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The Childhood Cancer Fund 'Rugutė' was established in 2004 by Edita and Dainoras Abrukauskai after losing their three-year-old daughter Rugilė to cancer. The encounter with daughter's illness, the existing situation in health care system and lack of information about oncological illnesses were the factors that encouraged to share the experience and help families afflicted with childhood cancer. For more than 15 years the fund has been providing financial, medical, psychological support as well as necessary information for children with oncological illnesses. The fund also supports the medical facilities, in which the children are treated, acquires legal, social, medical information, necessary for the families afflicted with childhood cancer and encourages sense of togetherness and sharing the daily struggles. The fund runs various social projects, initiates or sponsors charity events in order to increase the quality of cancer treatment.

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MORE EFFECTIVE TREATMENT

For fourteen years the fund's main goal has been a close collaboration with the doctors to ensure a more advance treatment for the children. We chose this goal because of our experience and hardships during the treatment of our own daughter. We are confident that the new generation of medication, genetic research, ability to participate in clinical trials, more advance nursing and medical devices mean higher survival rates and long-term remission.

The importance of appropriate medication is praised by one of the doctors in a letter we got after helping acquire a new generation of anti-nausea medication: "Thank you so much for purchasing the anti-nausea medication for us. My patient, who threw up twenty times during the recent course of chemotherapy, is no longer feeling nauseous, but also eats and smiles. This brings joy to the mother and to the doctors. Sincerely, thank you."

AID IN MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

We aim that the youngest patients undergoing the treatment in Children's Hospital, Affiliate of Vilnius University Hospital Santaros Klinikos Onco-Hematology Centre and Children's Hospital Onco-Hematology Centre in Kaunas, would get the most modern treatment and nursing equipment to facilitate the work of doctors and nurses. We can expect the best results only by providing the best means of treatment.



RENOVATION OF WARDS

By the year 2019 we have already contributed 30 thousand euros to the renovation of wards in Children's Hospital, Affiliate of Vilnius University Hospital Santaros Klinikos Onco-Hematology Centre. During the course of treatment, the hospitals become the second home for the children. That is why we strive to make it as cozy as possible so that the patient and the caring person could comfortably perform certain procedures, rest and enjoy home-cooked food. Currently eight wards still need renovation, each containing two young patients.

CHARITY FOR FAMILIES

When a child gets diagnosed with an oncological illness, the family's financial situation changes: income is dramatically reduced and the expenses skyrocket. During the hospitalization, one of the parents has to take care of the child in the hospital and cannot stay employed. Other members of the family try to spend as much time as possible with the child. On such occasions when the family lives far from the city where the hospital is located, the travelling expenses increase dramatically. Hospital meals are given only to the patient, therefore a family member taking care of the child has to eat at their own expense. The treatment of oncological illnesses with cytotoxic drugs often have strong side effects and the medications to alleviate those effects are not always reimbursed by the state. Various nursing materials and accessories are also often purchased at the family's own expense.

'RUGUTĖ'S HOME'

The aim of Rugutė's Home is to provide free accommodation for the children and their families suffering from an oncological illness.

The fund, being close to Vilnius Children's Hospital strives to provide a comfortable and cozy stay for the children, allowing them to take a break from the difficult treatment and hospitals.

A quick break with the family brings back the feeling of security and protects the family against separation and losing the sense of togetherness. Rugutė's home provides the accommodation not only for the family members arriving from distant towns, but also for those taking care of the little patients in hospitals during the day.

LET'S BE TOGETHER FOR THE CHILDREN

This brochure contains only a small part of projects run by 'Rugutė' fund. The support and charity provided over 15 years of activity exceeds over 2 million euros. This sum allowed numerous families to meet the needs of their children during the illness; from small gifts to wipe the tears after procedures, to surgeries done in foreign clinics, payments for genetic research and ward renovations.

It is impossible to fit everything into one brochure, therefore we invite you to come for a chat, be with 'Rugutė', join our activities and initiatives. We appreciate your understanding and love.

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