

900 Volunteers Heed AmCham Call



The volunteers of Radisson Blu Grand Hotel plant flowers in the backyard of the National Museum of History in Boyana.

The National Museum of History in Boyana hosted the official opening of the AmCham-BCAF Volunteer Day on May 28, 2011, which marked its fourth anniversary. The media and the volunteers were welcomed warmly by the U.S. Ambassador to Bulgaria James Warlick, Dana Leff-Niedzelska, co-chairman of the AmCham Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility and manager of PPD, Valentin Georgiev, executive director of AmCham Bulgaria, Elitsa Barakova, director of Aid Foundation Charity in Bulgaria (BCAF), and Nadezhda Angelska, chief coordinator of Program



Elitsa Barakova, Director of Aid Foundation Charity in Bulgaria (BCAF) elaborates on the number of volunteers during the official opening.



At the opening George Randelov, General Manager Microsoft Bulgaria had given out jokingly "Windows 10" in the form of a rasper and gloves to the US ambassador James Warlick.

Europe at the Sofia municipality.

"This day is an opportunity for the American companies to return some of the profits made in Bulgaria back to the Bulgarian society, and through voluntary work to help this country to become a better place to live," Ambassador Warlick said.

"Our message is that more employers will follow the example of companies that go to volunteer," Barakova added.

The working Saturday gathered about 900 employees of AmCham and non-



Volunteers at the Sofia zoo.

AmCham member companies in Bulgaria who worked on 23 projects in Sofia, Stara Zagora, Varna, Shumen, Blagoevgrad, Gabrovo and Sliven. Projects included cleaning of parks, painting of garden facilities, aid in homes for children without parents and the elderly, centers for children with disabilities, centers for environmental protection. Volunteers helped repair and renew equipment.

Volunteering companies and organizations:

119 Secondary School	IBS
American College of Sofia	Johnson & Johnson Doo.
Astra Zeneca Bulgaria	Johnson Controls Electronics Bulgaria
AVON	Melrose
BCD Travel Bulgaria	Merck Sharp & Dohme Bulgaria
Boyden	Microsoft Bulgaria
C3i	National Gymnasium of Natural Sciences and Mathematics
Carlsberg Bulgaria	Neochimichi
Chelopech Mining	Oplus
COLLIERS International Bulgaria	PPD
Deloitte Bulgaria	PWC
DEVIN	Radisson Blu Grand Hotel
Dexia	Siemens
Enel Maritza East 3	TBP
Eurobank EFG Bulgaria (under the brand name of Postbank)	Toastmasters Club
Experian	Top 100 Research
French Language Secondary School	Vector Management Bulgaria
Hotel Park Inn Sofia	

New projects in the campaign this year included: National Museum of History, National Museum of Military History, National Museum of Natural History, City Library, State Archives Agency, and eco-

village in Kamenitsa. Among the most attractive activities were painting of benches and equipment in Sofia Zoo, activities in the park of Vitosha, planting flowers at the Alexandrovska Hospital. ■

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