



# Croatian Woman branch 1 Croatian parishes of Chicago



Chicago, February 2010

Dear friends!

We are writing this letter in the name of Croatian Woman Branch 1, and all the Croatian parishes of Chicago with the hope that you will help us with a significant humanitarian project that can only be accomplished with the cooperation of all.

Namely, Dr. Daniela Kraljevic, pediatric specialist at the Children's Clinic of the University Hospital Mostar, has requested our help in purchasing a piece of equipment that would make it possible to improve the medical treatment of children. This highly sophisticated apparatus would make endoscopic procedures (bronchoscopic, gastroscopic, colonoscopic,...) for children possible, establishing an endoscopic lab at the Children's Clinic in Mostar. At this time such a device is not available near Mostar, and, sadly, children needing endoscopic exams have to be turned down because of the lack of the equipment and sent to distant hospitals. Many parents are not able to afford the travel expenses, and so their children do not receive the proper examination, which leads to progression of the illness and delay of medical treatment.

Taking into consideration the general status of healthcare in the region and desiring to secure proper medical care for all children, we here in Chicago have decided to help the Children's Clinic of Mostar by purchasing the needed endoscopic equipment. The cost of the device is \$100,000, which we realize is a considerable amount. Therefore, we ask you with heartfelt sincerity in the name of our entire Croatian community, and also especially in the name of the children for whom this assistance means life itself, to please help this noble, lifesaving effort as much as you possibly can. We understand that the current economic situation is difficult for many of us, however, every dollar counts and every dollar means we're one step closer to our goal.

Your much appreciated donation (check) can be made out to:

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With the combined help of all of us here in Chicago, we are hosting a humanitarian luncheon on Palm Sunday (March 28<sup>th</sup>) to fund this project. All donations received by March 20<sup>th</sup> will be acknowledged in the program. Please note that the Croatian Woman society is a tax-exempt organization, and all donations are "tax deductible."

In the name of the Croatian community in Chicago, we remain gratefully yours,

**Nevenka Jurkovic**  
**Croatian Woman/President**

**Fr. Steve Bedenikovic,**  
**Sacred Heart Croatian Parish/Pastor**

**Fr. Ivica Majstorovic**  
**Bl. Stepinac Croatian Mission/Pastor**

**Fr. Jozo Grbes/Fr. Ivan Strmecki**  
**St. Jerome Croatian Parish**