

Program/Services for seniors

"Meals on Wheels" is the oldest project of the Order of Malta Relief Organization in Lithuania (OMRO), carried out since 1993. More than 130 000 servings of hot food were provided to 520 beneficiaries of the project in 21 towns and villages on a daily base. More than 100 OMRO employees and volunteers took part in this food delivery service in various cities.

"Home care at home". This project was carried out in 13 towns and cities in 2018. Project involved about 400 active volunteers, attending 1595 lonely, sick, suffering from the shortcomings elderly people. Volunteers made more than 16 000 visits to the homes of beneficiaries.

MOPT Home care at home paid services were delivered in Vilnius, Kaunas, Alytus. Home care paid service had 6 employees, who provided this service to 36 beneficiaries in 2018. Employees worked 6360 hours.

Clubs for Seniors. MOPT had 5 Seniors clubs in 2018 (Vilnius, Kaišiadorys, Žiežmariai, Švenčionėliai, Zarasai); 102 elderly people participated in the educational and cultural programs there.

Special offers and events for seniors. Order of Malta Relief Organization again held its very popular special campaigns - „Malteser Easter" and "Seniors' Day". Dozens of events, concerts and meetings were organized during that time. More than 2 600 beneficiaries in 38 Lithuanian cities were visited in their homes and hospitals last spring and fall.

"Maltesers' Soup 2018". The main fundraising campaign "Maltesers Soup 2018" was carried out for the 13th time in 2018. It's goal was to draw Lithuanian society' attention to the dire situation of the old, sick and elderly people and to collect donations to their assistance. More than 260 000 € donations were collected during this campaign in November –December 2018.

Programs/Services for children and youth

Children Day care centers. MOPT maintained 16 Children day care centers in 2018. 369 children regularly attended them. Help was provided to 257 families of the children as well, more than 100 maltesers volunteers took part in this. Children day care centers are open 5 days a week and 4 – 8 hours a day.

Youth center. MOPT maintained one open Youth center in 2018.

Campaign of school supplies collections. The campaign of school supplies and toys collection for disadvantaged children took place from August 1st – September 30th 2018. 3582 euros were donated and the value of the collected items was more than 30 000 € in 2018. All the support was distributed to special educational institutions, large families, orphans, Malteser Children Day Care Centers. Geographically it went to 40 Lithuanian places and distributed to 1280 children. More than 40 companies and state institutions as well as natural persons participated in this campaign.

Program/Services for disabled people

Transportation service „Let's go" for the persons with disabilities. Special transportation service „Let's go" for the persons with disabilities last year was provided 685 times for 1335 people with disabilities (including their family members) in 2018. Maltesers used two specially adapted vans for the service and one ambulance car to transfer disabled people, who can only lie on the bed. "Let's go" is a Social Enterprise service with 6 employees and volunteers. People with disabilities pay for the transportation from the special funds provided by the State.

Active rehabilitation camp "Move It!". This project for the 4th time took place in Klaipeda in August 2018, providing a special 10-day adaptation training for 20 young disabled people, in their first few years after suffering injuries that have confined them to wheelchairs. The program includes complex physical, social and cultural trainings for them: development of the wheelchair skills, confidence building, and creative activities. 12 young disabled young people in wheelchairs, 6 instructors with disabilities and 12 maltesers helpers took part in the camp. 7500 € donations were collected to support the camp.

International Order of Malta summer camp to Youth with disabilities "MaltaCamp". Lithuanian maltesers brought 5 disabled young people in wheelchairs to the summer camp for the disabled youth "Malta Camp" in Great Britain in 2018. They were accompanied by 5 malteser helpers.

First Aid Program/Services

First Aid Trainings. MOPT First Aid team provided 6 First aid trainings for 150 people in 2018.

First Aid delivery in Public events. MOPT First Aid team delivered First aid in 11 public events (city festivities, music and youth festivals) with more than 40 regular volunteers. First Aid was provided during the Pope Francis visit to Lithuania last September, National Song Festival, "Sea festival" in Klaipėda, music festival "Lietuvos balsas", World Lithuanian Youth meeting, music festival "Būtent" and others.

First aid teams at schools. In the end of 2015 MOPT launched program of First aid teams at schools. It is for youth volunteer groups (Young Schools paramedics) that on regular bases learn about first aid (theory and practice). Young Schools paramedics groups are fully equipped with first aid equipment. First aid trainings were provided to 150 pupils from 10 Lithuanian schools in 2018.

Young Maltesers

Young Maltesers. YM unites more than 600 volunteers in more than 30 cities and villages of Lithuania. Last year Lithuanian YM celebrated its 25th Anniversary. From 2018 June 1st. Lithuanian maltesers got new leader Ms. Neringa Sukauskaitė. YM held Summer camp (50 participants from 8 cities) "Good deeds weekend" (80 participants from 10 cities), "Helping ideas" competition (11 ideas implemented, 1512 participants involved) in 2018.

Spirituality

Participation in Pilgrimages, retreats and spiritual exercises. 66 Lithuanian Maltesers took part at the Pilgrimage of the Order of Malta to Lourdes in May 2018. Among them were 10 people with the disabilities in the wheelchair. Pilgrimage to Lourdes was partly financed by the fundraising campaign "Candles of Lourdes", which was organized earlier in spring in 22 Lithuanian cities and collected 14 403,43 €.

More than 150 Maltesers participated in the Patients' Day during Šiluva feast on 14th September 2018. They brought to Šiluva 15 people with disabilities, old beneficiaries, children from Malteser social Day care centers as well. The Pilgrimage and spiritual retreat to the Holy land was held on November 6 – 15. 21 malteser took part there. 140 maltesers with 10 disabled in the wheelchairs took part in the Holy mass in Kaunas during the Pope Francis visit to Lithuania on September 24th 2018.

Fundraising

2% fundraising campaign has brought to Maltesers more than 176 000 € in 2018 (best result in such campaign ever). Maltesers also started a new fundraising initiative "Kindness Subscription" on October 25th 2018. This initiative has started the new fundraising method – possibility to regularly donate monthly by the credit card using website www.maltieciai.lt. 65 people decided to use this new method for their regular donations in 2018.

Events and awards

Former Ambassador of the Order of Malta to Lithuania baron Christian von Bechtolsheim was awarded by the "Ritter Cross of the Order for Merits to Lithuania" by the President of Lithuania H.E. Dalia Grybauskaitė on July 6th 2018.

Lithuanian President H.E. Dalia Grybauskaitė and a new Ambassador of the Order of Malta to Lithuania Manfred Ritter Mautner von Markhof opened the Maltesers' photo exhibition dedicated to the "Righteous Among the Nations" on May 29, 2018.

Lithuanian President H.E. Dalia Grybauskaitė for her close cooperation and support to Lithuanian maltesers received the "Certificate of Gratitude" from the Grand Master of the Order of Malta Fra' Giacomo Dalla Torre del Tempio di Sanguinetto on December 10th 2018.