

Press release

NADACE SIRIUS IS GIVING 20 MILLION TO SUPPORT PREVENTION AND FAMILY RESCUE

On the 19.11. the whole world commemorated World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse. Unfortunately here in the Czech Republic there are hundreds of cases of children at risk, of children living in unsuitable family situations. On the basis of findings about the current situation in tackling these problems the Sirius Foundation has decided to give 20 million CZK to projects that bring about systematic and effective solutions, which protect the family as the best environment for a happy and healthy child.

Nadace Sirius (*Sirius Foundation*) has initiated monitoring of the present state of solving children's problems in the Czech Republic with the aim of finding out the most burning problems that must be tackled. In this manner it will gain the background information for deciding where to target the foundation's help.

According to the results of this monitoring, published at the "Children at Risk" conference that took place on 11.11.2008, the most serious problem in caring for children at risk is a poorly working family. This was stated by 22 % of the respondents from non-profit organisations and 26 % of respondents from the state sector.

Nadace Sirius considers problem prevention to be a priority. It is initiating systematic and effective solutions and supporting activities that are targeted at an effective elimination of the problems. The aim is to ensure that no child should encounter problems that can be resolved.

Nadace Sirius has decided to support projects in the grant procedure. These projects use family rescue as a tool to help families that want to care for their child but do not know how to or, due to serious reasons, cannot. Whilst the child's best interest, as defined in the Convention on the Rights of the Child, will always come first and foremost

The conditions for the grant procedures are published on the Nadace Sirius web pages at <http://www.nadacesirius.cz/grantove-rizeni/grantove-vyzvy/>.

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