



Ljubljana, July 7, 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Subject: Request for Assistance in Supporting Children's Physiotherapy**

We are a small non-profit organization from Slovenia called "White Hawk Society for Personal Support" established by individuals from various areas of interest. We established this association to better care for certain groups of people who require various types of concrete assistance, services, or aids that are otherwise difficult or even inaccessible due to societal or disability barriers. With specific projects and actions, we aim to improve the situation in the areas of social issues and healthcare, as this situation is often more challenging than it appears to the general public. Our primary focus is to help improve conditions in areas where the difficulties may not be as exposed and visible in public due to their specificity, but are, therefore, even more pressing. As observers of these issues, we believe that action is necessary in these cases too. We aim to establish connections with various experts and organizations and provide assistance to individuals or families in different ways.

Based on the experiences of some of our members, we have recognized that one such problem is the organization and access to high-quality specific physiotherapeutic treatment for various neurological conditions in children, adolescents, and adults. The key issue in providing such treatment is that many chronic conditions require regular and high-quality care, which is simply not feasible to ensure to a sufficient extent within the public healthcare system in Slovenia due to personnel and other barriers. Therefore, these specialized additional treatments are primarily privately funded, which often poses a severe financial burden for patients and their families who cannot afford the necessary regular care on their own. Health insurance companies do not cover these specific and complex treatments, resulting in even higher costs and reduced accessibility for patients.

As a result, our association has initiated collaboration with a neurodevelopmental physiotherapist to help families of children who require regular and professional neurophysiotherapeutic treatment, which is crucial for children with developmental difficulties. Regular physiotherapeutic treatment for children is incredibly important as it improves their quality of life, contributes to better physical and mental health, prevents contractures and muscle shortening, enhances overall well-being, increases resistance and respiratory capacity, and more. In short, regular neurodevelopmental treatment prevents many issues that would otherwise incur even greater costs for the healthcare system and consequently for all of us who contribute funds to support the healthcare system's operation.

In collaboration with a qualified physiotherapist, we aim to facilitate access to necessary additional therapies for children that are currently lacking in the public healthcare system. Therefore, we are launching a fundraising campaign in Slovenia to cover the costs of these therapies, which can be an overwhelming financial burden for parents. Our association will do its best to help families within its capabilities, but we also hope for regular contributions to assist some children who require extensive treatment.

During the epidemic, when therapists were unable to work, many children were left without regular professional therapy, which undoubtedly had a negative impact on their development, especially for the youngest children who greatly depend on appropriate care. The epidemic has also placed many families in a difficult financial situation, making it even more challenging to provide adequate therapy for these children.

Therefore, we are seeking additional funds amounting to 600 EUR to enable a small group of infants or children with mobility issues to receive several additional sessions. Hence, we hoped that your company could somehow assist us. We believe that together, we can make a positive difference for people, even during challenging times. We would be grateful for any assistance you can provide.

If you wish to support our project through a donation, please contact us for further information.

We understand that this letter is quite general, but we hope you grasp our fundamental idea. We are aware that there have been several similar initiatives lately. Knowing that you appreciate good ideas, we turn to you

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for help and hope that you may consider listening to us. If you are interested in collaborating, we are available to provide further details.

We remain at your disposal for any additional clarifications.

Best regards,

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