

## Press information

### HOW DO WE DEAL WITH CHILDREN'S PROBLEMS IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC?

In the Hilton Hotel in Prague on **11.11.2008** a conference entitled **“Children in Danger” will take place**. The main point of the programme will be a presentation of the results from monitoring solutions to children's problems in the Czech Republic. The project, which is unique in its scope, was participated in by 400 organisations from the non-profit sphere, 200 state administration subjects, 1200 members of the general public and 45 of the foremost experts in children's issues. The Nadace Sirius (*Sirius Foundation*) initiated the survey.

For Nadace Sirius the findings from the current state of tackling children's problems in the Czech Republic are the first, key step in starting its activities. The main aim was to find out the most topical problems of children that must be dealt with immediately. This will give the background for correct decisions as to where the Nadace Sirius is to focus its help.

One of the founders of the Nadace Sirius and the chairman of its Board of Trustees is Mr. Jiří Šmejč, *“I see helping and donation as a part of human nature. Children are the future of us all and our foundation's aim is to ensure no child is involved in problems that can be resolved. Of course it would be ideal if the child didn't meet with these problems at all”*.

Nadace Sirius sees its priority lying in prevention, in the long-term it wants to initiate a systematic and effective solution to children's problems and support the development of donation.

*“The founders have decided to give long-term support to the foundation with an annual contribution. At the same time we are committed to covering all of the foundation's operational costs so that 100 % of the donations from donors, down to the last penny, will be used to help children,”* elaborated Jiří Šmejč.

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