

### TUEM (Trade Union Eurocontrol Maastricht):

Is our biggest contributor. This amounts to almost 50% of the total donations and gives us the opportunity to present an update on projects and results at the TUEM Annual General Meeting.

### Holiday Donation Box:

Some years ago we placed a small donation drop-box at the entrance to the old canteen. The idea of the box was to collect your change on a regular basis, being bills or coins. After 2 years we opened the box and to our surprise we counted 300+ euro and 200 euro in all other currencies.

We would like to encourage you to keep leaving us your vacation left-overs as it can amount to quite a lot and all of it will be put towards our projects. All currencies are accepted (including crypto coins;-) and will be converted, counted and published on our FB page @chichofoundation.

### The Chocolate Basket:

The chocolate basket located at the Brussels sectors is an ongoing success! It is open to all colleagues from inside and out of the ops room.

**We make a net profit of around €80 per month.**

It would not be possible without the dedication of Birgit, Erik, Hans and Steffi who keep the sweets coming, and of course YOU who keep that initiative going!

Thank you!



"Snails"  
artwork by the children from care home Slunchitse

### Special thanks to:

- ✈ Clare Taylor, Secretary till September 2016.
- ✈ TUEM and its members for their continuous support.
- ✈ Our generous frequent donors, your trust means a lot.
- ✈ Birgit, Erik, Hans and Steffi.
- ✈ All you chocolate-lovers. Keep up the good work :-)



100% of all donations go directly to our projects.

### CHICHO - CHArity Initiative for CHildren in Orphanages

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"Recipe for Friendship"  
artwork by the children from care home Slunchitse

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### ABOUT us:

**CHICHO foundation helps children in orphanages lead a better life since 2008.**

There are currently more than 20,000 children in care in Bulgaria. Some are disabled and their parents could not care for them at home because of their serious illness, others were abandoned because their parents could not afford to support them. All of them need professional attention, education, rehabilitation and most of all care and **LOVE**. All of them need a better chance.

**CHICHO** aims to provide short and long-term aid, by investing in projects that improve their everyday life, provide essential supplies and quality education and help the children integrate into "real life".

**With your help we can give more children the chance for a better future.**

*Thank you very much for your support.  
Ilija Bojilov - chairman.*



Meet Milen, 28 who came to the care home when he was 4 and is now living independently in the CHICHO safe house. Both pointing at their own selves as little kids.



*This is Elena, 17 She grew up in care home "Slunchitse" and is now living in a foster home.*

### Our ongoing Projects:

- **The CHICHO Forest and playground, at the Home for children with mental retardation "Slunchitse" in Gorski Senovets**

In April 2016 **CHICHO** donated 15 wild chestnut trees to be planted in the yard of Home "Slunchitse" in Gorski Senovets in an effort to engage the kids with nature. Later that year we donated another 200 trees due to the big success of the project. Next to the forest we also built a playground and a small football/ basketball court.



- **CHICHO House - Transitional Home:**

Some years ago **CHICHO** renovated a house donated by the municipality of Gorski Senovets to be renovated and appropriated for the adolescents leaving the care home after turning 18. It provides shelter and serves as a safe transition into adulthood.



*Hristo Lyubenov is 23 and is a real success story. He lived in care home "Slunchitse" where after exhibiting interest in music he started piano lessons, sponsored partly by CHICHO. Hristo will graduate the Sofia Music Academy after winning a full scholarship with his talent.*

- **"Granny and Child":**

This has been our flagship project since 2011 and is currently running in the care home "Slunchitse" in Gorski Senovets, and in Stara Zagora in cooperation with association "Samaritans". The project aims to create a long-lasting, personal and individualised relationship between children with severe disorders and adults, in this case retired or widowed senior women. These "gran-nies" are thus given the opportunity to work and be engaged in a meaningful job with a high social value, where they also come to fulfil the function of a parent or grandmother to the child. This kind of regular, personal contact is believed to have a positive effect on the overall development of the child. Gradually the love and attachment grow and they inevitably become family.



- **Karin Dom training center, Varna:**

This project helps parents of children with special needs who are residing at a greater distance from Varna to commute to the training center and be able to follow the necessary therapies without interruptions, which could be detrimental to their progress.

- **Art exhibition in our office in Maastricht:**



In October 2016 Ilija organised an art exhibition in his home of Bulgarian artist and loyal friend and supporter of CHICHO Doncho Donchev. A net profit of € 2,000 from the sale of his paintings and sculptures was transferred to the foundation's account.