

Childhood Cancer Fund *Rugutė* was established in 2004 by Edita and Dainoras Abrukauskai after the loss of their three-year-old daughter Rugilė who battled cancer.

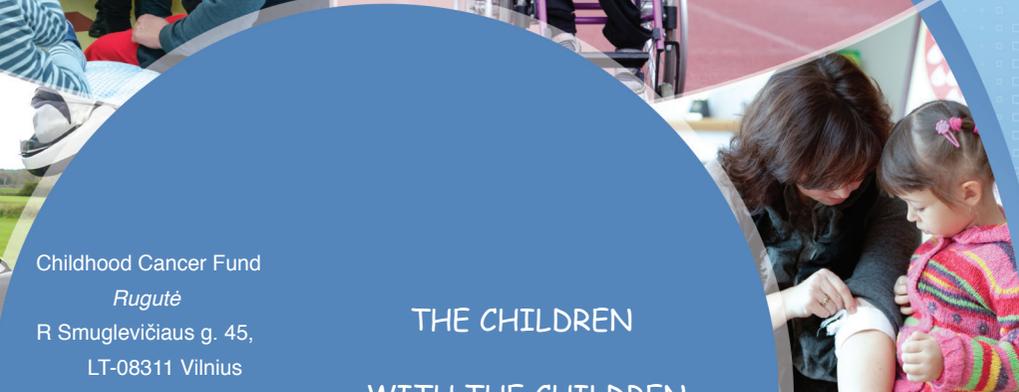
Confrontation with their daughter's oncological illness, the poor state of current healthcare system and lack of information about oncological diseases urged Edita and Dainoras to share the information about their daughter's complex treatment experience and help other families facing childhood cancer.

For over 12 years the Fund has been providing information, financial, medical and psychological support to children who have cancer and to facilities where those children are treated; collecting legal, social and medical information needed for families who were struck by childhood cancer; and encouraging communication and sharing of experiences among such families.

The Fund also carries out various social projects, initiates or contributes to support campaigns dedicated to improving treatment quality for Lithuanian children who suffer from cancer.

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THE CHILDREN
WITH THE CHILDREN
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AID FOR FAMILIES

The Fund supports families who encounter financial difficulties because of their child's illness by providing financial support. It also helps them to acquire medications needed for specific treatment that are not subsidized by the Lithuanian government or are not available in Lithuania; pay for diagnostic and genetic tests that are not performed in Lithuania, and for promising therapies provided abroad. The fund acquires and provides hospitals with port catheters which reduce pain and risk of infections that children encounter during their cancer treatment.

AID FOR HEALTH CENTERS

The Fund, in close cooperation with medical institutions that treat childhood cancer, helps to acquire the necessary medicine, medical / nursing equipment for targeted and most effective treatment of little patients.



RUGUTĖ'S HOME

The goal of *Rugutė's Home* is to provide free accommodation to children suffering from cancer and their family members, based on their individual needs. The Fund makes effort to provide an opportunity for the sick children to stay in a cozy home environment and to have a break from complicated treatment and hospital stays. A short respite with loved ones provides good emotions to the sick child and protects the family from separation. Family members who come from distant locations to visit their little patient and those family members caring for the child while in the hospital, can stay in this home. *Rugutė's Home* is located near Vilnius Children's Hospital and has been in operation for 8 years.



FULFILLING CHILDREN'S DREAMS

The Fund fulfills children's dreams in order to bring some joy to their souls. Teenager Ainė dreamed about a DSLR camera. Having found out about the girl's dream, the Fund made it come true. „*One of my dreams was suddenly fulfilled! I am very grateful to Fund Rugutė. I am very happy, THANK you! I am very pleased with the camera and try to take pictures of everything I see and I want to learn how to use it as soon as I can!*” - said Ainė.

REHABILITATION AND RECREATION



Even though the major disease is in remission, children often suffer from complications caused by their treatment and can't avoid hospital stays. In 2015 the Fund welcomed Jurga and Fredrik Gotlund's offer for children to spend a week-long vacation at their beautiful Can Fanals villa in Mallorca. Ten children, who had battled cancer, have already enjoyed the warm waters of the Mediterranean Sea and admired the beautiful nature. Rehabilitation and rest in Mallorca brings great benefits to children's emotional health. After all, the children stricken by the oncological disease need active and passive rest, new experiences, joy and new friends in order to heal their souls and not just the bodies.

THE ANNUAL EVENT FRIENDS' ISLAND

Since 2006, the Fund organizes an annual event *Friends' Island* which provides children with a day full of entertainment and encourages family interaction. Beautiful surroundings, laughter, interesting and fun activities contribute to the successful recovery of the children. After this event, the children's parents come home knowing that they are not alone in their confrontation with an oncological illness. Over 300 people participate in this event every year.



SHARE A DROPLET

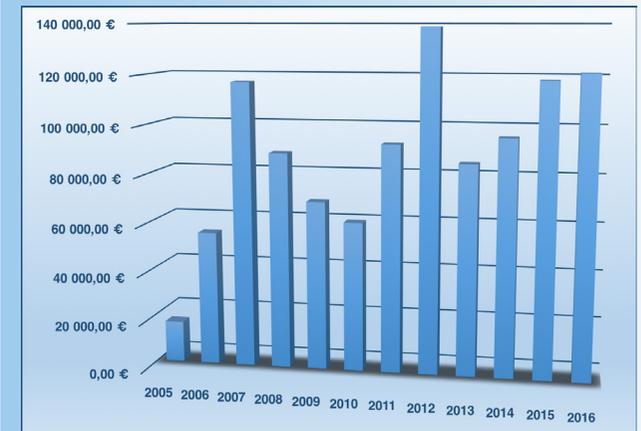
The Fund, together with the National Blood Center, organizes voluntary blood drives *Share a Droplet* at the *Rugutė's Home* twice a year. We believe it is very important to promote voluntary blood donations and to increase public awareness.

COOPERATION

The Fund works closely with NGOs from Japan, Poland, Sweden, France, Turkey, China and Belgium, as well as the Lithuanian Embassies in those countries. The Fund also cooperates with Lithuanian communities in the USA, Luxembourg, Norway and works together with all the people who believe that every young patient must receive targeted and the most effective treatment.

HELP AND SUPPORT PROVIDED

During the last 12 years of operation, the Fund provided more than 1 062,000 EUR of aid and support.



YOU CAN HELP US BY:

- assigning 2 percent of your income tax;
- transferring financial support to the Fund's account:

Fund ID: 300070090
 Bank Account: LT557044060004620867,
 AB SEB bank, bank code 70440
 SWIFT code CBVILT2X

Your kindness is our children's step to the future!

In our fight with childhood cancer, we would be helpless without the timely access to medicine and medical and nursing equipment.