

# Volunteers Changing The World



*"The best thing about the AmCham – BCAF Volunteer Days is the kids who are out to help with their families," said U.S. Ambassador McEldowney to the media at the official opening of the event at the Sofia Zoo.*

AmCham Corporate Social Responsibility Committee and Bulgarian Charities Aid Foundation BCAF united AmCham member companies and their employees in the Spring Volunteer Day on May 16. The Volunteer Days project began a year ago targeting companies which are looking for ways to engage their employees with community needs as an integral part of their CSR policies.

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world." With these words of Mahatma Gandhi U.S. Ambassador Nancy McEldowney congratulated participants and organizers for their efforts.

The main purpose of this project is to give inspiration and change attitudes toward our responsibility to the community and environment. The organizers believe that through such events they can show people how to undertake their own initiatives to take care and to improve environment - cleaning parks, helping children and



*Ambassador McEldowney congratulates Atanas Osbakov, Kamenitza AD.*



elderly people, protecting nature and in this way be an example for responsible business and citizens.

This year a record number of volunteers – 960 from 37 companies – joined the initiatives divided into 14 projects in Sofia and eight projects in Pernik, Dolna Banya, Dragoman, Plovdiv, Pleven, Haskovo, Chelopech. During the special recognition event, Ambassador McEldowney and Dana Leff, co-chair of the AmCham CSR Committee, praised the participating companies for their commitment and achievements. AmCham is grateful to all companies that supported the event: CMS Cameron McKenna, Ernst&Young, Marsh, Mtel, and PPD.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Fall Volunteer Day 2009! ■



*Dana Leff, PPD congratulates Sonia Radeva with Bayer Bulgaria for the company's contribution at the Volunteer Day.*



*Employees of Motorola Bulgaria did repair works at Simeonovo Lakes, Vitosha Mountain.*



*Many AmCham member companies went to Sofia Zoo to renovate benches and fences.*