



For more than a year, the civilization has been fighting in various ways against the pandemic that has managed to alienate from human being every spectrum of normality and impose new, unnatural and for human kind completely uncharacteristic rules of behaviour.

And while it was difficult for all of us to go through the Covid-19 crisis, on December 29, 2020, just a few days after Christmas, the Sisak-Moslavina county faced another cruel fate it was not prepared for.

An earthquake magnitude 6.2 on Richter scale with an epicentre 5 km southwest of Petrinja destroyed the entire Banovina, took 7 lives and materially damaged almost 40,000 buildings, leaving at least 10,000 people homeless and without basic living needs and conditions.

It was the strongest earthquake ever recorded on Croatian ground and the inhabitants of the affected areas can hardly return to the life without fear even months after that, since almost a thousand new earthquakes have been recorded from that day.

Like the rest of the world, the inhabitants of Banovina heard

many times about such natural disasters happening far away from them, but even in the worst-case scenarios, they did not imagine that something like this could happen to them. To them who lost their homes once about thirty years ago and barely got to their feet, and were permanently deprived of the living standard in other parts of Croatia. To them who have learned to be grateful even for the little things they have constantly been given and who have yet succeeded to find strength, willingness and love for life in them.

Everything that these hardworking people have built in recent decades in order to create the conditions for a better and more prosperous future of younger generations was destroyed in just a few seconds, leaving a huge disbelief, emptiness and faces covered with sadness and helplessness.

It is hard to even imagine what it's like when a man suddenly loses control of his life, material goods, and key situations, and that's exactly what happened to them. Their destiny is now in the hands of other people. The big question is when, and if they will ever return to the life they are used to, and which, despite of modesty, made them happy.







This relentless situation has touched the whole world.

Good-hearted people from all over Croatia took part in humanitarian actions to rescue and support the ones in need, and with thousands of volunteers and charity organizations, the financial support, equipment, food and hygiene supplies were delivered by the neighbouring European countries as well.

The company TIM ZIP, the Ivan Bulić Foundation and the Richemont Club Croatia have always had a soul and heart for those in need. So, without much thinking, they dedicated themselves to the help providing actions.

Through the great engagement of all three legal entities, and with the wholehearted help of many business partners and friends from Croatia and Europe, materially damaged residents, educational institutions, bakers, families, students and pupils from Sisak-Moslavina county have been donated with various forms of financial support. Also, much more is planned to be undertaken.

The information on specific donations can be read on the pages that follow and each one has brought smile on many faces longing for a brighter and happier future.

Donors participated with various amounts, from 500,00 to 10.000,00 euros. We sincerely thank them from the bottom of our hearts on behalf of all those we have helped together and all those we are yet to help. Respecting the right to anonymity, some donors are not published on the following pages, but an equally big THANK YOU is addressed to them.

The sad stories of these people have moved the whole world and have encouraged many noble deeds.

However, these deeds are just the beginning of a great joint mission.

Mission based on love and compassion. Mission defending humanity, nobility and a great human heart.

The positive effects of the support provided so far are a strong incentive to continue to work even harder and even better,









and to strive to ensure as many preconditions as possible for faster and safer reconstruction and development.

We hope and believe that together we will invest enough knowledge, skills and grains of wisdom to put the entire Sisak-Moslavina county back on its feet and to show to the whole world that there is always hope for a better and more beautiful tomorrow.











FROM THE FIRST DAY, TIM ZIP EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN DELIVERING FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, FLOUR, OIL, SALT, SUGAR AND MILK TO THE RESIDENTS OF DESTROYED CITIES AND VILLAGES OF BANOVINA























#### TIM ZIP HELPS DAMAGED BAKERY PLANTS WITH GRATIS RAW MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT SERVICES











FOR THE ANNUAL PURCHASE OF FOOD, HYGIENE SUPPLIES AND OTHER LIFE NECCESITIES, INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF EUR 6.400.00 DEVIDED IN 12 MONTHLY RATES WERE GIVEN TO EACH OF FIRST FOUR MULTIMEMBER FAMILIES MATERIALLY DAMAGED BY THE EARTHQUAKE AND THE FIFTH MULTIMEMBER FAMILY RECEIVED A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF EUR 4.800,00

- 1. FAMILY OF DAVOR RAJAN FROM PETRINJA, KRIŽ HRASTOVEČKI 47
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Vladimir Bulić addressed the families on behalf of the donors



Marijana Rendulić from Sisak



Family of Silvija Salamun Galijan from Petrinja



Family of Davor Rajan from Petrinja



Family of Zdravko Škrljac from Šatornja



Family of Željko Menjak from Odra



Together with Josip Plodinac (right) and Vesna Butorac (left) from the company MIP Sisak, in whose premises the donation was organized









DONATION OF EUR 7.000,00 WAS GIVEN TO PETRINJA HIGH SCHOOL FOR PURCHASE OF NECCESSARY SCHOOL EQUIPMENT



#### **IMPRESSION**

#### Milan Orlić, prof. Principal of Petrinja High School

In January 21, 2021 Petrinja High School received a notice that the Foundation board of Ivan Bulić Foundation approved the donation of one-year scholarships for three students from Petrinja area who attend our school, together with the decision on donation of EUR 4.000,00 to Petrinja High School for purchase of necessary equipment at school's choice. The company TIM ZIP approved the additional EUR 3.000,00 for equipping the practical laboratory.

Petrinja High School has a long history of educating students in Petrinja and wider area of our county; last year we celebrated 160 years of existence, and the School has been educating students in food professions (butcher and food technician) for many years.

Since the devastating earthquake which hit Petrinja on December 29, 2020, our school is facing new battles for survival because there is a danger of permanent eviction of this area due to severe damages on the family houses of our students, but also on the school building in Gundulić Street which is unusable and destined for demolition.

For this reason, we are extremely proud and grateful to our donors who recognized the value of our school and in this way supported us to make the fastest possible training to be able to work at another location. We are also grateful for the given scholarships to students whose homes are damaged too, as they will help them to dedicate themselves more easily to learning and thus encourage them to stay in their city and school. In this way, the Ivan Bulić Foundation and TIM ZIP have helped Petrinja and all the surrounding places to revive and prosper through the work of their residents.











DONATION OF EUR 7.000,00 WAS GIVEN TO FRAN LHOTKA MUSIC SCHOOL IN SISAK FOR PURCHASE OF NECCESSARY MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS







#### **IMPRESSION**

#### Tomislav Ivšić, prof. Principal of Fran Lhotka Music School

Once again, on behalf of all employees and students of the Fran Lhotka Music School, Sisak, I thank you for your noble and praiseworthy humanitarian mission, which aims to help those in need and which operates through the Ivan Bulić Foundation. We also thank company TIM ZIP d.o.o. on donated financial means. Your donation will mean a lot to us in our further work and music education of our school's students. Since many students were left without their instruments in the devastating earthquake, thanks to your donation we will bring back smile to their faces and music to their homes by purchasing the new ones.

The support of all good-will people gives us hope for a better and happier tomorrow!









DONATION OF EUR 7.000,00 WAS GIVEN TO GLINA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR PURCHASE OF NECCESSARY SCHOOL EQUIPMENT

#### **IMPRESSION**

#### Robertina Štajdohar, prof. Principal of Glina Elementary School

We were the Eco School of diamond status, the only school in Croatia that combines its curriculum with the American one through cooperation with the JDO Foundation and Judy Coon. We were the school of many Erasmus projects that brought top European teachers to our school, the school that is the heart of our city, the school that was involved in all city and many county activities.

We introduced the use of technology in teaching even before the reform School for Life began. We were proud of our students, staff and contribution to the community through various local projects and humanitarian work.

And then, on December 29, 2020 the terrible earthquake and many that followed after destroyed the city we live in, and the cities around us, our school, our lives.

Almost 250 of our students were left homeless. Our employees were left homeless, the city we live in has completely collapsed, and the school which we have been investing in for years to provide our children with a better education has been destroyed. Although the building





statically withstood the earthquakes, classrooms, cabinets, IT equipment, furniture and everything necessary for children to listen the class was destroyed.

Although almost all of us were left without everything, we gathered the courage, strength and willingness to rebuild the school, with a help of good people around us. We are grateful to the Ivan Bulić Foundation for allocating funds to help us equipping the school, to ensure a better future for our children and to restore our faith in students running again through the school hallways and children laughing soon inside of this building.









INDIVIDUAL SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE AMOUNT OF EUR 2.000,00 PER YEAR, DEVIDED IN 12 MONTHLY RATES, WERE DONATED TO EACH OF FOUR FACULTY OF FOOD TECHNOLOGY AND BIOTECHNOLOGY STUDENTS AT UNIVERSITY OF ZAGREB FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2020/2021

#### **IMPRESSIONS**

#### ADNA ORAŠČANIN from Sisak Food Technology, third year of studies

First of all, I am honoured and pleased to be a scholarship holder of such a noble and humane foundation such as the Ivan Bulić Foundation. The Foundation which reacted quickly after the catastrophe that hit us and once again proved to be successfully persistent in its noble goals.

I am immensely grateful for the support that the Foundation provides me in the moments when I need it the most. Also, I am touched by their understanding and empathy for the ungrateful situation my family is facing after the earthquake. This support is a wind at my back and an additional motivation for all the upcoming challenges.



Adna Oraščanin

#### EJLA MURATAGIĆ from Sisak Nutrition, third year of studies

I am extremely grateful to the Ivan Bulić Foundation for choosing me to be one of the scholarship holders. It is a great honour to be a part of their story. After many difficult moments, earthquakes, sadness and fear, the news that I have received a scholarship awakened a sense of happiness and peace in me and reminded me that everything will be fine. I am glad to have met wonderful people at the Foundation who



Ejla Muratagić

have given me words of consolation and support, which has also motivated me to keep trying, learning and not giving up. It is truly wonderful to know that there are still people who are willing to help others in need and to show us that we are not alone.

Many thanks to the Foundation for helping, supporting and motivating young people to believe in themselves and to be excellent in everything they do.

#### **LEA PETERNEL from Sisak**

Food Technology, third year of studies

I thank to Richemont Club and Ivan Bulić Foundation for the invested time and financial means selflessly donated



Lea Peternel









to students from earthquake affected area. Except financially, this gesture is also an additional motivation to continue living and studying as normal as possible in these "crazy" times.

This is the motivation to keep going on and to try not to take time, health, family, friends and education for granted. Thank you again to the selfless and kind people from the Richemont Club and the Ivan Bulić Foundation who did their best to ease us a bit this period.

#### PETRA ROKSANDIĆ from Sisak

Food Technology, third year of studies

We are all familiar with the saying "light at the end of the tunnel" and that "after the rain always comes the sun". I can tell you with certainty that, at this moment, my light and sun have become good and dear people of the Ivan Bulić Foundation. I am immensely grateful I have been selected as one of the scholars by the Foundation which has truly shown that it is based on selflessness and supporting young people when they need it the most. Now as I write this impression, though grateful to heaven and especially happy, a small voice within me says that someone might think this award is not the result of hard work or excellence. But I try to silence it because I know that, although the scholarship was prompted by an unfortunate event that happened, it is one great motivation for the future. The least I can do now is justify my place next to the wonderful, hardworking and

diligent people and maintain great success until the end of this academic year. Once again, thank you very much from the bottom of my heart for your support.



Petra Roksandić

THREE SCHOLARSHIPS IN THE INDIVIDUAL AMOUNT OF EUR 2.000,00 PER YEAR, DEVIDED IN 12 MONTHLY RATES, WERE DONATED TO MATERIALLY DAMAGED STUDENTS OF FOOD TECHNOLOGIES AT PETRINJA HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2020/2021



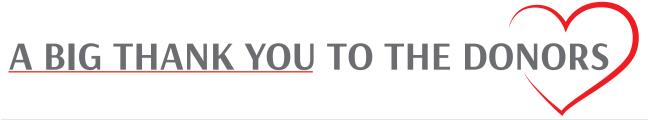
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#### LEGAL PERSONS





































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MILLY & CARLO BOCK, LUXEMBOURG



# WORDS OF SUPPORT TO THE RESIDENTS OF BANOVINA

#### **EKOS PEKARNICA**



Svjetlana Makaj, Director

It is impossible to remain indifferent to the horror that suddenly befell the population of Banovina. In such difficult moments and situations, it is important to open our hearts and to show people that they are not alone in their trouble. We hope our donation will at least a little mitigate the terrible consequences of the earthquake. Also, we hope that our joint efforts directed towards the same goal will succeed in creating the conditions for the normalization of life in that area, and that these afflicted people will soon embrace their brighter future.





Diamantis Chiotoglou, Owner and Director

Dear people of Croatia,

With this letter we would like to express our condolences to the tragic victims of the earthquake and wish a speedy recovery to the injured.

From the moment we were informed about the earthquake in Croatia we were shocked by the disaster and drama that suddenly struck your country.

Our company ELIN S.A. declares its active support and solidarity with the earthquake-stricken residents of Banovina. In difficult times like this, we must show our humanity and help our brothers and sisters in need in every possible way. For that reason, our company decided to help with a donation that we hope will be a small aid in your everyday struggle.

Please do not despair and always remember that we are all ONE.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Wishing you a quick and easy recovery.

With warm regards, The people of ELIN S.A.

## Yansla



Miro Drempetić, Executive Director

First of all, we would like to thank Mr. Vladimir Bulić whose reaction on collecting donations and helping grieving people in such a big tragedy had a very stimulating effect on the members of the Richemont Club.

The sad scenes of people who lost everything at the end of 2020 showed us which are the most important things in life and that even after such tragedies it is possible to stay calm and positive. What encourages all of us is the greatness and strength of a human being that once again confirmed readiness to team up and work as one when someone needs help.

The number of people that instantaneously offered help is what arouses the optimism of our society. We are proud for wanting and being able to show our compatriots that they are not alone and remind individuals that the purpose of existence is a life filled with love and compassion. Only by fulfilling these preconditions, we can hope and build a better society and place for living.









As Covid-19 is not enough for the world, this horrible earthquake must also have happened. If there is a Europe and a solidarity, then we must react in situations like this. If we could contribute at least a little, we would be very happy. We wish all the people of Banovina the very best and we appreciate very much your initiative and efforts.

For several years now I've been visiting Banovina area. I got to see extraordinary landscapes and make beautiful friendships in these years. Hearing that a disaster struck that area, just few days after Christmas, and in this, already difficult situation, I was very shocking. Younger me was inspired by Socrates quote "Be kind to everyone you meet because everybody is fighting a hard battle" and I just had to do something to help. I've learned that even a simple pebble



Stefano Fioravanti,

**Key Account Manager** for Eastern Europe

I am very positive in believing that people from Banovina will rise again because they are tenacious, brave and hardworking people that are not afraid to get dirty in order to rebuilt their homes and lives. My thoughts go to them and all I can add is: Forza ragazzi!"

thrown into a still water can make a wave.



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Piet Sanders, **Group Sales & Channels** Director

Puratos' mission is to help bakers and patissiers around the world to develop their business. As TIM ZIP is doing exactly this with the bakers in the region of Sisak, Petrinja & Glina, who suffered severely from the earthquake, we decided to join-in and support the bakeries and their families. In this way we hope to be able to help in relieving some urgent needs, and to help you rebuild your future.



### Dear ladies! Dear gentlemen!

All of us from the Richemont Club Austria wish you a lot of strength and courage in these hard times. As a sign of solidarity and togetherness towards the bakery profession in Europe, it is of a great importance for us at the Richemont Club to support this action helping the bakers damaged in the earthquake.

Especially in this, for the whole world challenging times, during the prayer "Our daily bread" we experience the positive strength and energy that arises from this joint project, in which all participants are focused on a specific goal.

Therefore, we also say thank you for being able to participate in this project for future. Because with faith and trust in God, you can optimistically believe in success of renewal.

We wish you God's blessing, a lot of success and all the best!





Hubert Fischl, President



Andreas Maderna and Catherine Schrott, Secretary office

Many members of the Austrian Richemont Club of bakers and confectioners are friends with each other.

We organise cross-border exchanges, go to international meetings, and we had a chance to get to know and to love Croatian hospitality.

So, it wasn't the news about an earthquake somewhere - but the news about the earthquake that struck our friends.

A year after the pandemic started, many of us bakers comfort ourselves that even though we are not achieving great economic success with what we do, we still have jobs, our children can continue their education, we all have something to eat, a warm home and clean water.

Thinking like this, we were even more shaken by the unfortunate fate that struck you. Our thoughts are with you.

We wholeheartedly wish you the strength, perseverance and support you need to be able to rebuild yourself, your families and your business.



President Carlo Bock with his wife Milly

Croatia, this beautiful country and its very hospitable residents we had the chance and opportunity to know in 2019, have been affected by a terrible earthquake causing many damages and need.

With our donation we would like to help and to encourage the people in Croatia. We want to support them and let them know that they are not forgotten and alone in their distress. We hope to be able to contribute in this way to ease their pain.



Luxembourg

We would also like to express our heartfelt thanks to our friends from TIM ZIP and to IVAN BULIC FOUNDATION for their spontaneous help to the people in need and for their support in people's difficult daily life.



I can hardly imagine what it is like to lose one's house and possessions. How desperate and alone you feel. I hope that besides the material help that TIM ZIP has organized, the moral solidarity and the knowledge that you are not alone will help you to look to the future with confidence and strength.





Anja Marjanović, New Market Manager



Altan Coskun, Area Sales Manager

It is the small gestures that keep the humanitarian spirit alive during times of suffering. Certainly, it will take time to heal all the wounds opened by this tragedy, nevertheless I am convinced that every form of support is important and counts.

Believing that hope should last forever in every human being's heart, I sincerely wish all affected people the patience and perseverance to overcome this burden.



Mal and John Slattery, Owners



Manchester, England

We were shocked and sadden to hear the devastating news that affected your lives so suddenly, we can only imagine the hardship caused.

Along with our thoughts and prayers we hope our small donation will help to restore some normality with time.

#### Dear residents of Banovina,

I am very glad to be able to participate in humanitarian activities implemented by our Richemont Club and to give a small grain of my wheat to you, the heroes that stayed there to guard your homes. I am proud of all employees of the company MIP Sisak, of TIM ZIP company, and especially of the great heart of Mr. Vlatko Bulić who dedicated himself to this project and succeeded to find the most needy people in Banovina in order to help them bring back smiles to their faces.





Renata Kruhan,





Geneva, Switzerland



Wolfisberg family

Dear Croatian friends.

We would like to express our sincere empathy to the inhabitants of Banovina. As we were informed about this terrible earthquake, we immediately wanted

in any ways to help those people.

Since almost ten years I'm regularly in contact with Croatian friends. In 2017 and 2018 I was invited by TIM ZIP company with its headquarter in Zagreb for two demos. During these demos I had the chance to come nearer to these people and discover their great kindness and their incredible positive way of life despite the terrible time they came through only 3 decades ago.

With our humble donation we hope we can help these suffering people caught by this tragedy to get back to a certain dignity.

With love from Switzerland, Lisi and François Wolfisberg

