She remained President for seven years. Yiannakis, after many entreaties, returned as President of the Nicosia Branch in 1988 and stayed for a further decade. Each one separately was honoured by the Council of CRCS, proclaiming them life members and honorary members of the Council. Both of them never ceased to act as most distinguished Red Cross representatives, each in their own way, until their death. At the end of the event, the CRCS Honorary President Mrs Stella Soulioti, together with Mrs Fotini Papadopoulos, President of CRCS, unveiled the commemorative plaque outside the Hall.





CRUISE TO MEDITERRANEAN

CRCS, continuing its recent tradition of organizing annual excursions for its members and friends with visits to Sri Lanka, China and India, organized a cruise. The cruise was organized with the assistance of the Amathus Travel agency, and took place from 23 to 30 September 2011 on the super luxurious cruise ship COSTA CONCORDIA of the Costa Cruises. Twenty-six CRCS members visited six impressive, beautiful and interesting destinations of the Western Mediterranean. The programme started with a flight with Emirates Airline from Larnaca to Valetta in Malta, which was the starting point of the cruise. Every day there was an excursion / visit to a new harbor / city, while every evening the excursionists enjoyed together with the other 4,000 passengers, the many rich and luxurious services and the varied activities offered on board.

First destination was the city of **Palermo in Sicily**, which included an excursion to Agrigento, with its impressive Classical Greek temple ruins, extremely well maintained. It was followed by an all day visit to **Rome**, the eternal city with her innumerable monuments, via the port of **Civitavecchia**. On the third day the ship docked at **Savona in Northern Italy**, and there was an excursion to Genoa. Next in line was a short visit to **Barcelona, Spain**, where the team members admired the Church of Sagrada Familia and other monuments of splendid architecture by Gaudi. The last destination was the cosmopolitan resort of **Mallorca**, which completed the splendid impressions and recollections, with which the Cypriot excursionists returned very enthusiastically back with. On Wednesday, 16 November 2011, CRCS President Fotini Papadopoulos hosted a dinner for the excursionists at her always hospitable home, where they shared photographs from the cruise and talked about the next CRCS excursion to **Mexico**.

CRCS 2011 LUCKY CHARMS

Michalakis Aloupas Jewellers Ltd specially designed, produced and donated to CRCS, 1,500 silver 2011 Lucky Charms. The charms were sold by CRCS at 10 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 9.830,62 Euros.



ACTIVITIES, CAMPAIGNS AND EVENTS



ELEONORA ZUGANELLI CONCERT

A very successful concert by the Greek singer Eleonora Zouganeli was held, on Monday, 9 May 2011, at the Music Scene RED in Nicosia. The net proceeds from the event were donated to the CRCS Home for Sick Children. CRCS extends warmest thanks to the outstanding singer, as well as to sponsors of the event: PETROLINA, GRANDWIND, ERNST & YOUNG, CABLENET, CHAPO, FILEMINDERS, HOLIDAY INN, CYPRUS AIRWAYS, and the Music Scene RED. The Event Communication sponsors were the radio station 'Super FM' and the monthly magazine, 'Cyprus Time Out'.



EMBASSY OF ROMANIA EVENT

The Embassy of Romania in Cyprus organized a fashion show at the Central Offices of the Electricity Authority Cyprus, which took place on Friday, 11 March 2011.

The Embassy had organized a similar show the previous year. The net proceeds from the event, which totaled 1.700 Euros, were in favor of CRCS. The Vice President of CRCS Mrs. Leda Koursoumba delivered a brief welcoming address and thanked the Embassy and its staff for the impeccable organization and the success of the fashion show.

TOY PONIES DONATED TO COMMUNITY KINDERGARTENS

During 2011, CRCS, within its framework of social responsibility, distributed to 18 Community Kindergartens in all the districts of Cyprus, 180 plastic toy ponies for the entertainment of children aged 2 to 5 years old. CRCS volunteers visited the local kindergartens and delivered to the staff and the children the toys that were immediately, thankfully and joyfully accepted. The toys were donated to CRCS by the C. A. Papaellinas & Co Ltd, whom CRCS thanks very warmly.



"PSILA STIS KARDIES MAS" BAGS ARE DONATED

Unused bags of the campaign "Psila stis kardies mas" (Change in our Hearts - a collection campaign of old coins when Cyprus joined the euro zone - 2009) were converted into 1,000 school bags, which were delivered to Ms Marina Shacola and Ms Nopi Telemachou of the Sofia Foundation, to be transported and donated to school children in Kenya.

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FASHION IN RED - MADAME FIGARO AND CRCS

A photographic shoot was organized by Madame Figaro, the women's magazine, and CRCS. The objective was to photograph ten well known ladies of Cyprus, modeling clothes and accessories from various boutiques, jewelers and other companies of the island and publishing them in the magazine. The proceeds were used for the Home for Sick Children. The project was very successful and €8.900 (donations of the participating boutiques and jewellery shops) were collected. CRCS expresses sincere thanks to all who contributed to the success of the project, particularly to those that contributed financially: the boutiques Amicci, Cube, Cara, Exclusive, Max Mara, Must, Prova, Splash and Tiffany, the jewellery shops and designers Dibits, D.T., Lygia Stamatou, Marina Theodoridou and Michalakis Aloupas Ltd, and the companies L' Oreal Professional, Christian Xenon, Guizepppe Zannotti and Vassos Eliades Accessories.



CHARITY FASHION SHOW

On Wednesday, 8 June 2011, Mrs. Maro Efstathiadou hosted at her residence the fashion show of the Cypriot designer Tota Patsalidou, organized by the Youth Section. "The Youth Section" said the CRCS President Fotini Papadopoulos, "has provided the society with hundreds of volunteers. It has nurtured many generations of volunteers working diligently in order to instill in the new generation a consciousness of volunteering so that volunteering becomes a way of life and not an imposed activity." The collection of Tota Patsalidou was based on the idea of Lola of the Copacabana song.

The designer dedicated her collection to the memory of a very dear friend of hers, who had passed away just recently after a very short and painful battle with cancer. The fashion show was a memorial.



DINNER IN HONOR OF CRCS DONORS

CRCS regularly expresses its gratitude and thanks to all the individuals and companies that support its humanitarian work. The latest of the series was the dinner hosted on Wednesday, 29 June 2011, at the residence of the CRCS President Fotini Papadopoulos, during which major donors were recognized and honored with the presentation of plaques, as follows:

- The Ministry of Health, the commemorative plaque of which was received by H.E. Mr. Christos Patsalides, the Minister.
- The Radiomarathonios Foundation (a charity foundation), received by its President Elsi Christofia
- The Civil Defence, received by its Governor Maria Papa
- The Farmakas Quarries, received by Mr George Pipis
- The A Panayides Contracting Public Ltd, received by Mr Vangelis Georgiou
- The pharmaceutical company Remedica, received by Mr Andreas Hadjipanayi
- The MPM Eurocars Ltd, received by Mr Antonis Michaelides

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LINA NIKOLAKOPOULOU AND THREE HIGH CALIBRE EVENTS

The Greek songwriter Lina Nikolakopoulou offered to help raise funds for the CRCS' Home for Sick Children (Home). For this very worthy cause she presented a series of discussions and musical quests, entitled "**One More Reason**", together with the poet Titos Patrikios and the writer Ioanna Karystiani Voulgaris. The following musicians from Cyprus and Greece also took part in the events: Margarita Zormbala, Costas Thomaides, Savvas Savva and the Marionettes band. The series of events "One More Reason" were very successful, with net proceeds amounting to 9,680 Euros, all donated for the needs of the Home for Sick Children. The series were held between 31 May to 4 June 2011 at the Caves of the Acropolis Park in Nicosia. Another series of events was organized from 29 to 30 of October 2011. In addition to Lina Nicolacopoulou, the participants were Maria Efthymiou, a historian, Lena Divani, a historian and a writer, the singer Argyro Kaparou and other musicians from Cyprus and Greece. The second series "One More Reason" was held at the Nicosia Municipality Cultural Centre at Famagusta Gate.

The Mayor of the city Eleni Mavrou delivered a welcoming address. CRCS expresses warm thanks to the organizers, the participating writers and artists, as well as the strategic sponsor of the series, OPAP (Cyprus) Ltd. The net proceeds from the event amounted to 7.871 Euros and were donated to the Home, as was the case with the proceeds of the previous event. The initiative for all the series was taken by Mrs Stephania Parpa, a Greek language and Literature secondary education teacher, who was also responsible for the organization of the series.

FINDING AND RECONNECTING A MISSING WOMAN FROM TURKEY WITH HER FAMILY

Through the German Red Cross (GRC), the International Tracing and Family Message Service Unit contacted CRCS with the request to help locate Mrs Vildan Nalan Cakir, a Turkish national who was sought by her sister, Mrs Oksan Cakir, a permanent resident in Germany. Mrs Vildan Nalan Cakir, a 47 year old woman, had no contact with her family for six months while she was in Mersin, Turkey. The last information that her family had was that she intended to come to Cyprus to look for work. Since then she had given no sign of life, she had not answered her telephone and her sister had urgently asked for the help of the Red Cross in finding her, because being a cancer patient, Mrs Oksan Cakir was worried that her sister might not be feeling well, might have even been admitted to hospital for treatment or that she might in general be in need of help. CRCS, through friends and associates that stay in the occupied part of Cyprus was able to immediately locate the lady, talk to her and ascertain that she was in good health, and brought her in direct contact with her sister as well as through the GRC, staying once more true to its slogan Humanity has no borders!

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NICOSIA BRANCH

Throughout 2011, the CRCS Nicosia Branch continued its traditional humanitarian activities despite all the consequences of the economic recession which needed to be overcome. In 2011, the Nicosia Branch had **1030 members and volunteers** who were always committed to their humanitarian work and continued to support the vulnerable people trying to alleviate the human suffering. In addition to the Branch's activities, volunteers supported all the campaigns organized by the Headquarter Committees in an effort to comply with the policies and the trends of the Movement.

ENCLAVED PEOPLE

The Branch helped in the provision of assistance to the enclaved people, visiting the free areas of Cyprus and offered meals to those visiting the CRCS premises in Nicosia.

HUMANITARIAN AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Branch offered in kind humanitarian assistance to individuals and families, such as food, clothing, footwear, food and diapers to children, second hand house equipment etc. This effort was particularly intensified over Christmas and Easter period; more than **400 families** were helped by the Branch, at a total cost of 44.621 Euros. In many cases, financial assistance was also provided to students and other individuals and families in need. Furthermore, the Branch always participated by contributing to the appeals of the Movement to alleviate the suffering of victims of various disasters. The total amount spent for the said purposes amounted to 8.100 Euros.



HOME VISIT SCHEME

During 2011, the Branch organized groups of volunteers to visit families, hospitals and homes for the elderly.

The main target of the home visits scheme was to provide food, clothing and footwear to individuals in need, as well as psychosocial support to the lonely, the poor and the disabled people. The Branch also arranged visits to prisons.

MEDICAL AID

The Branch covered the travelling expenses and part of the medical expenses for individuals who required emergency medical treatment abroad. Furthermore, the Branch provided financial assistance to individuals with financial difficulties during their recovery period.

WHEELCHAIR AND MOBILITY EQUIPMENT SCHEME

The provision of wheelchairs and mobility equipment to poor and disabled individuals, free of charge, continued successfully. Wheelchairs were also offered for rental to the public at a very low cost for limited periods of time. The wheelchair scheme was considered to be quite successful since it provided a secured income to the Branch while at the same time reinforced its humanitarian image to the public. During 2011, the Branch offered a total of **252 wheelchairs**.

SUPPORT SCHEME TO MIGRANTS

Pursuant to the decisions and new policies of the Movement regarding the humanitarian assistance to the vulnerable migrants, a group of volunteers arranged monthly visits to the Reception Centre for Asylum Seekers in Kofinou in an effort to provide humanitarian assistance. In addition, in 2011 a group of volunteers was especially recruited in order to pay home visits to migrants who were really in a very difficult and critical situation. Furthermore, the Branch continued its successful "humanitarian support scheme" by supporting vulnerable migrants at its premises in Nicosia. Large numbers of refugees, migrants and asylum seekers visited the Branch, twice a week, and received food and clothing. In some emergency cases, medical support was also provided.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

During 2011, the major annual fundraising activities of the Branch were also successful and generated considerable income to the Branch - specifically, the Annual Barbeque Party, which was held in collaboration with the Grammar School, the "Special Offers" Bazaar, which was held at

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the premises of the CRCS Headquarters, the organization of Marsia Thrasivoulou beachwear Fashion Show at the Lemon Park, as well as the major fundraising campaign of the CRCS, the Pan Cyprian "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.



DISASTER MANAGEMENT PREPAREDNESS

The Branch, in cooperation with the Kyrenia Branch and the Youth Section, assisted with the organization of the newly constructed Disaster Management Warehouse in Nicosia for better preparedness in case of emergency.

Teams of volunteers from all over Cyprus, including volunteers from the Nicosia Branch, went to the site of the disaster in the naval base "Evangelos Florakis" in Mari offering on-site assistance, at hospitals and blood collection centers and providing psychosocial support to the families of the victims.

BLOOD DONATION

The Branch provided assistance to the blood donation ceremony held during the opening of the Pan Cyprian "Door to Door" annual fundraising campaign in May 2011. The Branch also participated in blood donation activities that were held at the premises of other organizations.

LIMASSOL BRANCH

During 2011, the CRCS Limassol Branch had **350 members and volunteers** and continued its resourceful contribution to alleviate the suffering of vulnerable people in Limassol and surrounding areas. In addition to providing assistance, the Branch participated in several activities and campaigns organized by the Headquarter Committees in an effort to comply with the policies and the trends of the Movement.

HOME VISIT SCHEME

Throughout 2011, groups of volunteers visited families, hospitals and homes for the elderly. This effort was particularly intensified over Christmas and Easter periods when baskets of food, clothing and toys were provided to **1318 families and individuals** in Limassol and surrounding areas.

WHEELCHAIR AND MOBILITY EQUIPMENT SCHEME

Provision of wheelchairs and other mobility equipment to poor and disabled people was free of charge. Through this scheme, wheelchairs were also offered for rental to the public at a very low cost for a limited period of time. The Branch offered **60 wheelchairs** and **22 items of mobility equipment** to individuals.

HUMANITARIAN AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

On a daily basis the Branch continued to provide assistance to individuals and families in need. Specifically, the Branch offered sheets, blankets, shirts, toys and food to **564 families and individuals** in Limassol. The Branch offered breakfast to **105 students** in Limassol throughout the year. In many cases, financial assistance was also provided to students and other individuals in need.

During 2011, assistance was also provided to students in Rizokarpaso occupied area. Additionally, at its premises the Branch continued supporting vulnerable migrants, asylum seekers and refugees by providing food, clothing and footwear. The Branch offered 150 packages containing clothing, food and blankets, which were sent to families and individuals in Greece, with the assistance of an organization in Limassol. The Branch also contributed to the appeals of the Movement to alleviate the suffering of victims of various disasters. The total amount spent for the said purposes amounted to 11,948.00 Euros.

FUNDRAISING AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

During 2011, the major annual fundraising activities of the Branch were successful and generated considerable income to the Branch. Specifically, the Branch organized a fundraising Fashion Show at Four Seasons Hotel with the cooperation of Grammar School in Limassol and the participation of well-known shops. The major fundraising campaign was the Pan Cyprian "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.



BLOOD DONATION

Of particular importance was the blood donation programme that has been taken place continuously since 1969. The Branch members and volunteers provided assistance during the blood donation ceremonies. The Branch issued certificates, blood donation cards and awards to all the blood donors. During 2011, around **2500 bags (units) of blood** were collected and offered to the Blood Center of the General Hospital of Limassol.



MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Throughout the year 2011, the Branch provided assistance to the General hospital in Limassol. Specifically, the Branch donated medical and other equipment to several departments of the hospital, and wheelchairs to the First Aid department, at a total cost of 10.392 Euros.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

During 2011, the Branch participated in the Road Safety campaign organized by the CRCS Headquarters and distributed, with the assistance of the Police force, disposable alcohol testers to drivers in Limassol.

LIMASSOL NEW BUILDING

After many efforts to find new premises to house the Branch, a house was found on Ayias Philaxeos street, in the centre of the city of Limassol. During the end of 2011 the Branch started moving to its new premises; the move was expected to be completed by the beginning of 2012.

FAMAGUSTA BRANCH

Following its displacement from Famagusta in 1974, the Branch moved its quarters to Larnaca. In 2011, the Branch had more than **327 members and volunteers who**, despite the unfavorable conditions, continued to provide humanitarian assistance to people 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 Headquarter Committees in an effort to comply with the policies and the trends of the Movement.

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, implemented monthly visits to poor families. The visits intensified during the Christmas and Easter periods when baskets of food, clothing and toys were provided to **907 individuals and families** in Larnaca and unoccupied Famagusta district. The total amount spent for the said purposes amounted to 18.399 Euros.

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WHEELCHAIR SCHEME

Provision of wheelchairs to poor and disabled individuals was free of charge. Through this scheme, wheelchairs were also offered for rental to the public at a very low cost for a limited period of time. The Branch offered **17 wheelchairs**.

MEDICAL AID

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

HUMANITARIAN AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Branch provided baskets to individuals and families in Larnaca and unoccupied Famagusta district. This effort was intensified during the Christmas and Easter periods when baskets of food and clothing were offered to **193 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 Branch also contributed to the appeals of the Movement to alleviate the suffering of victims of various disasters. The total amount spent for the said purposes amounted to 24.627 Euros.

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

Throughout 2011, 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 Pan Cyprian "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

In May 2011, in connection with the Road Safety campaign, the Branch distributed disposable alcohol testers to drivers at the Famagusta district.

The Branch offered humanitarian assistance in kind to the refugees arriving from Egypt to Cyprus in February 2011. Volunteers of the Branch, in cooperation with volunteers of the Larnaca Branch, ran the humanitarian kiosk at the Larnaca airport and offered food and beverages to individuals.

LARNACA BRANCH

In 2011, the Larnaca Branch had **300 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 Headquarter Committees in an effort to comply with the policies and the trends of the Movement.

HUMANITARIAN AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

In addition, the Branch organized humanitarian activities, including help for underprivileged families, children with special needs and provision of monthly meals for **11 poor students** in secondary schools. In many cases the Branch provided financial assistance to vulnerable families and individuals. Furthermore, at its premises the Branch continued supporting vulnerable migrants, asylum seekers and refugees, providing food, clothing and footwear.

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The Branch arranged visits to the Reception Centre for Asylum Seekers in Onisilos Centre in Larnaca in an effort to provide humanitarian assistance. The Branch also contributed to the appeals of the Movement to alleviate the suffering of victims of various disasters. The total amount spent for the said purposes amounted to 5,889.00 Euros.

HOME VISIT SCHEME

During the year, the Branch members and volunteers arranged visits to kindergartens and schools, homes for the elderly, children's homes and homes 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 provided to **296 families and individuals** in Larnaca and surrounding areas.

MEDICAL AID

Financial assistance was provided to individuals with financial difficulties to cover part of their medical equipment expenses during their recovery period.

WHEELCHAIR AND MOBILITY EQUIPMENT SCHEME

Provision of wheelchairs and mobility equipment to poor and disabled people was free of charge. Through this scheme, wheelchairs were also offered for rental to the public at a very low cost for a limited period of time. The Branch offered **45 wheelchairs and mobility equipment**.

BLOOD DONATION

During 2011, the Branch in cooperation with the American Academy school in Larnaca, organized blood donation events, with 40 student participants. The Branch issued certificates and awards to all blood donors.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT PREPAREDNESS

Due to the proximity of the Branch to the Larnaca Port and Airport, the Branch participated in several exercises in collaboration with the CRCS Disaster Management Committee and Civil Defense. These exercises were aimed at coping with emergency situations; the one called "Engelados" was an exercise concerning rescue and support efforts in the event of an earthquake, and the other, "Argonaftis", was a military exercise.



The Branch helped manning on a 24-hour basis the welcoming Reception Kiosk at the Larnaca International Airport that was set up to provide assistance to refugees arriving in Cyprus from Egypt. The Branch also helped in providing food and beverages, clothing and access to telephone, accommodation and food to 25 persons, including members of large families, and to the elderly who remained in Cyprus from 2 - 8 days.

Teams of volunteers from all over Cyprus, including Larnaca Branch, went to the site of the disaster at the naval base "Evangelos Florakis" in Mari offering on-site assistance, at hospitals and blood collection centres, and providing psychosocial support to the families of the victims.

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

During 2011, the major annual fundraising activities of the Branch were successful and generated considerable income to the Branch, specifically, the organization of a fundraising Christmas tea party, as well as the major fundraising campaign of the CRCS, the Pan Cyprian "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 President of the Branch was the keynote speaker of the event on Volunteerism, organized by the Association of Women in Rural Areas, held on the occasion of the International Women's Day in March.

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Utilizing the donations received in memory of the husband of the President of the Branch, the Branch continued offering three year scholarships (2010 – 2012) to three African African students at the Orthodox Church School of the Archbishopric of Kenya.

The Branch participated in the Road Safety campaign of the CRCS, by distributing disposable alcohol testers to drivers in Larnaca, in cooperation with the Larnaca Traffic Department.

PAPHOS BRANCH

In 2011, the Branch had **250 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 many cases, financial assistance was also provided to students, other individuals and families in need. Additionally, at its premises the Branch continued supporting vulnerable migrants, asylum seekers and refugees, providing food, clothing and footwear. Furthermore, due to the prevailing economic crisis, financial assistance and food was also provided to Cypriot families in need.

The Branch also contributed to the appeals of the Movement to alleviate the suffering of victims of various disasters. The total amount spent for the said purposes amounted to 8,515.00 Euros.

HOME VISIT SCHEME

The Branch has a home visiting programme, which includes kindergartens and schools, children's homes, homes for the elderly, homes 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 provided to **190 families and individuals** in Paphos and surrounding areas.

WHEELCHAIR SCHEME

Provision of wheelchairs to poor and disabled people was free of charge. Through this scheme, wheelchairs were also offered for rental to the public at a very low cost for a limited period of time. The Branch offered **15 wheelchairs**.

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

During 2011 the major annual fundraising activities of the Branch were successful and generated considerable income to the Branch, like the major fundraising campaign of the CRCS, the Pan Cyprian "Door to Door" Collection, the "Tea Gala" in October and the Christmas bazaar. 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

On June 4, 2011 the new premises of the Paphos Branch were inaugurated. The new premises were built thanks to the generous contributions of His Beatitude the Archbishop of Cyprus Chrysostomos II and Mr Theodoros Aristodimou, as well as additional donations received from the Bank of Cyprus, the "Off To A Tee" company, and the Paphos Branch itself.

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KYRENIA BRANCH

Despite its “displaced” status, the highly active Kyrenia Branch had **324 members and volunteers** in 2011, whose enthusiasm and initiative responded successfully to the humanitarian needs of the displaced people of Kyrenia that live around the island. The Branch was also an active participant in all CRCS activities and campaigns organized by the Headquarter Committees in an effort to comply with the policies and the trends of the Movement.

HUMANITARIAN AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Branch provided in kind assistance to hundreds of individuals and paid for medical expenses for individuals requiring medical treatment. In some cases, financial assistance was also provided to students and other individuals in need. Additionally, at its premises the Branch continued supporting vulnerable migrants, providing food, clothing and footwear. The Branch also contributed to the appeals of the Movement to alleviate the suffering of victims of various disasters. The Branch provided assistance to more than **1000 individuals and families** throughout the island. The total amount spent for the said purposes amounted to 22,899.00 Euros.

HOME VISIT SCHEME

The Branch has a home visiting programme which includes kindergartens and schools, children’s homes and homes for the elderly, homes for individuals with special needs, shelters and other institutions. The visits intensified during the Christmas and Easter periods when baskets of food, clothing and toys were provided to families and individuals.

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

During 2011 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 Pan Cyprian “Door to Door” Collection, and a Christmas Bazaar at “Eleftherias” Square in Nicosia. 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.

DISASTER MANAGEMENT PREPAREDNESS

In February 2011, the Branch helped in the in kind humanitarian assistance provided to refugees arriving from Egypt to Cyprus in Larnaca airport and offered food and beverages to individuals and families.

Teams of volunteers from all over Cyprus, including volunteers from the Kyrenia Branch, went to the site of the disaster at the naval base “Evangelos Florakis” in Mari, offering on-site assistance, at hospitals and blood collection centers, as well as providing psychosocial support to the families of the victims.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

The Branch organized an excursion for the elderly from Kyrenia to Panayia Asinou. In addition, the Branch participated in the Road Safety campaign of the CRCS by distributing disposable alcohol testers to drivers in Nicosia.

A member of the Branch was the coordinator of the European Programme “Positive Images” that started in 2010 and continued throughout 2011.

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, in 2011, jointly given by the Branch and the CRCS Youth Section.



YOUTH SECTION ACTIVITIES

In 2011, the Youth Section had **3000 members and volunteers** who continued to disperse significant humanitarian assistance, as well as training other young people. The Youth Section has district sections around the island: Nicosia-Morfou-Kyrenia, Limassol, Famagusta, Larnaca and Paphos Youth Sections.

Amongst others, the Youth Section organized blood donations, visited special schools, organized tree planting, speeches and conferences at schools. It also organized entertainment for special needs schools, old people's homes and other organizations. The Youth Section made donations to young people and their families in need, as well as to individuals who required medical treatment abroad. The Youth Section participated successfully in the Pan Cyprian "Door to Door" collection, as well as in other activities and campaigns. It participated in various CRCS committees and thus contributed to the fulfillment of the Society's objectives. In order to strengthen its financial resources, the Youth Section organized the traditional Christmas Bazaar, distributed lottery tickets with prizes, offered a scholarship from Frederick University and other presents, organized charity tea parties and other events. It also contributed to the appeals of the Movement to alleviate the suffering of victims of various disasters.



27TH PANCYPRIAN CONFERENCE "VOLUNTEERISM THROUGH THE RED CROSS PRINCIPLES"

The 27th CRCS (Cyprus Red Cross Society) Youth Section Pancyprian Conference, which was held on Sunday, 3 of April 2011, at the Marfin Laiki Sporting Club in Nicosia, was a great success. The subject of the Conference was: "**Volunteerism through the Red Cross Principles**". Two hundred and fifty students, representatives from all the schools in Cyprus, who are Red Cross volunteers and members of the CRCS Youth Section, participated in the Conference.

The Conference was held under the auspices of the CRCS President Mrs Fotini Papadopoulos. The Conference was honoured by the presence of the representatives from the Ministry of Education and Culture and other organisations. The Conference was opened by Dr Zena Poulli, Director of the Secondary Education, Ministry of Education and Culture. Mrs Aleka Gravari - Preka, a famous journalist in Cyprus and abroad, a volunteer of the RC, was the main presenter of the Conference. After the opening of the Conference, the students were divided into groups and discussed the subject.

The conclusions that were drawn from the Conference revealed the maturity of today's youth in Cyprus with regard to volunteerism that targets the prevailing social alienation. The CRCS Youth Section is the link that connects the Red Cross young volunteers of Cyprus with the Red Cross young volunteers of the world.

It promotes through volunteerism their participation in the Red Cross common effort for the improvement of health, the establishment and promotion of international friendships, the alleviation of pain and misery, as well as the promotion and the strengthening of solidarity and collaboration without any discrimination as to race, gender, age, social position, religion or politics.



26TH ANNUAL YOUTH SECTION SUMMER CAMP AT LEMITHOU

The year 2011 was the 26th year that the Youth Section of CRCS held its summer camp at the premises of the Mitsis Commercial School in Lemithou – held from 5 to 12 July 2011, with 45 student participants from secondary schools from all over Cyprus, members of the CRCS Youth Section. The programme included, among others, various educational, environmental and recreational activities, which were organized by a committee comprised of CRCS members and volunteers. It also included lectures on the various objectives and statutes of RC/RC, on health, family planning, volunteerism and others that were presented by the organizers of the camp and visiting speakers. A conducted tour in the village, excursions, visits to the regional museums, evenings of entertainment and other activities were also offered to the participants. During the last evening, the boys and girls presented a varied artistic programme, which was attended by the Lemithou community authorities and residents. Furthermore, the Vice-president and Director General of CRCS, respectively, Mrs Leda Koursoumba and Mr. Takis Neophytou, and the President of the Youth Section, Mrs Despo Frederickou, awarded to the participants with attendance diplomas. CRCS and the Youth Section express their sincere thanks for the very warm hospitality offered by the Lemithou community, the Mitsis Commercial School management, the sponsors and the volunteers that had prepared the programme and manned the camp, helping to continue a very valuable activity that has been taking place with great success for the past 26 years.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION

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In 2011, the CRCS website and the quarterly Newsletter "Our World" (*O Kosmos mas*), remained the two basic communication tools, through which the CRCS remained in contact with thousands of members, volunteers and friends in Cyprus and abroad. Furthermore, several campaigns were organized by the CRCS, including: Media Relations activities (radio and TV interviews, press releases, public speeches); Advertising (TV, print ads) and other promotional materials such as a presentation in Greek and English on the work of CRCS and desk calendars. The CRCS also expanded its activities into social media via the Cyprus Red Cross Society Group on Facebook.

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER "OUR WORLD" (*O KOSMOS MAS*)

CRCS continues to issue the **CRCS Newsletter "Our World" (*O Kosmos mas*)**, which constitutes a milestone in our communications policy. It opens up a window of communication with CRCS executives, members, volunteers and with friends and CRCS collaborators. At the same time it constitutes another step and link in the chain which binds together all those espousing the Red Cross principles and values. The Newsletter is published every three months in Greek and in English. The Newsletter which is both in print and electronic form, in spite of its limited number of pages, contains a lot of interesting material, with a large number of photographs and articles, all of which are informative on the work and activities of CRCS. It is mailed free of charge to CRCS executives, members, volunteers, friends and CRCS collaborators. It is sent by mail and in electronic form and is also posted on the CRCS website (www.redcross.org.cy) which makes it accessible overseas as well.



MONTHLY DIARY OF EVENTS

In 2011 the CRCS continued its initiative to prepare 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 Youth Section and the Home for Disabled Children, informing them on the upcoming events of the month.

WEBSITE

A major accomplishment of the CRCS in the field of information and communication was the creation of the Society's website (2007): www.redcross.org.cy. The website, which was originally prepared in two languages, Greek and English, 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, something we have been able to manage regularly. The second important achievement (May 2008) was that, the information on the website was also made available in Turkish, enabling our Turkish Cypriot compatriots to receive information on the CRCS in their own language.



DESK CALENDARS

In December 2011, a large number of 2012 Desk Calendars were printed both in Greek and English languages, promoting the **European Year of Active Ageing and Solidarity between the Generations 2012**. 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 the MTN Company Ltd.

CRCS - MARKETWAY/PUBLICIS COLLABORATION CONTINUATION

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 all the members of the staff for their generous and valuable assistance and support in promoting successfully the CRCS programmes and humanitarian work.

The overall financial position of the CRCS for 2011 was satisfactory bearing in mind the adverse economic conditions that prevailed in the country during the year. The CRCS activities were funded exclusively from donations and fundraising events and the year closed with a surplus of income over Expenditure. The CRCS Headquarters, which used to be financed in the past almost entirely by the financial assistance received from the United Nations agencies and programmes, in 2011 had to rely almost exclusively on their own financial resources, which included contributions from the Branches and the Youth Section, as the financial assistance from the UN agencies and programmes had been reduced to a token amount. In 2011, the CRCS Home for Sick Children was supported again by the annual subvention from the Cyprus Government, which together with funds from other donations covered its total expenditure. The financial results of the Branches and the Youth Section varied from unit to unit. In total, however, all the units together had a comfortable surplus for the year.

CRCS PERSONNEL

Although the 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 contribution of CRCS Staff. As with prior years, in 2011 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
Field Officer - Patricia Nicolaou (until February 2011)
Administration Officer - Androulla Angelidou
Administration Officer - Neophyta Christodolou
Messenger/ Driver - Sofoklis Sofokleous
Cleaner - Vasiliki Michael

Nicosia Branch:

Administration Officer - Eleni Panayiotou
Messenger/Driver - Andreas Paraskeva

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 - Lenia Michaelidou
Administration Officer – Andrea Loizou (from July 2011)

Red Cross Home for Sick Children:

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

CRC'S 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 UNDP-ACT, a position previously held by Mrs. Stella Soulioti, Honorary President of the Society. Mrs. Koursoumba continued during 2011 to sign on behalf of the President of the Republic of Cyprus all the UNDP-ACT bi-communal programmes that concerned the Government.

MEMBERSHIP FEE

The CRC's annual membership fee is 10 Euros.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE PAPHOS BRANCH BUILDING

On Saturday 4 June, the new premises of the Paphos Branch of the CRC's were inaugurated. The new Paphos Branch building was built thanks to the generous contributions of His Beatitude the Archbishop of Cyprus Chrysostomos II and Mr. Theodoros Aristodimou, Chairman of the Board of the Bank of Cyprus, as well as additional donations received from the Bank of Cyprus, the "Off to a Tee" organization, and the Paphos Branch itself. The inaugural ceremony was



attended by many individuals from the political and financial sectors of Paphos and the whole of the island, as well as by representatives from all the CRC's Branches and the Youth Section. Speeches at the inaugural ceremony were delivered, among others, by Mrs. Fotini Papadopoulos, the CRC's President, His Beatitude the Archbishop of Cyprus and Mr. Aristodimou.

LIMASSOL BRANCH MOVES PREMISES

After many efforts to find new premises to house the Limassol Branch, a house was found on Ayias Philaxeos street, in the centre of the city of Limassol. The purchase of the house was approved by the CRC's Executive Committee. The initial plan was to build new premises. The need for new premises had risen out of necessity. TEPAK, the Cyprus University of Technology, needed to expand its premises and thus wanted to take over the area where the Limassol Branch premises were located. CRC's secured the commitment of TEPAK to compensate CRC's with 160.000 Euros.



EXPRESSION OF THANKS

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The present Annual Report has set out to present the efforts and achievements of the CRCS in 2011. Therefore, we cannot help but express our warm and sincere thanks to all persons and organizations whose commitment, efforts, enthusiasm and generosity contributed to a very successful year.

TO MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS

We wish to convey our respect, appreciation and love to all members and volunteers who joined forces with millions of Red Cross members and volunteers around 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 and grateful thanks are due to all public and private companies and individuals that generously expressed their support of the CRCS through monetary donations, the provision of goods and services and other forms of assistance. Special thanks goes to all sponsors, both large and small: Anastasios Leventis Foundation; Alphamega Supermarkets; A. Panayides Contracting Ltd; Pharmakas Quarries Ltd; Radiomarathonios Foundation for Children with Special Needs, GCC-lacovou JV, P.C. Splash Water Ltd; Marketway/Publicis; Lanitis Bros Ltd; Four Seasons Hotel; Grecian Hotel Enterprises Ltd; Remedica; CYTA; MTN; Marfin Popular Bank; Bank of Cyprus; Archbishop of Cyprus Chrysostomos II; Theodoros Aristodemou; The Phileleftheros Group; Lumiere; CBC; MEGA; ANT1; SIGMA and CNC Plus 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 CYPRUS GOVERNMENT

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, whose assistance in emergency situations, cooperation in meeting the needs of vulnerable social groups and their general support of the CRCS' humanitarian efforts have proven to be invaluable.

Thank you.

VISION

To establish the Cyprus Red Cross Society as the leading humanitarian organization in Cyprus to which people will want to contribute and which will attract persons of all ages and backgrounds for volunteer service.

MISSION

The Cyprus Red Cross Society, a humanitarian organization led by volunteers and guided by the Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and its own Statutes, is fully committed to prevent and alleviate human suffering and supports individuals and communities to be prepared for and respond to emergencies globally, in times of peace and war, without any discrimination as to race, gender, age, language, social status, religion and/ or politics.

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- > Humanity**
- > Impartiality**
- > Neutrality**
- > Independence**
- > Universality**
- > Unity**
- > Voluntary Service**

TOGETHER FOR HUMANITY!



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