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Recommendation for distribution of possible unclaimed residual funds

The introduction of the Mazsihisz Charity Jewish Hospital of Hungary

The Charity Jewish Hospital of Hunagry is the only Jewish hospital in Central Europe. The original building was built in 1911, and was nationalized in 1952 (and is today the National Neurosurgery Intstitute). The former rest house of the Hospital complex, which was not nationalized, has been used by the Jewish community as the Charity Hospital of today.

The financial background, and standard of living of the **Holocaust survivors** (survivors of camps, ghettos, forced labor service and other persecutions) living in Hungary is very different, but regarding their health (especially the 70 + age group) almost everybody needs medical assistance. Due to the horrorrs of the past they are usually mentally disturbed, and are very sensitive, thus they prefer to visit a Jewish doctor, and / or a Jewish hospital.

## The capacity of the Charity Jewish Hospital

Number of beds:

Active internal medical: 40

Rehabilitational: 20

Chronic: 140 Care unit: 120

Total: 320

We also created a comprehensive **ambulance**:

Ophthalmology, gynecology, cardiology, angiology, diabetology, urology, rheumatology, allergology, surgery, internal medicin. There is also a mobile hospice team helping the medical attendence.

- 1. The quality of the **catering** in the Charity Jewish Hospital is far beyond the standard of the public hospitals. Because of the rising prices of the stock, it is getting more and more difficult to give our patients fruit and other supplementary food (sweets, cookie, juice). To maintain our standards we need to utilize other funds, so according to our calculations in 2004 we will need an additional
- 41 Million HUF (approx. USD 193 000) for this purpose.
- 2. The majority of the elderly people treated in our Hospital suffer from more than one disease, thus their **medication** requires a significant amount of money. Due to the new laws we expect the rising of the medicaments' prices.

According to our calculations, to maintain the high level of standard in 2004 in our medical attendence, we would need a **20 Million HUF** (approx. USD 94 500).

- According to our experience the usage of **disposable diapers** improves the general feeling of the patients, as well as their opinion about the hospital. Today we are able to use two diapers per day, but knowing the state of our patients, this is not enough. We plan to increase the service, from two to four diapers per day, which would improve the comfort feeling of the eldelry. This change will mean **10 Million HUF** (approx. USD 47300) extra cost for 2004.
- 4. With regard to the age and state of our patients we have to change the bed linen many times during the day, which leads to the early attrition of the linen. In today's financing system the replacement of the damaged bed linen is not secured, that is why we use a large quantity of mended bedding. In 2004 we will have to spend 5 Million HUF (approx. USD 23 600) for the replacement of the bed linen.

According to the writtens above we asking for USD 360 000. We would like to draw your attention to the fact that with this generous donation you will improve the living standards of more than 250 elderly Holocaust survivors.

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