

Philanthropy Award 2011

Partners Albania, Center for Change and Conflict Management organized on December 7th the "**Philanthropy Award 2011**" Ceremony.



This activity is organized for the first time in Albania. The goal is to keep this old and valuable tradition alive by expressing our gratitude to individuals, families and businesses who contribute to improving the quality of life in our society.

The appreciation and stimulation of this activity is important considering the human and economic dimension it represents.

In the presence of a large audience of guests, representatives from the business sector, non-for-profit sector, parliamentarians, representatives of diplomatic bodies accredited in Albania, media and donor institutions, were announced the winners for the three categories of **Philanthropy Award 2011** and was presented a special award.

Awards were presented by distinguished personalities in the country, respectively by the U.S. Ambassador to Albania, Mr. Alexander A. Arvizu, Prof. Dr. Halim Kosova, director of maternity hospital "Queen Geraldine", Mrs. Kozara Kati, known activist of human rights and civil society in Albania and Mr. Haki Abazi, Program Director for the Western Balkans, the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. This activity was supported by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund.

Award for entities Contributing at the National Level was granted to *Vodafone Albania* with motivation: For high Corporate Social Responsibility towards groups and individuals in need all over Albania, implemented through the Vodafone Foundation.



Award for entities Contributing at the Local Level was granted to *Raiffeisen Bank SHA*, with motivation: For the contribution given in support of development of education and culture in the city of Shkodra, through reconstruction of the concert hall of the High School of Arts "Prenkë Jakova", support in infrastructure for the Faculty of Economics, University "Luigj Gurakuqi" and other social - educational activities.



Award for the Individual Contribution was granted to *Mr. Asllan Sula* with motivation: For the generous assistance provided to groups, families and individuals in need, and support for the preservation of culture and folklore in the city of Kruja.



Special Award - Pioneer of Philanthropy was granted to *Mr. Thoma Turtulli* (posthumously) with motivation: For his outstanding philanthropic activities in the field of education, health and culture, among which was the construction and reconstruction of the library "Thimi Mitko," construction and equipment of the first hospital in Korça, construction of the Artistic Lyceum "Tefta Tashko Koço" and construction of the industrial school in Korça, between years 1921 to 1937.

