

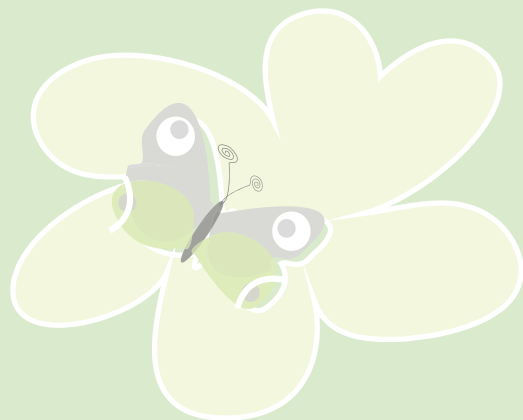


Infinite love and one hundred percent responsibility is the motto of *Rugutė Fund*. This motto has been defining the Fund's daily activities ever since the day of its establishment. *The children, with the children and for the children...*

The members of *Rugutė* team realize that even when the pain seems unbearable, they have no right to get tired, give up or cease to believe, because day after day they see the eyes of the children struggling with the most vicious disease, the children who are so eager to see the Future.

The smiles of the children, their most sincere hugs, their boundless strength, and people's trust in *Rugutė's* activities, their kindness and generosity in everyday deeds are the biggest stimulus and foundation of *Rugutė's* activities. This motivates to go forward to find the ways for implementing the Fund's goals and objectives.

To find more information about the Fund, its activities and children supported by the Fund please visit www.rugute.lt



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With the endless love for the children



We hold the hands of small children who suddenly grow up when their careless childhood is abruptly stopped by the most severe illness.

In our arms we carry those whose small feet are too weak to make a step into Tomorrow:

We tightly embrace the families that have to undergo the most painful experience – their child's illness, pain and suspense.

On this road we are traveling Together... together towards the Hope.



The Childhood Cancer Fund Rugutė was established on November 29, 2004. The founders of the Fund are Edita and Dainoras Abrukauskai, who lost their three-year old little daughter Rugilė to cancer.

The confrontation with the disease and the existing situation in nursing and health care, the experience of the journey through Rugilė's illness, its treatment and the wish to share the accumulated information with those, to whom it is essential have encouraged the founders of the Fund to offer the helping hand to the families who are confronted with the most cruel and malicious enemy – the oncological disease of their child.

The Childhood Cancer Fund Rugutė is a non-profit, non-governmental organization. The objective of the *Childhood Cancer Fund Rugutė* is to provide aid and support to children who are or have been ill with malignant diseases and help their families, as well as to support the development of the oncology science and practice.

While pursuing its diverse activities the Fund closely collaborates with the foreign non-governmental organizations and maintains relations with diplomatic missions in Japan, Poland, the Russian Federation, Sweden, France and Turkey.

Every year more and more Lithuanian and foreign companies and private individuals support the projects implemented by the Fund thus raising the Hope for the small ones to step into the Future.

Each child's smile, merry eyes and immeasurable determination to liberate oneself from the grip of the disease brings joy to our hearts. We are gratified by the endless commitment of the adults and rejoice in hope, and it lifts our lives on the wings of goodness and generosity...



Projects:

AID AND SUPPORT FOR THE FAMILIES

The Fund provides various support options to children with malignant diseases and their families: financial and psychological support, provision of foodstuffs, pharmaceutical products and health care equipment. The Fund also pays for individual consultations or covers the part of the expenses for the treatment and various medical tests in foreign clinics as well as organizes the provision of palliative care at home.

RUGUTĖ'S HOME

Residential premises near hospitals are offered in many foreign countries, but *Rugutė's Home* is the first project of this kind in Lithuania. The children can stay here when they are released from the hospital for a few days, family members are offered the possibility to spend the night here when they come to visit their beloved ones. The children in remission frequently meet at *Rugutė's Home* to spend their leisure time.



FULFILLING THE DREAMS OF THE CHILDREN

One of the most sensitive projects of the Fund aims to fulfill the dreams of the children affected by the disease: to have a computer, bicycle, painter's easel, guitar or meet a favourite singer.

THE ANNUALLY HELD EVENT THE ISLAND OF FRIENDS

From the year 2006 the Fund has been organizing the annual event called *The Island of Friends*. The aim of the meeting is to enable the children to enjoy one day of miracles and surprises and encourage their parents to share their experiences.

THE CHRISTMAS JOURNEY

Each year *Rugutė Fund* organizes its beautiful journey - *Christmas is the Time of Miracles*. During this event the team of *Rugutė Fund* visits the children supported by the Fund and their families and brings them wonderful Christmas presents and a little piece of Christmas Wonder.



SUPPORT BY PROVIDING MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

The Fund initiates support campaigns for improving the treatment quality for Lithuanian children with malignant diseases.

THE DROPLET OF BLOOD

The Fund organizes voluntary blood donation campaigns *The Droplet of Blood* and invites people to come to *Rugutė's Home* and donate their blood so it could be used for people with various diseases.

HELP FOR THE FAMILIES WHO LOST THEIR CHILDREN

The Fund organizes regular meetings of the self-help group for the parents who lost their children and wish to find ways how to relieve the pain of their loss.

