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United Way Europe and Middle East Region



Maestro Itzhak Perlman was recently awarded the **Genesis Prize foundation**. He donated the generous amount of \$850,000 to **Matan – United Way Israel**. The funds will support the connection between the classical arts and people with disabilities. We are grateful to Genesis Prize Foundation and to Mr. Perlman for their trust in Matan.

[Here is a link](#) to the clip with Mr. Perlman



Working as a network: Increased Resources, Deeper Impact, Common Measurement and Reporting, Celebration!

We are happy to announce you The **United Way Worldwide Europe and Middle East' Regional Meeting**, which will be hosted by **Matan - United Way Israel** in Tel Aviv on November 15-17, 2016.



In partnership with **MetLife, United Way Hungary** is developing a financial education program, 'LifeChanger', applying learning through play methodologies that will help primary school children aged 9-11 to develop their financial skills.

Some 40 MetLife volunteers will be actively involved in delivering the program, with a special emphasis on the disadvantaged regions of the country.



United Way Romania launches a partnership with **Veranda** shopping center, planning to develop community projects and raise funds for education, socio-economic integration and health programs for disadvantaged children, youth and elders. [Read more here](#)



Last June, the 150 managers of the French branch of **UPS** gathered at Jambville, as they do every year. A historic partner of United Way in North America, UPS invited **United Way Tocqueville France** to present their actions and specifically their **refugee pilot project**. [More information here](#)



Last August, **United Way Polska** organized voluntary work for the **Colgate - Palmolive company**. Employees armed with good humor and a desire for social change, rolled up their sleeves and renovated the playground at the Center for Rehabilitation, Education and Welfare "Helenów". Facilities were covered with many colors to brighten the days of children with disabilities staying at the resort.



In partnership with **United Way UK** and launched during the **International Festival for Business** held in **Liverpool** in June, **First Day** helps breakdown the barriers many young people experience when entering employment, in particular the lack of relatable role models and fear of the first day in work. Acting as the bridge between our partner youth organisations and businesses, the program enables young people to spend one day in businesses so they can understand different industries, career paths and opportunities available as well as giving them a positive First Day experience. [More information HERE](#)

Welcomet to New United Way colleagues in **Hungary**:

Anna Molnár:

In the past four years I was a volunteer member of a student organisation, helping freshmen integrate into university life. Besides that I worked for a creative marketing agency, an IT company, and even for the Hungarian State Opera as a student job.

I did my internship in London at the Hungarian Cultural Center, where I experienced the importance and positive impact of cultural and educational projects. After spending six month in China I realized, that with creativity, the right attitude, and being open-minded I can also change



my surroundings for the better. I hope as a member of the United Way team I will have the chance to do so.

Anna Pásztor:

I received my graduate degree in Intercultural Psychology and Education from ELTE Budapest and I obtained my BA in Psychology from the University of Florida as a Davis scholar.

Earlier I tried myself out in different professional fields, I have worked in the corporate, the education and the nonprofit sector also and besides, I have been involved as a volunteer in several local and international organizations. I like to take part in initiatives, which contribute to making the world at least a little bit more open, tolerant and a better place.

For me, it is important to work for good causes, and it is a great pleasure that from now on, I am able to do that as a member of such an enthusiastic and committed team, as United Way Hungary.

Since my childhood, music has been an important part of my life, in my free time I enjoy playing the violin, hiking, getting to know and exploring new things.



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