

## St. Francis of Assisi High School, Hurbanova st., 010 01 Žilina, Slovakia

We would like to inform you about the results of the „Červené stužky“ („Red Ribbon“) Project. The project ended by 1. December 2007 on The World AIDS day. The Project was supported by Ministry of Education of Slovak Republic and Regional Bureau of Education in Žilina and was organised by St. Francis from Assisi High School in Žilina. The Project ran under the patronage of Ivan Harman, a mayor of the city of Žilina.

More than 200 high schools and educational organizations from all over the country participated in The Project by choosing one of the following activities: organizing a lecture on HIV/AIDS or on a drug issue for students; projecting „Anjeli“ („Angels“), a documentary about HIV/AIDS problem in Republic of South Africa, distributed for free by organizers; wearing red ribbon; participating in the art competition or attending The Regional Red Ribbon Show at 31. November 2007 in Žilina. Because of a very positive feedback the end of Red Ribbon Project was changed from 1. December 2007 to 20. December 2007.

The goal of The Project was to improve the knowledge of HIV/AIDS issue among the public. Therefore [www.cervenestuzky.sk](http://www.cervenestuzky.sk) was created and ran by students of St. Francis High School in Žilina.

The art competition (named „HIV/AIDS – Red alert for Europe and the Earth...?“) had received favourable responses. A professional committee had evaluated more than 140 posters painted by 197 students of 31 participating schools. Results are as follows:

1. Emília Roxerová, a student of Academy of Social Work, Turčianske Teplice,
2. Katarína Sabová, a student of St. Francis from Assisi High School in Žilina,
3. Gabriela Cichovská, a student of Academy of Commerce, Trebišov.

The principal of St. Francis of Assisi High School in Žilina Dr. Gabriela Šarníková gave a special award to Nikola Kováčová, a student of The Private High School in Žilina. Ján Pavlík, a student of Albert Einstein High School, Bratislava was awarded to The Regional Bureau of Education Prize. Representatives of the city of Žilina gave some valuable presents to all the winners. Milan Balko, a handicapped student was awarded The Special Christmas Diploma for his „STOP AIDS!“ poster.

The Regional Red Ribbon Show at 31. December 2007, had taken place at Municipal Bureau of the city of Žilina with over 200 students and teachers from high schools all over the Žilina's region. The Show was honored to welcome Mr. Ivan Harman, the mayor of the city of Žilina, Mrs. Eva Országhová, a member of The Municipal Assembly of the city of Žilina, Mrs. Zuzana Akantisová, principal of Regional Bureau of Education in Žilina and many other guests.

We are very thankful to the following speakers: Dr. Monika Hábková, The National Reference HIV/AIDS Centre in Bratislava, who had spoken on HIV/AIDS issue; Mr. Marek Poláček, LUX Communications – the director of „Anjeli“ („Angels“) and Dr. Peter Šulák, The Retest – a resocialization centre for drug addicts. Their lectures had received many favourable responses from the public. The Project's Art Competition's Preview took place during The Regional Red Ribbon Show in Main Hall of Municipal Bureau of the city of Žilina. Students could take a look at the loads of posters and vote for their candidates during the coffee breaks. Terézia Paríšková, a student of St. Mary Goretti Academy of Social Work in Čadca was awarded the Prize of Sympathy. The Show was organized by students of St. Francis of Assisi High School in Žilina.

Let the Red Ribbon Project reminds us about the importance of compassion, solidarity, concern and hope in this world through the legacy of The World HIV/AIDS Day.

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