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**FREDRIK RAGMARK** Group Chief Executive Officer

## Dear Friends,

Time flies and it is again my privilege to write a few introductory words to the 2015 Medicover Foundation activity report. It has been another very busy year for the Foundation, and you will read about many of this year's activities in the following pages.

Medicover was founded on a strong set of values, and the activities carried out by the Foundation make those values tangible. In the late 1990's, when Medicover was less than five percent of its current size, we defined our operating principles to emphasize that Medicover would be "part of the local community and recognized for taking a social responsibility". That aspiration is as true today as it was then.

The third operational year of our most significant project so far, the PoZdro project in Poland, has continued our pioneering efforts to raise awareness amongst teenagers and their families of the importance of a healthy lifestyle. I have said this before, but knowing that we will help more than one thousand young Poles avoid developing chronic diseases such as Diabetes Type 2, and will help educate tens of thousands of others to live healthier lives, makes me feel tremendously proud. I hope that we will soon expand this ground-breaking initiative to many more people.

2015 saw Medicover Group's 20th Anniversary celebration, which took place in Sweden. One of the highlights was the arrival in Stockholm of the cyclists participating in the 2015 Tour Against Diabetes, who started in Zakopane some 8 days earlier and 1000+ kilometres to the south. What a great show of spirit, determination and team work! As I write these words, I am preparing, with a few of my Medicover Group colleagues, to join the final stretch of the 2016 bicycle tour, from Malbork to Gdynia, something I am personally looking forward to very much.

I would like to finish these introductory lines by thanking and recognizing the Medicover Foundation leadership team, under the stewardship of Marcin Radziwiłł, for their fantastic enthusiasm, drive and energy, and being such great ambassadors for the Medicover Group.

"Each of us has something that we may give to others" – these words define our idea of work and summarize well the Medicover Foundation's past year of activity.

As in previous years, 2015 demonstrated that our employees and volunteers have much to give. They eagerly and enthusiastically engaged in many new activities and initiatives aimed at providing aid and support to people in need, as well as educating many others to the importance of adopting a healthy lifestyle through sharing their knowledge and experience. A constantly increasing number of projects, affecting an ever-growing number of people and institutions, proves that our work is appreciated and, most of all, is needed. In this Report we present our projects accomplished in 2015, and we show in a nutshell the effects of our work both within our boarders and abroad. It would not have been possible without the support and devotion of our community partners and all the Medicover Group companies and staff. I am glad and proud that acting together we managed to achieve our goals, and the sincere involvement of our team allows us to look boldly into the future to plan more exciting and worthy projects.

I hope that when we meet in the same place next year, we could agree again that we have something to give to others.



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MARCIN RADZIWIŁŁ President of the Medicover Foundation

# FOUNDATION THE MEDICOVER FOUNDATION FOUNDATION



## The mission

In 2007, in order to fulfill its social mission, the Medicover Group established the Medicover Foundation "to convince children, young people and adults that by making the right choices on a daily basis, they can make a real impact on their physical and mental well-being". The Foundation relies on the vast medical experience of the Medicover Group to design and implement its activities, all of which aim to improve the health and increase awareness of people in the communities it serves.

The Foundation's aims include the support of people in its communities who are in need, and initiates projects which can help alleviate some short-term problems, with the ultimate aim of encouraging them to adopt a healthy lifestyle in order to live healthy, fulfilling lives. The driving force behind the Medicover Foundation is faith in the power of preventive healthcare – it can protect each of us against the consequences of bad habits.





2015 was full of challenges, and also satisfaction. I would like to thank all the supporters of the Medicover Foundation. The number of Medicover employees involved in charitable activities both in Poland and in many parts of Europe is impressive. I appreciate your devotion and the help you provide to those in need. You inspire me to act and I am very proud of you!

> John Stubbington Chief Executive Officer Medicover Group



## THE MEDICOVER FOUNDATION AREAS OF ACTIVITY







education

preventive healthcare



# HOW WE HELP

## Our philosophy of helping...

Our activities are wide ranging. We provide help in many areas, in many fields and in various ways. We know that to be effective, our help must be comprehensive.



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We educate
by organizing
workshops and
lectures
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### We harness the resources of Medicover and Synevo

e.g., Comprehensive, free medical tests and examinations



We organize fundraising events



We organize volunteer activities



Medicover is a healthcare services provider, and our employees, in performing their daily duties, act for the health and well-being of patients. In addition, while engaging in many Foundation initiatives, our employees also act as volunteers outside their working hours. They use their expertise, and donate their spare time and good hearts to support people in need. These are magnificent initiatives which perfectly fit into the mission of our company.

> Beata Wojciechowska HR Director Medicover Group







In 2015, we continued to implement the "PoZdro!" Programme, aimed at combating Diabetes Type 2 through education and individual, hands-on help provided to junior high school students who suffer from being either overweight or obese. "PoZdro!", which is underway in four cities – Gdynia, Lublin, Wrocław, and selected districts of Warsaw – is effectively changing the habits of both students and their parents. The "PoZdro!" Programme was endorsed by the Honorary Patronage of the Minister of National Education. By the end of 2015, we examined 9,756 children, from which we recommended 1,443 families for personalized care. Over 100 specialists take part in the Programme: dietitians, trainers, psychologists, physicians and nurses.





#### SCREENING Comprehensive Health Analysis (CHA). Screening is performed in

schools.



Training for teachers
 Multimedia lessons
 See more on www.po-zdro.pl

## FREE CARE

Care of the young people and their families in the atrisk group, is carried out by interdisciplinary teams composed of 4 specialists (a physician, a psychologist, a dietician, a physical activity expert) – **Integrated Individual Care (IIC)**. The programme covers 8 consultation meetings within 2 years.

## CONCLUSIONS – WHAT WE KNOW

## I IN 5 CHILDREN

21,2% 69,5%

**is overweight** or obese.

of children have **raised blood pressure** requiring additional monitoring. of children examined **have poor physical fitness**.

## 58% OF PARENTS

declare that their child has enough daily exercise. However, tests showed that only 30% of I3-year-olds were in very good or excellent physical shape.

## 72,3% OF PARENTS

**declare that their children eat a proper diet**, while at the same time admitting that sweet snacks, beverages and fast food are eaten several times a week, and in many cases every day.

## DURING THE CHA EXAMINATION WHICH LASTS FOR ABOUT 20 MINUTES, THE FOLLOWING ARE PERFORMED:

body mass and

composition



blood pressure

measurement



assessment of

visual acuity



posture



cardiopulmonary

rdiopulmonary function assessment

## INTEGRATED INDIVIDUAL CARE



THE PHYSICIAN checks the child's overall health



**THE DIETICIAN** advises how to design a daily diet



THE TRAINER assesses the physical activity level, suggests exercises and their proper performance



THE PSYCHOLOGIST motivates, advises what to do in "difficult moments"



Medicover Group's intention to be a socially responsible corporation is demonstrated by the work of its Foundation. In particular, with the "Pozdro!" Programme now active in four large Polish cities, it is evident that our aim to improve the health of our young people will contribute to helping build a healthy and responsible society.

> **Richard Sands** Development and Strategy Director Medicover Group





## PoZdro! programme



25 junior high schools included





Physicians say the performance of "PoZdro!" Programme participants is encouraging. We have observed systematic decreases of BMI and WHR (waist-to-hip ratio), and improved body composition – reduction of adipose tissue and growth of muscles. 78% of participants benefited from the Programme, and in 49.9% of them we have found a significant decrease of overweight/obesity, while in 28.1% the earlier parameters have stabilized, which

> Hanna Magnuszewska IIC physician

## WROCŁAW

we also deem a success.

junior high schools included in the Programme 1,245 pupils examined

pupils qualified for the Programme



It is not a new car or further promotion that is the future for us adults – but our children. Therefore preventive programmes such as "PoZdro!" are an investment in the future – the future of our children which is the ultimate goal. The work itself gives me much satisfaction, but it is frightening that there are so many defects of posture in pupils, they are obese and have so many problems with their basic fitness levels.

> Mirosława Tomaszewska-Laszczak CHA nurse

In Gdynia, the third series of screenings came to an end. I am very glad that in this school year almost 70% of parents of first grade students of junior high schools in Gdynia consented to be screened. In the Programme of two-year care almost 300 families participated. You can achieve the goal by taking small steps and I believe that an active and healthy lifestyle will be-

goal by taking small steps and I believe that an active and healthy lifestyle will become the habit of all those who had a chance to meet the team of specialists from the "PoZdro!" Programme.

> Anna Filipiak Local Coordinator of "PoZdro!" Programme



The work of a psychologist is satisfying when you can see the effects. The difficulties observed in watching patients trying to adopt a healthy lifestyle confirm that the support from the specialists working for the "PoZdro!" Programme is needed.

> Marta Polak IIC psychologist

## WARSAW

3/ junior primary schools included

**3,24** pupils examined

478 pupils qualified for the Programme



The "PoZdro!" Programme in Warsaw has completed the second series of health examinations, and involved the work of the whole team. The first year resulted in over 1,600 students examined, 244 of whom qualified for Integrated Individual Care, which included over 3,000 single specialist consultations. Our team worked for over 750 hours in total. "PoZdro!" is making a difference because everyone involved is driven by commitment, understanding and devotion.

#### Kamila Kaniowska

Local Coordinator of "PoZdro!" Programme



I draw the greatest joy and motivation working in the "PoZdro!" Programme, from meetings with whole families and observing how their members introduce positive changes into their lives. I accompany them and help in the implementation of healthy dietary habits. I enjoy situations where whole families come and boast of their achievements and tell us how the changes which seem minor, positively affect their daily routines, and – what is more important – their health. I also like hearing how people enjoy participating in the "PoZdro!" Programme, because they know that with little but steady effort you can definitely improve your health.

Natalia Ciesielczuk IIC psychologist

Wrocław – the last Polish city with happy students who had the opportunity to take part in the Nationwide Programme for Diabetes and Lifestyle Diseases Prevention "PoZdro!". We are glad to have the support of the Wrocław City Authorities. I eagerly await with the team of specialists for the first visits of children and their parents. As we begin we believe that our pupils are ready to take up the challenge and work towards proper dietary habits and regular physical activity. It is important to remember: "Respect your health when you are young, otherwise you will regret it when you are old".

> Katarzyna Kostuch Local Coordinator of "PoZdro!" Programme

## LUBLIN

32 junior high schools included



378 pupils qualified for the Programme



Working in the "PoZdro!" Programme I always stress that each family is unique and individual attitude is extremely important. And this is how we work, enjoying the tiniest changes for better. Owing to positive cooperation with the Lublin City Authorities and Lublin schools, we organise many preventive activities. We strive to make people aware of how important it is for our health to be physically active and to be mindful of the quantity and quality of food we eat and beverages we drink.

> Agnieszka Skowrońska Local Coordinator of "PoZdro!" Programme

## MEDICOVER FOUNDATION MULTIMEDIA LESSONS

For the 2015/2016 school year the Medicover Foundation prepared animations and exercise books for 40,000 junior high school students, as well as lesson scenarios on healthy lifestyle and physical activity for teachers.

**38,000** STUDENTS TOOK PART IN

MULTIMEDIA LESSONS

#### MEET JANUSZ AND HELENKA, THE MAIN CHARACTERS OF OUR MULTIMEDIA LESSONS WHERE STUDENTS LEARN THAT...

- to measure the quantity of the different foods on the plate by comparing them to the size of a hand,
- the number and size of fingers on a hand corresponds to the number of meals per day,
   starvation diets do not work and there are no miracle diets,
- high fructose corn syrup, acesulfame, aspartame, etc. may contribute to obesity,
- the quality of calories consumed must be carefully chosen to treat the body with as much care as any valuable possession.



There are initiatives which make you experience something completely new - in this case it's philanthropy which allowed us to create the "ProZdro!" Programme. This is one of the most extensive preventive programmes in Europe – resulting from the synergy, trust and quality of the Medicover Foundation, Medicover and Synevo, many great specialists and communities (schools, parents and Local Authorities). Smiles on the faces of family members who have changed their lives in a positive way are for us the greatest joy and inspiration.

> **Kamila Szarejko** Project Manager of the Medicover Foundation

## WHERE THE LESSONS WERE CONDUCTED



## "POZDRO!" HANDBOOK

This is a condensed version of information about healthy diet and physical activity. You can learn how to maintain your proper body weight, while preserving your



family's well-being. A physician explains why taking care of your health is so important, and a dietician advises how much and how often you should eat.

#### See more on po-zdro.pl/poradnik



# ATHLETES AS EXAMPLES TO FOLLOW

Sports events for young people participating in the Programme were conducted by exceptional athletes. The aim was to show that sports is fun and when we include it in our daily routine, we will feel better. Obviously, you do not have to be a professional athlete. Balance, restraint and good planning are key.



The goals of the "PoZdro!" Programme are close to me personally. As an athlete I am well aware of the fact that without proper diet and a healthy lifestyle I would not be able to have energy for my own development and for training others. To live your passions, first of all you have to take care of your health. It is particularly important when you are young. I like one more thing about "PoZdro!" – it is directed at children as well as at their parents and schools. Acting together makes it more powerful.

> **Małgorzata Zabrocka** World and Europe Champion in Karate



I have been dealing with sports and physical recreation for 25 years, so engaging in this project was very natural for me. I also promote preventive activities in healthcare, when I conduct karate lessons for people of various ages (from kindergarteners to seniors). Following the saying anima sana in corpore sano, each programme of this type can only help reduce the burden on the future healthcare system and will improve the overall health of the Poles.

> **Daniel Iwanek** World Champion in Karate

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The scale of the "PoZdro!" Programme, devotion of all collaborators, medical efficacy and social dimension of this project have exceeded my expectations. Congratulations to everybody, especially to the children and their families!

> Tomasz Anyszek MD PhD Managing Director Synevo sp. z o.o.



"PoZdro!" Programme is developing excellently and I am glad to confirm that its original assumptions already have been met. And on top of that, in some areas we achieved much more than planned.

Piotr Soszyński MD PhD President of the Scientific Board, "PoZdro!" Programme

# REDICOVER FOUNDATION BEEN ENTS

## The Institute of Mother and Child

### PROJECT GOAL:

The Medicover Foundation has been supporting the Institute of Mother and Child since 2014. In August and September 2015, the Foundation refurbished a bathroom and adjacent corridor in the Oncology Ward. At the same time creative workshops were organised for the children on the ward. Funds for the refurbishment were donated by Medicover employees, and Dulux and Castorama, which supported the Foundation activity both in terms of funds as well as recruiting volunteers. The major challenge of the bathroom renovation was keeping the Ward functioning while adhering to all OSH regulations. Painting the walls and ceilings, decorated with interesting marine motifs, turned out to be an excellent adventure for all the volunteers, and a chance to express one's artistic potential. They were constantly accompanied by Bobtail Stefan the dog, the Dulux brand icon, who was eager to be photographed with all the young patients of the Ward.

#### AID BENEFICIARIES:

Patients of the Oncology Ward at the Institute of Mother and Child in Warsaw.

## The "Trust" Centre

#### PROJECT GOAL:

The Medicover Foundation has been proactively supporting the Pre-Adoption Intervention Centre in Częstochowa for three years. It is for this exceptional Centre that the Foundation has collected nappies and built the "Garden of Hope" for babies – a colourful and safe outdoor area for play and rehabilitation. It also donated funds collected under the 1% Personal Income Tax Donation Scheme. On 17th October another activity was organised in the Centre to complete the end of a renovation project: Medicover employees volunteered to repair and clean an area next to the new fencing surrounding the property, which had recently been



built. They cleaned, cut back overgrown bushes, mowed the lawn and removed the debris. The volunteers' hard work transformed the area so it looked brand new. Magdalena Szymczyńska, the President of the Centre, tearfully thanked the volunteers for their extraordinary help, and handed them special diplomas. Such moments will remain in everyone's memory forever.



Volunteering is great. And it is <u>not because we c</u>an personally help somebody – which is obvious. But have you ever thought how much helping others gives to you? Taking part in such activities as renovating the hospital ward for children together with Medicover col-leagues is really uplifting. It makes you feel happy because you feel needed, and for the use of your time for a just cause. We can achieve so much if we want to by believing in people and working together. Therefore I will always say that volunteering goes both ways: it helps our beneficiaries, and also, to a certain extent, ourselves. I think each volunteer has similar feelings – pride for themselves and joy that we work for a company which supports our ideas.

Agnieszka Czerkies-Pariaszewska Communications Manager

#### AID BENEFICIARIES:

Newborn babies, deprived of parental care temporarily or permanently, waiting for adoption.



## Christmas events at the Refugee Centre

#### PROJECT GOAL:

In December, at the Refugee Centre in the Warsaw district of Targówek, the Medicover Foundation volunteers participated in an exceptional event – Christmas activities for children of various nationalities. The Centre is the only facility in Poland helping women and children from other countries and continents (for example, from Chechnya, Georgia, Ukraine, Africa), who hold various religious beliefs and are in difficult life situations. Among them there are women who lost their husbands in wars, or escaped from political, religious or cultural repressions. The Foundation volunteers, along with artists, worked with the Centre's children to create Christmas decorations, and paint the corridors

and walls together. All decorations were hung on beautiful Christmas trees bought by the volunteers and placed in the common room. The volunteers worked with over 70 children of various ages.

#### AID BENEFICIARIES:

Children staying at the Refugee Centre in Warsaw.

Financial support for the project was provided by Medicover Pharmacies. Funds collected (from the sale of children's books) allowed for the purchase of the necessary furniture and made the Christmas event possible.



Medicover Pharmacies and the Medicover Foundation jointly published an educational book for children aged 3 to 7. All book sale proceeds were appropriated for the Pre-adoption Intervention Centres – in Częstochowa and in Otwock – and for the Refugee Centre in Warsaw. The campaign was a great success due to the support of numerous Medicover patients and Medicover employees. Thank you all for such a positive and warm response to the people in need of our help.

> Paweł Mazur Head of Pharma Retail Division



When thinking about why I participate in the Medicover Foundation project, I am reminded of the words spoken by Pope John Paul II: "Man is great not by what he possesses but by who he is; not by what he has but by what he shares with others".

Katarzyna Chojczak Customer Service Coordinator Dentistry Medicover Atrium







# REDICOVER FOUNDATION ACT FOR OTHERS CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES CO-FINANCED BY THE MEDICOVER FOUNDATION

Medicover employees become actively involved in various projects as part of the "Act for Others" programme whose aim is to provide aid to specific people and social institutions in local communities. The Foundation actively encourages and supports Medicover employees in realizing these noble initiatives.

## The leukemia auction

### PROJECT GOAL:

On 14 February 2015, a charitable football tournament was held in which several dozen teams participated. The tournament was accompanied by an auction for the benefit of Kubuś, a 3-year-old leukaemia patient. The auction included a professional cycling outfit provided by the Foundation, a spa get-away for 4 persons, a Marcin Daniec T-shirt, a family entrance pass to Zatorland, and numerous pictures. In addition, Valentine hearts and roses were sold, and a raffle was organised. 24,000 PLN was col-



lected during the auction. Unfortunately, Kubuś died the day after the event. His parents transferred the money raised to Paulina from the same area, who is being treated in Bangkok.

### AID BENEFICIARIES:

3-year-old Kubuś from Ryczów (near Krakow) who suffered from leukaemia.





## "White Sunday" in Spytkowice

#### PROJECT GOAL:

On 24 May, Medicover nurses, along with a group of volunteers from the Spytkowice "Win Together" initiative, carried out a series of free preventive examinations under the banner of the "White Sunday". All medical costs were covered by the Medicover Foundation.



#### EXAMINATIONS PERFORMED:

- Glucose level: 98 people
- Cholesterol level: 98 people
- Weight/height: 98 people
- Blood pressure: 98 people
- ECG/cardiology consultation (description): 75 people
- Dietary consultation/BMI: 65 people
- Mammography: 43 women (invitations were sent to all women 50+ living in the community who did not have a mammogram within the last 2 years)
- Densitometry: 36 people
- Providing samples for the bone marrow donor register (lip swab)
   31 people joined the Bone Marrow Donor Bank

#### AID BENEFICIARIES:

Residents of the Spytkowice area.

## "White Sunday" in Łączany

#### PROJECT GOAL:

On 31 May, Medicover nurses, along with the group of volunteers from the Łączany "Win Together" initiative, carried out a series of free preventive examinations under the banner of the "White Sunday". All medical costs were covered by the Medicover Foundation.

#### **EXAMINATIONS PERFORMED:**

- Glucose level: 138 people
- Cholesterol level: 138 people
- Weight/height: 138 people
- Blood pressure: 138 people
- ECG/cardiology consultation (description): 60 people
- Dietary consultation/BMI: 65 people





Volunteering is a source of great joy and satisfaction. For us it is also a form of relieving stress, because we meet many interesting people, have conversations with them and learn new things. It is also a chance to spend free time in a useful way. It brings us together with other people, is positive for our brains, supports our professional career and gives the feeling of fulfillment. In this way you can try something new. To help means to live!

#### Anna Buszydło

Hot Line - Deputy Coordinator, Hospitalization Nurse, Vaccination Coordinator **Malgorzata Grela** Hospitalization and Hot Line Coordinator **Bartiomiej Ranosz** Planning and Analysis Manager, South Region Medicover Centre Krakow Podgórska

- Mammography: 30 women (invitations were sent to all women 50+ living in the community, who did not have a mammogram within the last 2 years)
- Densitometry: 76 people
   Providing samples for the bone marrow donor register (lip swab) – I I people joined the Bone Marrow Donor Bank

AID BENEFICIARIES:

Residents of the Łączany area.



## "White Sunday" in Dubie

#### PROJECT GOAL:

On 13 September, Medicover nurses carried out a series of free preventive examinations under the banner of the "White Sunday". All medical costs were covered by the Medicover Foundation.

#### AID BENEFICIARIES:

Residents of the Dubie area.

#### **EXAMINATIONS PERFORMED:**

- Glucose level: 90 people
- Cholesterol level: 90 people
- Weight/height: 90 people
- Blood pressure: 92 people
   ECG/cardiology consultation
- (description): 47 people Dietary consultation/BMI:
- 43 people
- Dermatological consultation (examination of marks): 32 people



## The 4th Novita Zielona Góra Half Marathon

### PROJECT GOAL:

On 13 September, the 4th Novita Zielona Góra Half Marathon was held in Zielona Góra. One of the event partners was Synevo Zielona Góra Medical Laboratory, which, along with the Medicover Foundation, organised a stand where people could test their glucose level and measure their blood pressure all free of charge. The stand raised much interest in both the runners and their supporters. In total, the stand was visited by 173 people, including 18 children. Colourful bookmarks and stickers turned out to be an attractive incentive for the youngest patients.





AID BENEFICIARIES:

Participants and supporters of the 4th Novita Zielona Góra Half Marathon.



**SUMMARY OF** 

**"WHITE SUND** 

beneficiaries





Synevo Zielona Góra Medical Laboratory, in collaboration with the Medicover Foundation, organised a preventive campaign during the Novita Zielona Góra Half Marathon to measure blood glucose levels to help diagnose diabetes. The effects exceeded the expectations of patients who praised the initiative, as it was the first action of this type in the region. Collaboration with the Foundation was a homerun and I believe that this year we will repeat the success during the 5th running of the Zielona Ğóra Half Marathon.

> Marcin Jankowiak Regional Sales Director West-North Region Synevo Sp. z o.o.

## Run in Niepołomice



#### PROJECT GOAL:

A team run was held in the Niepołomice Forest on 13 September, organised by the "Niepołomice Run" Association. The Medicover Foundation covered the costs of the medical safety of the runners. In addition, the rescuers examined glucose levels and Holter RR of the participants before and after the run. In total, 130 people were examined. The athletes never had the opportunity to undergo such examinations, so they were eager to participate.

#### AID BENEFICIARIES:

Participants in the run held on 13 September in the Niepołomice Forest and their supporters.



## The Noble Box project

#### PROJECT GOAL:

The Medicover Foundation was involved in the nationwide Noble Box campaign, an initiative which drew many staff supporters and many volunteers who wanted to help. Numerous gifts were collected and given to several struggling families in need of support during the Christmas holidays. On 11 December, the gifts were packed at Medicover head office, and on 12 December they were transported to the families in need, followed with tears of joy from the recipients.

#### AID BENEFICIARIES:

Families in difficult financial need.





I am new to the Medicover Foundation team. What impressed me most at the very beginning was the vast number of interesting projects and facilities supported by the Foundation. I was also delighted by the attitude of the Medicover employees towards helping people. They are eager to join volunteer initiatives and collections, and this is why we can act on such a big scale.

> Magdalena Potocka-Zwoźna Project Specialist The Medicover Foundation



## Santa Claus loves all children

#### PROJECT GOAL:

On 7 December, in the Amicus Rehabilitation Centre in Warsaw, the "Santa Claus Loves All Children" event was held. Medicover Group volunteers participated in this initiative by arranging the catering, playing games with the children, and organising activities (making Christmas decorations and cards, and face painting). The children also listened to Christmas stories read by actors Aneta Zając and Mateusz Damięcki.

#### AID BENEFICIARIES:

Children with multiple disabilities who are patients of the Amicus Rehabilitation Centre in Warsaw.



# REDICOVER FOUNDATION WATER HELP CHILDREN

The Medicover Foundation actively engages in many initiatives aimed at helping people in need, with particular emphasis put on children. In 2015, many activities supporting the youngest were organised.

## "Budzik" Clinic support

#### PROJECT GOAL:

Since 2014, the Medicover Foundation has been supporting the "Budzik" Clinic, maintained by Ewa Błaszczyk's "Akogo?" Foundation. The clinic was established in July 2013 as the first model hospital for children with severe brain injuries leading to coma. The Medicover Foundation supports the "Budzik" Clinic by taking comatose children by emergency transport to the Centre for Children's Health in Warsaw for diagnosis (e.g., MRI scan).

#### AID BENEFICIARIES:

Children in coma staying at the "Budzik" Clinic.







## Christmas Eve in the Children's Home



### PROJECT GOAL:

On 18 December, the Janusz Korczak Children's Home in Warsaw organised a Christmas gathering attended by the children, their guardians, the management and numerous guests, including representatives of the Medicover Foundation, which has been taking care of the health of 70 children staying in the facility for over 20 years. During the event, the children presented a modern nativity play, after which they invited the Foundation volunteers to an official dinner. During this moving meeting, the Medicover Foundation representatives offered the children gifts of school supplies, funded by the Foundation employees, which included notebooks, pencil cases, backpacks, crayons, felt-tip pens and paints.

#### AID BENEFICIARIES:

Children from the Janusz Korczak Children's Home No. 3 in Warsaw.



## Support for the School for Autistic Children

#### PROJECT GOAL:

Since September the Medicover Foundation has been supporting the Edmund Bojanowski "Step by Step" Primary School for Children with Special Needs in the Warsaw district of Wilanów. The "Step by





We have been collaborating with the Medicover Foundation since September 2015, and have experienced a great understanding of our needs. We have observed professionalism and high quality of services, and are very grateful for the help we are receiving. Care for the health of teachers who devote their efforts to disabled students, and providing their medical care, is a real help and support for our school. We believe that openness towards others allows us not only to understand their needs, but also to change ourselves and the environment we live in.

> Maria Łubowicz Headmistress

Step" school is a unique place for children with developmental and behaviour disorders (e.g., insubordination, destruction of property, bouts of anger, aggression and self-aggression), as well as children who are not able to communicate effectively.

#### AID BENEFICIARIES:

Teachers of autistic children – students of the Edmund Bojanowski Non-Public "Step by Step" Primary School for Children with Special Needs in Warsaw.









Medicover has been active in Wilanów for some years now, both through the Medicover Hospital and the Medicover Centre. We are pleased to team up with the Edmund Bojanowski Non-Public "Step by Step" Primary School for Children with Special Needs. This is a very special place. Our collaboration is a perfect example of local commitment by providing aid to people who are really in need. We are glad that we can use our resources for such a good cause.

Marcin Łukasiewicz Investment and Development Division Director Medicover Group





For some years, we have attempted to reduce the number of missed appointments by Medicover employees. The fines employees pay for failure to cancel their medical appointment is donated to the Medicover Foundation, and thanks to these funds, the Foundation is able to support both local projects as well as help people in need in Africa. In response to Medicover employees' suggestions, the Foundation transferred a portion of these funds to a hospital in the Congo. The donation allowed them to furnish a recovery room with specialist beds and buy a new operating table. In addition, a generator was installed in the hospital, which safeguards the operating room from blackouts. We are proud that, with the help of its employees, the Medicover Foundation has supported projects both large and small, which can only change the world for the better. It is worth engaging in various initiatives of the Foundation because it is invigorating and allows you to see your colleagues in different situations. It is also an opportunity to discover new interests and passions. The most valuable prize is seeing the smiling faces of children who now have help to ensure their health.

#### Magda Lasocka Processes Manager

Business Processes Manager Medicover Group

# AID & BORDERS

"We are worth as much as we can give to others from ourselves" – these words are a good reflection of the mission and goal of the activities of the Medicover Foundation. In 2015, the Foundation employees actively joined those who help people in need in Poland and abroad.



## Happiness helps healing: Artists in the Institute of Mother and Child in Warsaw

### PROJECT GOAL:

Since 2013, the Medicover Foundation has cooperated with the Hungarian Smiling Hospital Foundation which focuses on activities in children's wards. Volunteers organise games and art classes for children in order to make their hospital stay more enjoyable. As a part of this collaboration, in February, at the Institute of Mother and Child in Warsaw, a program for oncology, paediatric, surgery and neurology patients was organised, where professional artists (magicians, circus artists, animators) offered games and other activities for children. Young patients made animals out of balloons and assisted in juggling and doing tricks. Over 150 people took part in this all-day event.

#### AID BENEFICIARIES:

Children staying in hospital wards.

Another Ukrainian patient was released from The Medicover Hospital

## PROJECT GOAL:

Since 2015, the Medicover Foundation has been supporting Ukrainian nationals by offering hospitalization and specialist medical treatment for the injured in the eastern Ukrainian armed conflict. In August, 2014, Sergei, who had been wounded in Vuklegorsk (in the Donetsk oblast) when a bullet severely damaged his knee, underwent surgery at the Medicover Hospital in Warsaw. An operation aimed at increasing the mobility of the damaged knee joint was successfully carried out, and following a short recovery he returned home.

### AID BENEFICIARIES:

4 operations on Ukrainian nationals who suffered as a consequence of the armed conflict in their country's eastern sector.



## Fund drive for Ukrainians in need

#### PROJECT GOAL:

The members of the Medicover Emergency and Rescue Academy organised a large collection of warm clothing and medical supplies for people suffering due to the eastern Ukrainian conflict. The activity was an "Act for Others" project, coordinated by the Medicover Foundation. All Medicover Centres across Poland took part in the collection, as well as the Medicover Pharmacies and Emergency Services: both Medicover and Falck. The response of Medicover employees was beyond the wildest dreams of the project initiators – over 120 huge cardboard boxes were collected. In February the gifts were transferred to the people in need in the Ukraine.

#### AID BENEFICIARIES:

Ukrainian nationals who suffered as a consequence of the armed conflict in their country's eastern sector.



## Support for a hospital in Congo



#### PROJECT GOAL:

In January the Medicover Foundation became a strategic partner of the Dobra Fabryka Foundation, established by Szymon Hołownia, and donated 10,000 EUR which funded a new operating table and recovery room in the Ntamugenga hospital in the Democratic Republic of Congo. In addition, funds were appropriated to cover half of the costs of installing an electric generator to supply power to the operating room during electric failures. On 16 March the first procedure was carried out in the newly equipped room. The Medicover Foundation plans to help

in future activities to support the Ntamugenga hospital, including specialist beds for the operation room, and additional equipment for the surgery and paediatric wards. The funds for the purchase of beds for the surgery will come from private donors, and the paediatric ward will be supported by Pope Francis. Money for the support of the Ntamugenga hospital was donated by Medicover employees from the "Non-Show" Scheme.

#### AID BENEFICIARIES:

Patients of the Ntamugenga hospital in the Democratic Republic of Congo.



We are very glad to see the increasing number of projects and centres supported by the Medicover Foundation. 2015 was an exceptional year: we developed more extensively not only on a local level, but also abroad – owing to the close collaboration with the Medicover Group companies in Poland and other locations. We managed to implement 36 projects, and several of them in a number of countries. All of that is thanks to the commitment of nearly 500 volunteers who make our activities so effective. This number is quite impressive! "Together we can do more" is not only a slogan. It shows how many people contribute to our common efforts to change the world for the better, even to a small extent.

> Dagmara Iwaniak Project Coordinator of the Medicover Foundation



## Together Against Diabetes Type 2

14 volunteers, 1000+ kilometres covered, 1000+ people examined in the so called Blue Towns – this is the impressive summary of the third bicycle tour under the theme "Together Against Diabetes Type 2" organised by the Medicover Foundation and Damian Medical Centre. The aim of the program is to increase the awareness of a healthy lifestyle and importance of physical activity in combating one of the epidemics of the 21st century – Diabetes Type 2. In previous years, the bicycle route connected Zakopane and Hel, but this time volunteers reached Stockholm! In our Blue Towns, stationed in Krakow and Gdynia, those interested could determine their overall health condition, by measuring blood pressure, checking blood cholesterol and glucose levels, and consulting with medical experts.







"The most difficult thing is to start" - 4 years ago I started my adventure with the Medicover Foundation in the first "Together Against Diabetes Type 2" bicycle tour. As before, the 2015 ride involved fighting one's own weaknesses during training and the change of lifestyle – adding more exercise. But what is the most satisfying are common training sessions and days spent with great people who support each other during the actual tour. It is also about building awareness among people visiting the Blue Towns, and the entire promotional campaign associated with it, raising the awareness in local communities we travel through about diabetes as a lifestyle-based disease. And if you still have doubts, please remember - "The most difficult thing is just to begin".

#### Krystian Kasprzak

Insurance Systems Development and Customer Service Manager Medicover Group

- I4 volunteers
- over 1,000 kilometres covered
- over 1,000 people examined in Blue Cities in Krakow and Gdynia

# THE MEDICOVER TEAM IN THE 4TH PRAGA FOOTBALL FOURNAMENT "ORLIK 2015"



The Medicover team took 5th place in the 4th Praga Football Tournament "Orlik 2015" held in October in Warsaw. The team was composed of employees from Medicover, InviMed, MediParter and Care Experts: Paweł Wójtowicz, Andrzej Sikorski, Piotr Duńczyk, Sylwester Maicki, Kamil Kowalczyk, Arkadiusz Piątek, Michał Sujka and Tomasz Stoń. The Medicover Foundation actively supports employees playing football, among others through financing training sessions held each Wednesday from 19.00 to 20.30 in Dzielnicowy Ośrodek Sportu i Rekreacji at ul. Szanajcy 17/19 in Warsaw.

## THE FIRST CHARITABLE VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Support for the Little Children's Home in Łodź

Among many noble initiatives of the Medicover Foundation in 2015, particularly important are the programs aimed at providing aid to children. One of them was the 1st Charitable Volleyball Tournament, the proceeds of which were appropriated for the Little Children's Home in Łódź.



Participating in the 1st Charitable Volleybal Tournament is great fun and a test – not only of our fitness. It is first of all the test of our sensitivity towards the needs of others. The initiative involved the administrative employees, nurses, rescuers and physicians from the Piłsudskiego and Pomorska Centres. This is proof that together we can do really great things. All the pro-ceeds from this tournament were donated for the Little Children's Home in Łódź. I am glad that with the contribution of the Medicover Foundation we could support this good cause.

> Małgorzata Ślimińska Manager of the Łódź Piłsudskiego Medicover Centre

# MEDICOVER EDUNDATION



In 2015, Medicover Group employees all over Europe were gripped by the passion for running. As part of the 20th anniversary celebration of the Medicover Group which took place in Sweden, over 130 employees took part in the "10+10=20" project where each team contrib-



A great example of collaboration, support, mobilization and determination, as well as an ideal opportunity to integrate and get to know our colleagues from different countries. I am proud to be part of the "10+10=20" project. Special greetings should be sent to our CEO, Fredrik Ragmark.

> Noleen McCloskey Group Development & Talent Manager Medicover Group

uted to a total of almost 2,900 kilometres, (i.e., the distance between Bucharest and Stockholm). The runs were conducted in Brussels, Bucharest, Kiev and Warsaw. The initiative perfectly fits the motto of the Medicover Group: "Caring for your health is all that we do".





We are proud of our 2015 team. Many contestants had several good finishes, and thousands of kilometres were covered together. All the positive energy from running transfers to a good climate at work and into positive group training sessions. I hope that the next years of the Medicover Runners will be equally fruitful for all of us!

> Marek Dorsz Internet Marketing Specialist Medicover Group

**IO+IO=20** PROJECT IN FIGURES

4 cities Brussels, Bucharest, Kiev and Warsaw

2,900 km distance covered in total by the runners from the Medicover Group

## over

participants (from: the Medicover Foundation, Medicover Group, InviMed, Medicover Hospital, Medicover Poland, Medicover Romania, Synevo Poland, Synevo Romania, Synevo Ukraine).

# MEDICOVER SUCCESS

Medicover Runners – one Medicover Foundation project directed at Medicover Group employees – commenced in 2014, but the participants can boast of their first achievements even now. In 2015, in the 2015 Ekiden marathon team relay race, held on the Warsaw Agrykola, as many as 4 teams took part representing the Medicover Foundation. The first Medicover



## The Medicover Runners Programme:

- sports activities with a coach
- individual training plans
- training advice
- support for participation in selected running events

team took 20th place overall, and 2nd place in the insurance company class, out of 770 teams who completed the race. This great success is the result of all people involved in this outstanding initiative.



place in the insurance company class





I am glad to be an active member of the Medicover Runners team and to participate in the "10+10=20" project, and thanks to this I started in Warsaw and in Brussels. It is simply incredible that this tiny initiative developed to such an extent, integrating the employees from the entire Medicover Group. We can also say that the Medicover Runners system benefits our clients. And it is the most fun way to spend active leisure time. What's even better is that it fits perfectly into our company mission to keep the patients as healthy as possible. I have great hopes for Medicover Runners and I will do my best to expand this initiative further.

> Artur Białkowski Commercial Director Branch Director Member of the Board

Medicover Sp. z o.o. Medicover Försäkrings AB Polish subsidiary





# MEDMAGAZYN





"medMagazyn" is an excellent communication tool with our patients. Reliable medical expertise, presented in a simple and accessible manner, with an interesting layout, supported by the knowledge and experience of experts – all these are undoubtedly the assets of the magazine. It makes the readers appreciate the magazine and receive positive reviews. I am glad that as a member of the Editorial Board I may contribute to creating this interesting initiative.

Dr hab. n. med. Bożena Walewska-Zielecka Deputy Director for Clinical Affairs, Medicover aim: health education and disease prevention

#### • mission:

raising awareness about health and the impact attitude and daily routine has on your life and health

contents: supervised by Medicover Group physicians

 profile: education and advice

> **issue:** bi-monthly



Each issue of "medMagazyn" is a valuable source of advice and offers guidelines for a healthy lifestyle and disease prevention, and is the result of the collaboration between our medical experts and the Editorial Board. I believe it offers our readers the opportunity to live healthier and better lives. "medMagazyn" is an outstanding project created by a dedicated team. But most of all, it is a source of reliable information, and working on it gives us much pleasure!

> Joanna Archacka-Stachura Project Coordinator at the Medicover Foundation



"medMagazyn" contains not only articles on health, but also many interesting pieces of advice on keeping a healthy lifestyle and proper dietary habits. It contains materials promoting all forms of physical activity and interesting facts from the world of medicine, as well as practical advice on such things as first aid. An advantage of "medMagazyn" is also the clear thematic division of the topics presented. Working on this project is satisfying, and the best reward for the effort contributed is the satisfaction and positive reviews we receive from our readers. It is nice that many of them impatiently await future issues of the magazine, available also in an online version.

> Ireneusz Urbanke Emergency and Hotline Manager, Medicover

## **READERS ABOUT** "MEDMAGAZYN"

"....congratulations

"Interesting articles

## Cartoon

There's always a cartoon for our younger readers to view. Its animal characters were created by 12-year-old Wiktoria. These helped our children face the appointments with medical staff which sometimes can be difficult.



## articles members of the team engaged in the preparation of "medMagazyn"

issues

## AVAILABILITY

• free paper version: Medicover Centres

- digital version: www.medicover.pl
- paid paper version: in InMedio kiosks



## Interdisciplinary Clinic

#### PROJECT GOAL:

For some years, the Medicover Foundation has supported the Pre-Adoption Intervention Centres in Otwock and Częstochowa. Many children staying at these Centres suffer from Foetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS), among other related medical conditions. These children receive a comprehensive medical assessment which enables the Centre staff to properly support their development. Time is of the essence for each of these children the quicker they are diagnosed, the better the chance they can make up lost time and can catch up with their peers who have been raised by their families from the day of birth. To this end, in collaboration with the Adoption Families Foundation and the Paediatric Ward of the



Medicover Hospital, the Medicover Foundation commenced a pilot project called the Interdisciplinary Clinic. Each child was examined for FAS by qualified specialists from the Adoption Families Foundation, and referred for comprehensive medical diagnosis by a team of specialists at the Medicover Hospital in Wilanów. In 2015, the preliminary work was completed, the project was launched and diagnosis of the first children commenced. The Medicover Foundation plans to continue the project in 2016.

#### AID BENEFICIARIES:

12 children up to age 3, transferred from the Pre-Adoption Intervention Centres to foster care institutions (Family Children's Home or Kids Shelter).

## FAS training

#### PROJECT GOAL:

The continuation of FAS training was funded, as in 2014, by the Batory Foundation. The Medicover Foundation's role was to organise and provide needed conference facilities free of charge (part of the training was held at the Medicover Hospital, and part at the conference rooms at Head Office at Aleje Jerozolimskie in Warsaw).



#### AID BENEFICIARIES:

In 2015, the training was attended by 40 diagnosis specialists.

## **WORKSHOP TOPICS**

Deepened diagnosis of the neurological development.

Therapeutic options for FAS children.

Reflex therapy.

## Mind your memory



PROJECT GOAL:

A programme of health promotion, early detection and prevention of cognitive disorders in the elderly was launched in 2015 (co-funded by the Ministry of Work and Social Policy – ASOS). Its aim is to provide information on how to care for seniors suffering from dementia. Participants learned how to recognize the first symptoms of memory impairment and how to prevent or delay its onset; they were shown exercises to improve memory and learned how to cope with emotions (such as anger, guilt, helplessness, sadness) which are often evident in dementia patients. Moreover, the participants were provided with educational materials and publications with practical advice. ASOS funds for the programme were acquired by the Medicover Foundation, and it was coordinated by Karolina Jurga, a psychologist from Care Experts.

#### **BENEFICIARIES:**

Programme aimed at people aged 60+ residing in Mazowsze – either suffering from dementia themselves, or are taking care of an elderly person with impaired memory.



We would like to share our knowledge and experience to help support people suffering from late-life diseases of the elderly and their guardians. We see the need to raise their awareness of the causes and provide information about early detection of memory disorders.

> **Karolina Jurga** Psychologist for the Elderly People and Programme Coordinator

## The Sounds of Dreams

#### PROJECT GOAL:

Under the Sounds of Dreams programme implemented by the Orange Foundation, children coming from small towns and villages with hearing defects may benefit from hearing and speech home therapy. In addition, there were two free summer rehabilitation programmes for these children The therapeutic support was provided by 17 therapists, including a sign language translator.



#### AID BENEFICIARIES:

Participants of the Sounds of Dreams programme – in total 60 children with their caregivers.

## MEDICOVER FOUNDATION ACTIVITIES:

During the summer holidays, the Medicover Foundation provided medical care to 60 young children with impaired hearing, and carried

Summer rehabilitation holidays are one of the main projects of the Sounds of Dreams initiative of the Orange Foundation. The beneficiaries of our programme may take part in free two-week holiday sessions, where they undergo intensive daily therapy. Participation in the summer programme means additional hours of needed speech therapy for a child which directly affects the pace of acquiring language skills. For every participant – rehabilita-



out a 2-hour medical examination and consultation with each child.

tion specialists, children and parents – this time spent together is also an opportunity to establish friendships. A time when we learn to look at each other with understanding and acceptance. We thank the Medicover Foundation for joining this project again.

> **Ewa Krupa** President of the Board of the Orange Foundation

Summary



# **STATISTICS**

**IOO%** RESPONDENTS KNOW THAT THE MEDICOVER FOUNDATION OPERATES WITHIN THE MEDICOVER GROUP

99% RESPONDENTS ARE AWARE OF THE POZdro! PROGRAMME

72% RESPONDENTS ARE ENGAGED IN A PROJECT CONDUCTED BY THE MEDICOVER FOUNDATION



## **58%** RESPONDENTS VOLUNTEER OUT OF A DESIRE TO HELP OTHERS

<b>46</b> %	participate in volunteering for their own enjoyment
38%	like feeling needed
33%	want to meet new people

19% spe

spend their spare time in this way





**88%** RESPONDENTS DO NOT VOLUNTEER BECAUSE THEY ARE TOO BUSY

23%	lack self-confidence
22%	lack motivation
<b>I6%</b>	lack adequate knowledge
6%	lack adequate skills

## Summary

# THANK YOU



Volunteers and the Medicover Foundation Team (at the bottom, from the left): Kamila Szarejko, Joanna Archacka-Stachura, Katarzyna Kostuch, Agnieszka Skowrońska, Marcin Radziwiłł, Aneta Stępniewska-Kosińska, Kamila Kaniowska, Anna Filipiak, Dagmara Iwaniak, Magdalena Potocka-Zwoźna

2015 was a year of continuation of ongoing programmes for the Medicover Foundation, and implementation of new projects with the aim of promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyle, as well as helping people in need.

We are very happy with the extraordinary commitment of volunteers who dedicate their time to help others. It gives us a lot of pleasure to know that the aid we provide is of huge importance to the beneficiaries, and that so many positive emotions can be drawn from seemingly small things.

The projects implemented by the Medicover Foundation show that there are many people and institutions who need help and that joint, carefully planned and consequently executed initiatives may make many people live better lives.

## Thank you for your support. The Medicover Foundation Team.



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