

# **Volunteering in schools**

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## **European year of Volunteering 2011**

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## What is volunteering?

A **volunteer** (*franc. volontaire*) is a person fulfilling tasks for free, i.e. to volunteer is to serve for free. Volunteering is also investing your own free time, effort, knowledge and skills to fulfill the tasks or engaging in something for the wellbeing of a person or the wellbeing in general. 2011 is declared as the European Year of Volunteering, and in that spirit, with our skills and action, we decided to be a part of those project by giving away from ourselves to help others live better and happier.



Official logo of the EYV 2011

At the beginning of the school year, we made a logo and a slogan: **Kindness always returns.**



Our logo and the slogan

## Who participated?

Pupils and teachers from grades 1 – 8.

## Goals

Promotion of the human rights, peace and love, environmental protection and solidarity, and encouragement of the person development by volunteering, and its promotion.

## Ways of volunteering

- Collecting the plastic bottle caps



Plastic caps

During the last summer, we came up with the idea of collecting plastic bottle caps. We decided to take part because of the awareness that plastic harms the nature. We collected all kinds of plastic caps that we donated to the **Association of the people suffering from leukemia and lymphoma**, seated in City of Čakovec. With the money from the plastic caps, the Association will be able to buy the medicine their members need.



Official logo of the Association of the People Suffering from Leukemia and Lymphoma

From December 19 – 21 2011, the pupils brought to school the plastic caps collected. Together we weighted them, and put them into the appropriate plastic bags. We collected circa 220 kilos, that is more than 100 000 caps. On December 21 2011 the caps were delivered to the Association by the City Ex Delivery Service.





Plastic caps collected

- Taking part in Solidarity in Action

On October 13, 2011 led by the religion teacher Silvija Faletar, the pupils took part in the project Solidarity in Action organized by the Croatian Red Cross.



**Thursday**  
**13 October 2011**

The goal of this project was to develop pupils' social awareness and to help those in need.

During this project by the Croatian Red Cross, Solidarity in Action 2011, the pupils of our school collected circa 200€ that were paid into the Croatian Red Cross account. The donated money will be used for buying the food packages and the hygiene items for the socially endangered families.

- **Donation made to the Croatian Caritas**

### **About Croatian Caritas**

#### **Mission**

- To work on realising the vision of a more just and pleasant world.
- To develop a leading role in the social-pastoral mission of the Catholic Church and to promote solidarity and social justice.
- To act as the voice for the poor and marginalised and to equip them and encourage them to speak out on their own behalf.

Caritas Croatia is part of the Caritas global network with its headquarters in Rome. The Caritas Internationalis network attracts 150 member countries. Caritas Croatia is part of Caritas Europa with its headquarters in Brussels with 48 member countries.

At the end of 2011, we donated clothes, toys and food to help the socially endangered families.



Logo of the Croatian Caritas

#### **To remember...**

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