

UniCredit Bank donates surgical instruments New instruments to help cure almost 10,000 children a year

Since 1992, February 11 has been World Day of the Sick, reminding us of the importance of joining forces for the sick and respecting those who look after them. In that spirit, UniCredit Bank has financed the purchase of 10 different instruments offering significant assistance in the treatment of sick children at the paediatric wards of various Hungarian hospitals. Each year, these instruments will enable the thorough examination and efficient treatment of nearly 10,000 children in various areas of paediatric care at 7 wards of 6 hospitals around the country and in a paediatric emergency van in the Észak-Alföld region.

'All of us have had a sick child in our families. The World Day of the Sick is an occasion to express our sympathy and attempt to alleviate their burden due to examinations or therapy. That is why the new instruments have been donated in order to facilitate the self-sacrificing work of physicians and nurses', said Marco Iannaccone, Deputy CEO of UniCredit Bank Hungary.

As part of the donation made by UniCredit, an infant radiant warmer and resuscitation unit, also known as an **open incubator**, has been donated to the **II. No. of Obstetrical and Gynaecology Clinic of Semmelweis University**, one of the hospitals with the highest number of births in the country. The device ensures optimal temperature for premature infants and neonates of a weight between 800 and 3000 g. The open infant warmer provides better access to babies, facilitating an earlier start of breast-feeding and the strengthening of contact between mothers and their babies.

The donation helps the **Urology/Surgical Ward** of the **Heim Pál Paediatric Hospital** to add a **special aiming mechanism** to a new **mobile ultrasound equipment**. In addition to careful lithotomy, it enables the avoidance of undesirable damage during lithotripsy.

Four instruments have been donated to the **Burn Surgery Ward** and the **Medical Ward** of the **Bethesda Paediatric Hospital**, a hospital with national responsibilities. The often life-saving work of physicians and nurses will be significantly assisted by the device used to monitor the oxygen-level of sick children, alarming the staff on duty if there is a drastic difference in any of the values measured. The donation will also be used to purchase a Doppler diagnostic tool and an inhaler, primarily in order to help with the treatment of little patients suffering from asthmatic problems.

The **Szent Margit Hospital** has now been able to purchase a **LED phototherapeutic bed**, offering a solution for the treatment of jaundice in infants without separating babies from their mothers. The **Neonatology and Infant Ward** of the **Péterfy Sándor Utcai Hospital** has purchased a **neonatal resuscitation device**, required in order to keep alive premature infants and newborn babies with breathing problems. The instrument helps eliminate detrimental effects such as pneumothorax and various lung complications, greatly enhancing the efficiency of the treatment of little patients. Every year, about 3,000 children with cardiac problems are treated at the **Cardiology Department of the Infant and Paediatric Ward of the Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén County Hospital**. Their treatment will now be assisted by a new device **monitoring** the blood's oxygen supply, the circulatory system and blood pressure.

The **Szent Márton Paediatric Emergency Medical Service Foundation** has been operating several paediatric emergency vehicles throughout the country. Using the donation provided by the Bank, a portable **blood gas analyser** will now be added to the equipment aboard the emergency van operating in the Észak-Alföld region. The instrument requires a few drops of blood to provide accurate information on the metabolic condition of the small patients, including the oxygen supply and efficiency of breathing, in order that higher-quality first treatment be provided to children in a grave condition.

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