

Dear Benefactors and Friends

Frankfurt, 29 April 2000

We want to thank you for supporting our activities in Tuzla Simin-Han by a contribution towards the purchase of a house to guarantee the future of the psycho-social centre "Prijeteljice". Two weeks ago a big house with garden was bought in Tuzla and yesterday the women and children already moved.

The aim is that this house will more and more become the social center of Simin Han. Thank you very much. Without your help we couldn't have realized this reconciliation-project.

We also want to thank all of you, who supported a "sponsorship" of the campaign "Holidays From War" last summer. It was possible for the first time that "Moslem" children who were deported from Sebrenica and now live in Tuzla, spent their holidays together with Serbian children who live as refugees in Srebrenica now. The Bosnian Initiative is responsible for organizing these groups.

The children from Kosovo who were forcefully driven away to camps in Macedonia, could recover at the lake Ohrid.

The children from Serbia, who had to hide from NATO-bombs shortly before, travelled again to the seaside at Bijlea/Montenegro.

Altogether 1400 children experienced "Holidays From War" with the help of this great activity that was organized by "Komitee für Grundrechte und Demokratie" (committee for basic rights and democracy).

The readers of Katha Pollitt's column contributed 137 "sponsorships" in this activity.

We hope to make recovery holidays for children of war possible in the summer of 2000 to the same extent. This doesn't only depend on the political situation – there is still fighting in Kosovo and also in Montenegro the sabre is being rattled – but also on the private donations that we can collect. Therefore we would like to ask you again for a "holiday sponsorship" of 250 DM = \$ 125 (more or less) respectively a collection of money from friends, at celebrations, charity events etc.

Please send a cheque for the Bosnia-Initiative to
Katha Pollitt c/o The Nation, 33 Irving Place, New York, NY 10003-2332
or directly to our address mentioned above.

In case you wish contact to a child please enclose an addressed envelope.

Thanks a lot
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Copy this letter and forward it to friends.

Please make out checks to the Bosnian Initiative Frankfurt and mail them to Katha Pollitt c/o The Nation, 33 Irving Place, New York, NY 10003-2332 or directly to address on the letterhead.