



LIFE'S WORTH IT



*"When words are both true and kind, they can change the world."*

Jack Kornfield

## RESPILON

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Annual Report on CSR  
Activities for 2019

# Introduction

The year 2018 was the first year for CSR activities of our company. We have tested several pilot projects, built the first partnerships and tried to find out how to help people who need it most through nanofibers. We have entered 2019 with the certainty that there is interest in our help, and it can improve living conditions. We followed up on the original cooperation, opened several new ones and met a lot of brave people whose fates are worth a novel.

Based on two years of experience, we will take two important steps in 2020. The first is the decision to take our charitable activities to the next level, which will help us succeed even in the most challenging negotiations with global players. This weight will be added to our team by the official establishment of the RESPILON Foundation with all the formal requirements, specifically set goals and dedicated staff and budget.

The second step consists in concentrating the CSR team mainly on educational activities. We perceive health care as one of the most important topics in human life. And we want to offer anyone who is willing to listen the opportunity to take responsibility for it with the help of nanofibers. As you will see on the following pages, the year 2019 was largely in the spirit of our educational visits to elementary schools, to patients in hospitals or to senior citizens.

We believe that respect for oneself will also be reflected in tolerance for others, in the will to help those in need and to protect not only the health of their loved ones, but also the environment. We want to offer inspiration while being inspired by active people and organizations who are not indifferent to the fate of humanity and our planet. Modern nanofiber technology directly encourages such interconnection and gives us a unique chance to handle many problems of today's world.

In 2020, it will remain one of our important topics to help those who are disadvantaged. The common denominator of our projects will be health protection, which is why we will include exclusively nanofiber products used for filtration – i.e. face masks, respirators, neck gaiters and window membranes. Thanks to them, we are able to support what our company's motto says: "Life's worth it!"

*Ing. Jana Zimová, MBA*

Global Chief for Foundations & CSR



# Current Ways of Help

At work, we make decisions using reason and the heart. We divide aid among the needy in a meaningful and useful way. We want all beneficiaries to have a good understanding of when, how and against what to protect themselves. We train, lecture, explain and talk. This is the only way how to make everyone familiar with viruses and bacteria enough to make the right decision at any time in the future. And to make nanofibres – by choosing the appropriate way of protection – a reliable shield against a specific danger. We currently prefer two basic forms of help:

## Education

- We are happy to share our knowledge about health care
- After agreement we arrive to the hospital, school, nursing home or company
- We adapt the topic and form of the lecture or workshop to the target group – we work with children in a playful way, to talk to scientists and health professionals we use the language of numbers and tables
- We prefer an interactive approach so that participants can touch protective equipment from nano-paints, watch videos, and try different devices
- The training event can be completely independent or part of a wider event from the fair to the open day

## Material Help

- We consider help through our products, which we believe in and whose contribution we have confirmed by laboratory tests and many years of experience, to be the most effective.
- We have been operating the e-shop [shop.respilon.com](http://shop.respilon.com) for more than a year. On this platform we allow members of individual friendly organizations to use unique discount codes. Thanks to them, patients and their families can buy protective products with a discount of up to 50 %
- In justified cases, we do not hesitate to provide masks and neck gaiters for free

# Children's Oncology Days



**Date:** February 16, 2019

**Place:** the whole Czech Republic

**Organised by:** Krtek Children's Oncology Foundation, RESPILON

Every year, the International Childhood Cancer Day falls in mid-February. It involves healthcare and charities around the world, as well as government agencies and companies. Their goals are common: to raise awareness of childhood cancers, their prevention and treatment options. Further contribute to improving the quality of life of patients and connect the sick or recently treated with the healthy. There is also an effort to raise funds for foundations and funds to help children suffering from cancer and leukaemia.

RESPILON, whose nanofiber products protect the immunity of their carriers disrupted by chemotherapy, also participates in these activities. For the charity event, we joined forces with the Krtek Children's Oncology Foundation, which celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2019.

Our "Take a photo and help!" Challenge was held on Facebook via the RESPILON Czech Republic website. We encouraged fans to take photos with nanofiber products and share the images below the post on this page. All face masks and neck gaiters that appeared in the pictures by the set deadline were donated by RESPILON to the Krtek fund. One of the pictures also captured the RESPILON window diaphragm, so our company is committed to install this product free of charge in the apartment of a selected family. Together with Krtek, we chose Síč family from Letovice, due to the need to protect the immunity of one of the household members after a bone marrow transplant.

Because everyone deserves a present for their birthday (and for a round one in particular), RESPILON made a limited edition of protective neck gaiters with Krtek logo and donated thirty of these R-Shields to the fund free of charge.

# New Neck Gaiter Design for the 10<sup>th</sup> Charity Jam

Date: February – March 2019

Place: Brno

Organised by: RESPILON, Sportovní klub Demons, z.s.



RESPILON has been supporting the charity sports event Charity Jam for two years and for its 9<sup>th</sup> year in 2018 it prepared a special design of protective neck gaiter R-Shield. During the jubilee 10<sup>th</sup> year we were honoured to become the general partner. In advance, we created another limited edition of R-Shields with an "X" as a symbol of ten

for this event. We officially introduced the new design on February 28, 2019.

In March, we started offering neck gaiters with a nanofiber filter from this series to our customers through our on-line channels around the world. RESPILON donates CZK 20 from each piece sold to the Demons Sports Club – the organizer of Charity Jam. These funds are intended to support mentally or physically disabled children. On March 24, 2019, the club's representatives received a certificate at the Brno headquarters of our company, which officially confirms this gift.

# The Cystic Fibrosis Association Conference



**Date:** April 6, 2019

**Place:** Motol University Hospital (Prague)

**Organised by:** The Czech Cystic Fibrosis Association

The Association's goal is to improve the quality of life of patients with cystic fibrosis and to increase public awareness of this serious and incurable disease. In order to strengthen bonds within the community of patients, their families and doctors, the Association organizes a membership meeting each year with a conference, where, in addition to sharing experiences and technical innovations, a variety of assistance options are presented.

Our company is a long-term partner of the Czech Cystic Fibrosis Association. Since spring 2018, it has been donating 20 CZK for each R-Shield protective neck gaiter with Parrot design sold anywhere in the world. This design came from the RESPILON competition for children by children and its author is fourteen-year-old Karolína Hanušová.





In April 2019, RESPILON acquainted the conference participants with the latest trends in the field of protective nanofiber aids at the Motol Hospital. These are extremely popular among the patients, since they allow them to move safely even in an environment where they would not otherwise dare because of their impaired immunity. ReSpimask® face masks and R-Shield neck gaiters were available on site at a discounted price.



# "Salty Women" Protect Themselves with Nanofibers



**Date:** April 2019

**Place:** Czech Republic

**Organised by:** The Czech Cystic Fibrosis Association

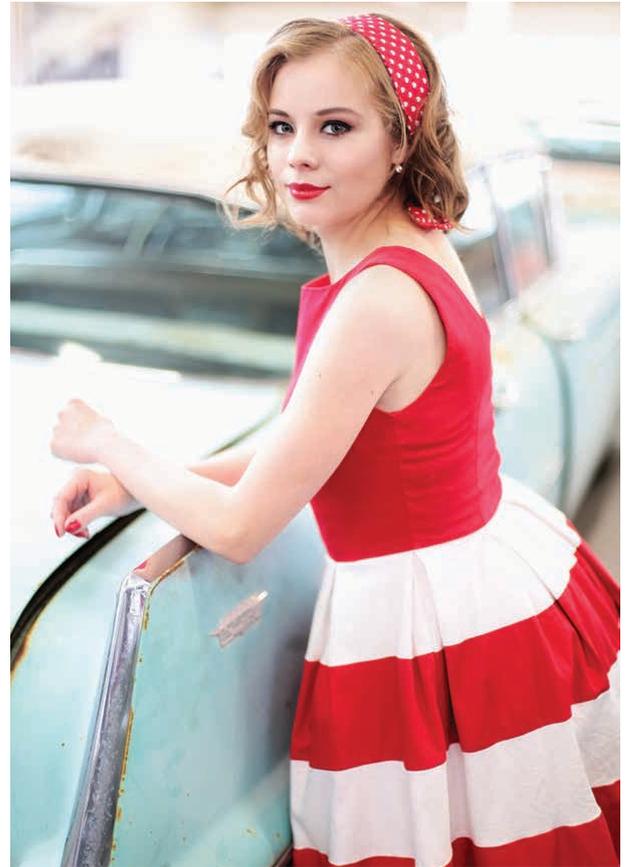
Cystic fibrosis is referred to as the disease of salty children – people suffering from this disease excrete up to five times more salt in sweat than healthy people. This fact gave origin to the Salty Women initiative, which wants to show the world that salty children will grow into salty adults. In their case, salty women – despite a difficult diagnosis and bad prospects beautiful beings full of life and hope.

These ladies look just like the healthy ones, but at the cost of much more effort. Every year, they transform their beauty and inner strength into an exceptional calendar, and by participating in photography, they add courage to other patients. Of course, the profit from the sale helps right them.

Salty women also became the main heroines of one of the parts of the magazine Klíč filmed by Czech Television. We are very pleased that some of these courageous women openly admit that thanks to nanofiber aids from RESPILON, they feel safer. They especially liked R-Shield neck gaiters, which do not give a medical impression: "Czech society is intolerant in this respect. When a person with a face mask comes somewhere, such person is automatically assumed to be a source of some bacillus. And it doesn't occur to anyone that he/she is just protecting him/herself." And that's exactly why we created R-Shields – to allow all immunodeficient patients to protect themselves effectively, but without any unwanted emotions "around them.



*„Czech society is intolerant in this respect. When a person with a face mask comes somewhere, they are automatically seen as a source of some infection. And it doesn't occur to anyone that they may be just protecting themselves.”*



# Beijing Expo 2019



**Date: April – October 2019**

**Place: Beijing**

**Organised by: Embassy of the Czech Republic in Beijing**

The Expo 2019 trade fair took place in the Chinese metropolis and lasted for a full six months. Ecology and sustainability became the main theme of the major international event – with the motto “Live Green, Live Better”. In Beijing, there was also a national Czech exhibition with the area of 200 m<sup>2</sup>, part of which was the presentation of RESPILON.

The main goal of our company was to educate the population of Southeast Asia about modern technologies for respiratory protection. Both against increasingly frequent and dense smog and against airborne diseases. Both health risks are enormous in the Chinese region, and nano-fiber face masks, neck gaiters and window membranes can significantly contribute to their elimination.





According to the organizers of the global fair, the Czech Republic is a country of “green traditions and innovations”. The philosophy of RESPILON fully fits into this concept – we bring the neediest people a solution to their health situation using modern filtration technology, which we produce with maximum emphasis on an environment-friendly approach. Some examples: R-Shield neck gaiter wrappers consist of recycled paper and do not contain any plastics; in the production of outdoor membranes, we avoid perfluorocarbons and the like. The innovative and “green” role of RESPILON was also appreciated by the Czech Ambassador to China, Professor Vladimír Tomšík.



# Trade Fair of Pro-family and Senior Citizen Organizations

Date: May 28, 2019

Place: Moravian Square in Brno

Organised by: Health Department of Brno City Municipality



The aim of the event was primarily to promote pro-family and senior activities available in the Brno City. The organizers also wanted to create an entertaining and educational program, where the whole family, children, or older generations, could have a good time. Among others, thirty non-profit organizations whose activities focus on families with children and the elderly took part in the program.

The trade fair was structured in thematic areas, while the RESPILON stand was located in the medical care tent. Our team members educated people about

the risks of staying in polluted air. The visitors could learn how to protect their health, for example, with nanofiber face masks and neck gaiters or an anti-smog membrane inserted in the windows.

On our stand, the biggest attention was paid to spirometer measuring the vital capacity of the lungs. Thanks to it, everyone interested has learned both the volume of air they can inhale/exhale at once, and the biological age of their airways. Some were pleasantly, others rather unpleasantly surprised – perhaps because they were not yet aware of the dangers

associated with life in industrial zones and along heavy roads. The beneficial effect of walking as part of an active lifestyle has clearly manifested itself. People who mentioned it among their hobbies showed the best result – although some of them were smokers in the past or suffered from a more serious illness.

We believe that the second participation of RESPILON at the Brno trade fair has contributed to a better awareness of air pollutants and effective ways of defence against them.



# International Children's Day



**Date:** June 1, 2019

**Place:** Mexico

**Organised by:** RESPILON

Since 1925, the first day of June belongs to children. However, not all of them are lucky enough to enjoy the holiday to their liking – with family and friends on the playground or in the park. Hundreds of thousands of children spend June 1 in hospitals, bedridden and, unfortunately, in the most difficult cases attached to medical devices.

Compared to 2018, RESPILON has also expanded its charitable activities abroad and shares experience in this field with its offices in various countries. That is why, before Children's Day, we met, among others, with our Mexican colleagues who wanted to conjure a smile on the faces of patients in local hospitals. It was on June 1, 2019 that they went to medical facilities and gave children not only joy, but also nanofiber aids that will help protect their often impaired immunity.



# Donating Protective Membranes To Kindergarten in Prague

Date: April 2019

Place: Prague

Organised by: RESPILON

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## Školství a mládež

### MŠ KORYCANSKÁ

# Školka je na špici péče o zdravotně oslabené děti



**■ Již od roku 2001 je MŠ Korycanská špičkovým zařízením pro výchovu dětí předškolního věku.**

Od začátku svého působení dbáme na to, aby standardy naší péče o zdravotně oslabené děti měly maximální možnou úroveň. Víme, jak důležité je pro vás rodiče odcházet do svých kanceláří s pocitem klidu, že je o vaše dítě odborně postaráno v průběhu celého dne.

Specializovaná zdravotní péče o děti je samozřejmou součástí každodenního režimu, stejně jako hry, obecné rozvojo-

vé programy, speciální vzdělávání pro předškoláky, jazykové kroužky, plavání, hudební kroužky apod.

Je pro nás standardem být na špici v kvalitě poskytované péče, a proto máme k dispozici i ty nejmodernější dostupné prostředky, jakými jsou například Biotronová lampa Zepter pro léčení kožních defektů, přenosné zařízení Salin přinášející do tříd efekt atmosféry solné jeskyně, balanční plochu Posturomed pro rozvoj pohybových schopností zdravotně oslabených dětí nebo profesionální certifikované inhalátory Omron pro děti s různými dechovými potížemi, například s astma bronchiale nebo s rozličnými alergiiemi.

Právě inhalace jsou neefektivovanějšími léčebnými procedurami, které se dětem každodenně aplikují. Nejen že jsou prevencí vzniku obvyklých akutních problémů horních dýchacích cest (např. rýma, kašel), ale také zvlhčují a dezinfikují nosní sliznici.

Posledním přírůstkem do rodiny našich špičkových prostředků péče jsou nanovláknové okenní membrány Respilon, které přináší zcela novou úro-

veň ochrany tříd. Při použití této unikátní okenní sítě můžeme větrat po celý den, a přesto nepouštíme do tříd škodlivé částice. Síťe do oken mají vodní sloupec, filtrují smog, prach, pyl, alergeny. V oblastech s intenzivním slunečním svitem funguje Respilon okenní síť také jako ochrana před UV zářením. Membrána spolehlivě zabrání i průniku vody do interiéru – nemusíme tak okno s membránou zavírat ani při dešti. Hustota nanovláken přitom po celou dobu chrání prostor třídy před roztoci, pyly – ne náhodou membrána představuje oblíbené řešení pro alergiky.

A právě z toho důvodu, že alergici jsou mezi dětmi naší školky významně zastoupeni, jsme díky daru společnosti Respilon mohli zajistit tuto mimořádnou moderní technologii ochrany vždy na jedno okno v každé třídě, které se používá pro větrání.

MGR. PETRA STIBOROVÁ

The Kindergarten, based at Rokycanská 14 in Prague, has been one of the top facilities for the education of preschool children suffering from health impairment since 2001. For example, children with pollen and food allergies, bronchial asthma or skin eczema attend its classes. The overall operation of the nursery school, including special food, as well as its environment and equipment are adapted to their needs.

The staff helps children with, among other things, biotron lamps for the treatment of skin defects, with inhalers, balance surfaces for the development of motor skills or special equipment with a salt cave effect. Thanks to a free installation from RESPILON, nanofiber window membranes were added to this equipment in June 2019, allowing teachers to ventilate the classrooms all day without letting in fumes, dust, pollen, or other pollutants. The membrane also protects against hazardous UV radiation.

*"Just because allergy sufferers are significantly represented among the children of our kindergarten, thanks to donation from RESPILON we were able to provide This extraordinary modern technology, always on one window in each class, which is used for ventilation."*

Physical Therapist Petra Stiborová

# 42<sup>nd</sup> European Cystic Fibrosis Conference



**Date:** June 5–8, 2019

**Place:** Liverpool

**Organised by:** European Cystic Fibrosis Society

RESPILON has long been supporting patients suffering from a hereditary disease known as cystic fibrosis, both in the Czech Republic and abroad. Therefore, our representatives decided to take an active part one of the largest international events of its kind.

42<sup>nd</sup> European Cystic Fibrosis Society Conference attracted more than 2,500 delegates from around the world to England to discuss and share information on developments in therapy, clinical research, diagnosis and day-to-day patient care. We are also involved in the latter area and are working to raise awareness of the effectiveness of nanofiber aids in protecting against infectious diseases. These are one of the worst risks for patients suffering from cystic fibrosis. Educational activities have also become the main goal of our mission in Liverpool.

At the same time, we offered R-Shield neck gaiters with a nanofiber membrane free of charge on the conference grounds. It was a limited edition with the CF Hero design – a pioneering mobile app of Czech origin, which we wanted to support on an international level. CF Hero helps young people fight cystic fibrosis and helps to prolong their lives. This is because a time-consuming treatment regimen requires maximum accuracy, regularity, and attention from the patient, which makes it difficult for teenagers. The app reminds them in a non-violent form of daily inhalations and respiratory rehabilitation and helps create the necessary habits. We are very pleased that the CF Hero project has won the Blueberry Nonprofits contest, thanks to which Blueberry will help authors (Mark Vosecki and Cystic Fibrosis Association) adapt their iOS app. The value of development work is one million crowns.

# X. Charity Jam



**Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> July 2019

**Place:** Brumov-Bylnice

**Organized by:** Sportovní klub Demons, z.s.

Every year in July, freestyle bikers from the Czech Republic, Slovakia and many other countries participate in the biggest domestic BMX race to present their biking skills, as well as to aid raise as much funds as possible for the particular handicapped children. RESPILON established cooperation with the organizers of Charity Jam in 2018 and a year later it engaged in this unique event as the main partner. The reason is that targeted help corresponds the best to the ideas of our team concerning CSR activities.

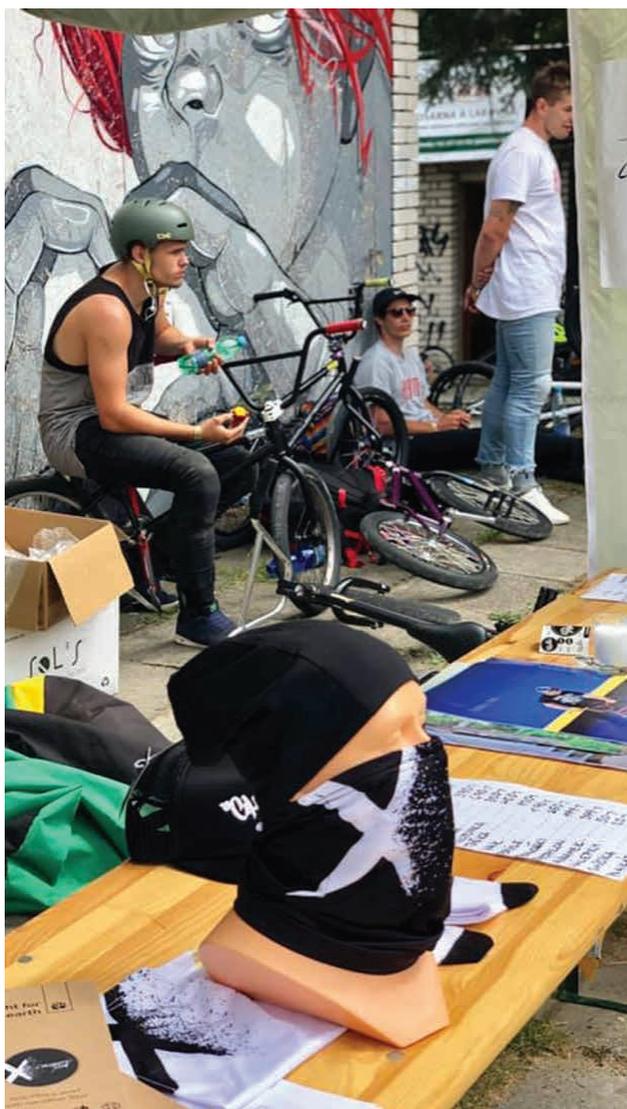
Dozens of racers from around the world supported by several thousands of enthusiastic spectators appeared on U-ramps of the Bikepark in Brumov-Bylnice. R-Shield neck gaiters with the Charity Jam X design coupling the street lifestyle of bikers with the protective ability of nanofibers were not missing at the event. Some racers were wearing them for the entire race.



R-Shields were also sold directly at the site and the yield was dedicated for a good cause. In the course of the 10<sup>th</sup> Charity Jam CZK 460,000 were raised and more funds were collected in the form of a one-time donation, so the resulting amount was a record sum of CZK 533,010. The funds were distributed directly at the site among four kids and two young women with an uneasy life story:

- **Michal Kirschner** (11 years old): He deals with epilepsy, impairment of all limbs, a sight defect and cerebral palsy. The yield helped buy compensation aids and cover the therapy costs.
- **Julie Kočicová** (5 years old): She suffers from the rare Angelman syndrome that reflects in a mental disability, inability to speak, motor problems, epilepsy or sleeping disorders. The yield was used to cover the therapy costs.

- **Zajíc sisters** (35 and 22 years old): The older Andrea suffers from a combined handicap and in spite of it she is taking care of the younger Jana who faces a heavy mental disability and epileptic seizures. The yield helped cover the costs of their rehabilitation stay.
- **Aneta Kolínková** (14 years old): She faces spinal muscle atrophy due to which she cannot move or master her tongue and vocal cord muscles and needs a breathing device support. The yield helped buy a device for eye control of the computer.
- **Leontýna Rampírová** (7 years old): The fate has struck her with a rare genetic defect called the Pitt-Hopkins syndrome. She faces epilepsy, psychomotor difficulties and the central hypotonic syndrome. The yield helped cover the costs of a stair lift.



# Supporting the Volunteers of Collective Calling

Date: August 2019

Place: Tanzania

Organized by: RESPILON



The Spanish non-profit organization Collective Calling strives for rehabilitation and re-integration of homeless people back to the society with use of the sites that are called Centres of Hope. In their home country teams of volunteers mainly focus on adult people and families in need, in African Tanzania they work with the kids in the streets whom they strive to reintegrate in loving families. The organization was founded in 2017 by spouses Gemma and Paul from the Great Britain.

The Tanzania Centre of Hope is established in Kasul where just in summer 2018 the volunteers from Collective Calling found 94 kids living in scary street conditions. And some of them are only five years old. The Centre provides them food and roof and mainly the missing education. When the kids grow up, thanks to the gained knowledge they will have a great chance to get good working opportunities to prevent their offspring from living in the street too. Thus, the circle of poverty and helplessness will be definitively broken.

Street workers and volunteers in Tanzania often move in the areas threatened with an occurrence of infectious diseases. To be able to protect themselves and their surrounding and continue in their commendable work, RESPILON provided them with free nanofiber respiratory protection.



# Free Installation of Window Nets

Kdy: září 2019

Kde: Letovice

Pořadatel: RESPILON, Nadační fond dětské onkologie Krtek



During the February Day of Pediatric Oncology RESPILON undertook to freely install a protective window membrane in the flat of a family to be recommended by Nadační fond dětské onkologie Krtek (a paediatric oncology foundation). The foundation chose the Síč Family from Letovice and nanofibers were used to help their high-school daughter Kája who underwent a bone marrow transplantation from a non-relative donor.

These patients suffer from highly weakened immunity and must avoid any infectious disease that could threaten their life in the period after the surgery. Nanofibers are an effective barrier, as they are able to capture pathogens that are invisible to the eye and are frequent companions of the risky diseases.

*"I would like to thank RESPILON for having installed protective nets in my windows. When I was shortly after transplantation, I had to avoid all viruses, bacteria and moulds, which the membrane helped me very much to do. Another great aid is the ReSpimask® face masks that I wear every day at school. Thanks to their cosiness and breathability there is no problem for me to wear them almost the entire day, and therefore I can use them fully."*

Kája Síčová

# Run of 65 Roses

Date: 14 September 2019

Place: Slovakia

Organized by: Klub cystickej fibrózy



When you say Cystic Fibrosis in English, it sounds like Sixty-Five Roses. In 1965 a four-year old boy “called” his hereditary disease this way and since that time the term “65 roses” became one of the symbols of the cystic fibrosis disease. In the middle of September 2019 Klub cystickej fibrózy (the cystic fibrosis club) decided to further develop this idea and organized the first year of the Run of 65 Roses around the entire country.

The patients and their relatives or friends participated in the event at a place, which they chose themselves. Every person selected the path length according to their physical abilities so that they managed it and at the same time tried to push their limits. The meters run in the entire Slovakia were added up in an effort to come close to the symbolic distance of 65 km. All participants were rewarded with a package of protective aids including nanofiber face masks and neck gaiters donated by RESPILON.

We are happy that we were able to support the brave sportsmen. The event also served for establishment of a long-term partnership between RESPILON and Klub cystickej fibrózy.

# RESPILON as Part of "Dobry anděl" TV Campaign

Date: October 2019

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Place: Czech Republic

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Organized by: TV Nova

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Dobry anděl (Good Angel) is a system thanks to which donors may help thousands of sick people with relatively small regular monthly contributions. Every year this project is supported by TV Nova in its media campaign. In autumn 2019, it presented in a series of short charitable spots nine families that Dobry anděl has already helped. The spots included real statements talking about the particular benefits of the aid – including psychological support and awareness that somebody is interested in them and their relatives.

The spots also featured the mother of the small Terezka who suffers from one of the most serious diseases in the form of leukaemia. The girl's weakened immunity is protected among other by nanofiber face masks ReSpimask® Junior. The mother's statement speaks for itself: "I can be with my girl at home and I can protect her..." We are glad that our masks help protect the brave small fighters. However, we most admire all Good Angels who are spreading hope among them.

# Playful Lecture for Preschool Kids



**Date:** 23 October 2019

**Place:** Smetanova Elementary School, Lanškroun

**Organized by:** RESPILON

At the school desks healthy kids often meet with their less happy peers who suffer from a serious disease. In such collectives it is even more important to explain how to behave towards the sick people, what they suffer from and how we can help them. It is why we accepted an invitation to the 3<sup>rd</sup> class of Základní škola Smetanova in Lanškroun. Due to her illness, one of the pupils must wear face masks and the teachers asked us to talk to the pupils in a playful and understandable form about health and nanofibers.

The kids not only had fun, but also learnt a lot of new information and could try face masks ReSpimask® Junior. They literally showered us with curious questions and as a reward they obtained diplomas for brave absolving of a lecture on viruses and bacteria.

On the school web a nice article appeared about the discussion:

*“On Wednesday 23 October we had an interesting class visit. The employees of RESPILON came to see us. RESPILON is a company focusing on the production of protective masks and scarves. Mrs. Zimová told us about nanofibers that are used to produce protective masks and scarves. We tried the masks and learnt a lot of interesting facts about the projects for poor kids from Africa. And also for the Czech kids suffering from an oncologic or other diseases.”*



# Educational Afternoon in Motol



**Date:** 19 November 2019

**Place:** Motol University Hospital, Prague

**Organized by:** RESPILON

One of the aims of our team is to increase awareness about the options of the respiratory system protection in both healthy people and patients suffering from various diseases. Due to the weakened immunity of these patients, neglected or inappropriate protection may lead in fatal consequences.

In November 2019, the employees of RESPILON visited the Clinics of Paediatric Haematology and Oncology of the Motol University Hospital where hospitalized children and their parents waited for them with their questions. What are the correct habits for the respiratory system protection? When, why and how to wear a face mask and when a neck gaiter is more suitable? In addition to our responses, we brought Christmas gifts to the kids slightly in advance – who else should deserve them first anyway...?



# Informative Lecture For Seniors



**Date: November 2019**

**Place: Brno**

**Organized by: Sun Drive Communications**

Seniors belong among the groups of inhabitants that are mostly endangered by polluted air or infectious diseases. Therefore, we are always happy to share with them our practical experience concerning the respiratory system protection. This time we engaged in an event organized by our partner – the Sun Drive

Communications agency that is the main coordinator of the Senior Pass Project. We spent a nice morning with our audience and in a comprehensive form allowed them to look in the world of nanofibers that bring about effective help to all generations.



# Workshop with the Polish Foundation CF Matio



**Date:** November 2019

**Place:** Krakow

**Organized by:** CF Matio

Since 1997 the Matio foundation provides support to the patients with cystic fibrosis and their families in Poland. It promotes the public awareness about this hereditary disease. It permanently emphasises the fact that it does not only concern a problem of the patients themselves, but also of the disease carriers.

RESPILON is a partner of this foundation and therefore, it kindly welcomed an invitation to its workshop in Krakow. We shared our knowledge concerning protection with nanofibers, positive experience and inspiration with the participating patients, their family members, as well as other interested parties. Donation of ReSpimask® face masks to three Polish hospitals was also a part of our mission.



# Panel Discussion with Polish Students About Smog



**Date:** 22 November 2019

**Place:** Warsaw

**Organized by:** START Warsaw

START Warsaw is a student network associating talented students focused on the business area. It inspires and educates the Polish students and associates them with similarly oriented groups and individuals from all around the world. It strives to include young people in the global ecosystem, supports them on their way from ideas to their implementation and creates trustful environment for transmission of innovations into practice.

The modern world of business is closely related with the issues of environment and permanent

sustainability. Therefore, START Warsaw does not avoid even the burning and not always nice

areas, including smog that has been occurring in Poland more often and in worse concentrations during the last years. That is why the organization invited representatives of RESPILON that has already been active at the Polish market for several years to its panel discussion. We provided the audience with a view of the world of nanofibers and presented solutions that help protect them against polluted air. We perceive the rising generation of businessmen as an important target group for such communications because they have the will, energy and opportunity to start a change.

# International Conference on Cystic Fibrosis



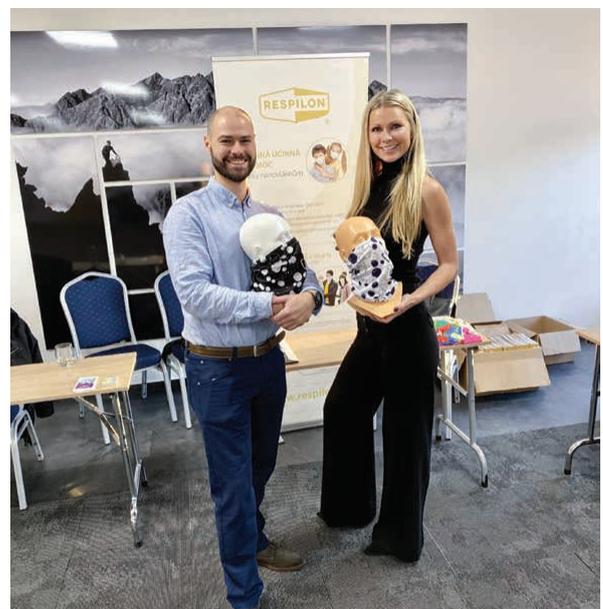
**Date:** December 2019

**Place:** Slovakia

**Organized by:** Slovenská Asociácia Cystickej Fibrózy

The event organised by Slovenská Asociácia Cystickej Fibrózy (the Slovak Association of Cystic Fibrosis) attracted experts in this disease from several countries, as well as the patients and their families. The Director of RESPILON, Mr. Roman Zima, presented to the guests the options to protect the respiratory system with use of nanofibers and notified them of the individual existing products that may help immediately improve the quality of life of the persons suffering from an insidious disease.

During the conference we met our friends and partners from Klub cystickej fibrózy and CF Hero. We were selling neck gaiters with this mobile application design in Slovakia and the yield was donated to CF Hero in the hands of its co-founder Marek Vosecký. The funds will be used for further development. We are happy that nanofiber products also attracted the organizers and that Slovenská Asociácia Cystickej Fibrózy became one of our partners.



# Extending Cooperation with Charity Jam Organizers

Date: December 2019

Place: Brno

Organized by: RESPILON, Sportovní klub Demons, z.s.



Our cooperation with the organizers of the voluntary Charity Jam race has lasted for two years. The yield of the event helps the particular people and it is this targeted help that we consider as the most efficient.

For the IX and X year of Charity Jam RESPILON created a special design of the R-Shield protective neck gaiter. It was offered to the customers through on-line sales channels all around the world. We dedicated CZK 20 of every sold piece in favour of Sportovní klub Demons that organizes the Charity Jam race and the funds were designated to support mentally or physically handicapped children.

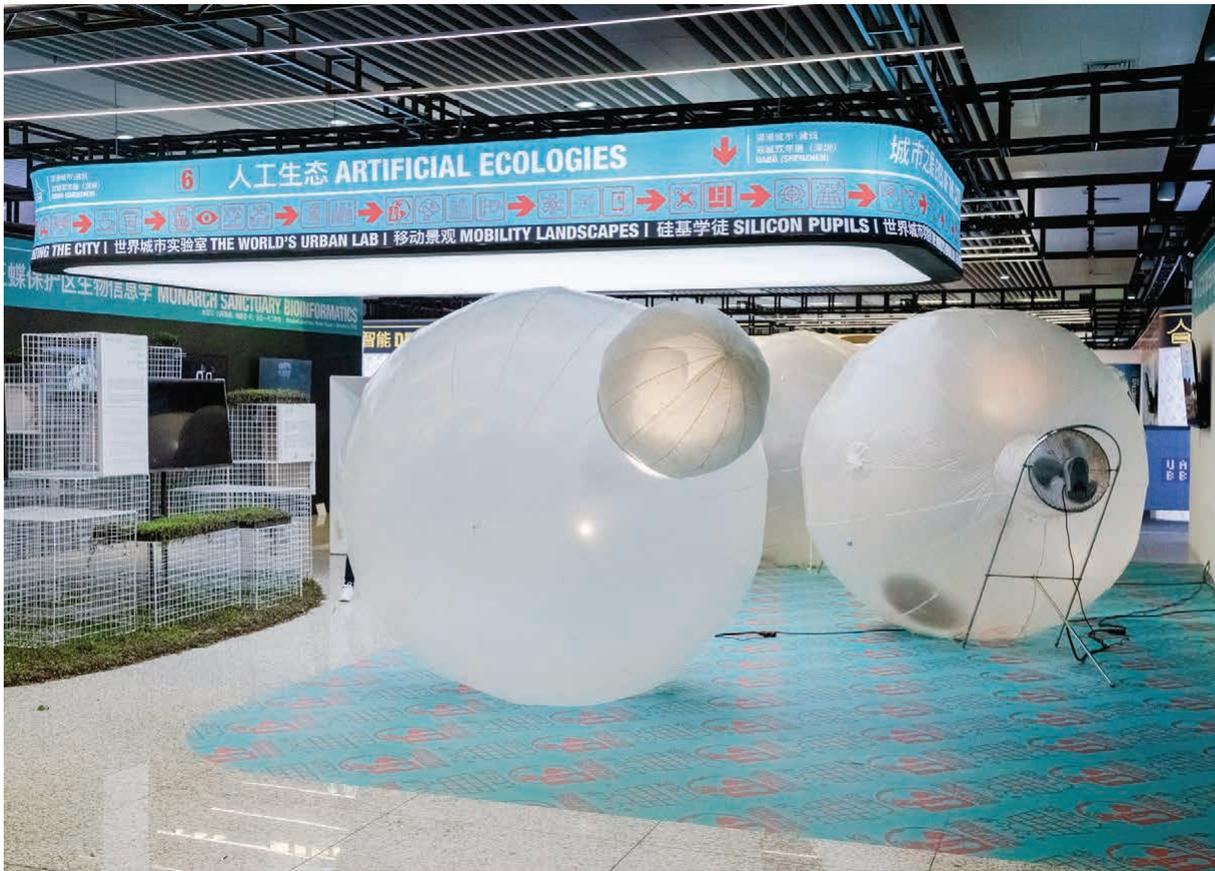
In December 2019 we presented a brand-new design of the R-Shield Charity Jam neck gaiter promoting the mission of this sports and charitable event in a more timeless manner with use of a permanent logo that is no longer connected with any particular year of the race. Thus, we also confirmed our long-term cooperation and provided a new certificate to the organizer according to which RESPILON will donate CZK 20 of every sold piece to Charity Jam without any time limitation. BMX rider Jakub Benda says:

*"It is not about racing, but about helping those who need it the most. We are all the same, we are living on this planet and breathing the same air. The whole world should understand this."*

BMX rider Jakub Benda



# Supporting the Dusts Institute Project



**Date:** December 2019

**Place:** Czech Republic and abroad

**Organized by:** Dusts Institute, RESPILON

An artist and architect, Adam Hudec is a co-founder of a multi-disciplinary research platform of the Dusts Institute. He focuses on measuring the air quality with the aim to collect data and share knowledge on the consequences of human activities on the life environment.

With use of non-traditional means of expression, the institute emphasizes the increasing volume of pollutants in the atmosphere. It works for example with the shocking fact that during life each person breathes in about 18 kg of dust in average. However, at the everyday level this risk is invisible and therefore Adam strives to visualise it among other within the Dust Chambers Project.

These devices capture flying dust at duly selected sites, especially during the winter months, and allow for



monitoring the development of pollution and atmospheric phenomena. A key part of the chambers includes a nanofiber membrane by RESPILON® that we are regularly donating to Adam for free. His activities are in line with our effort to increase the awareness on pollutants in the air and their negative impacts on human health. We perceive education through art as a non-orthodox way.

Dust chambers fitted with a nanofiber filter by RESPILON® occurred for instance at the exposition in the Slovenian Ljubljana (December 2019 to January 2020) or at the Eyes of the City Biennale in the Chinese Shenzhen (November 2019).



# Neck Gaiters for Children with Oncologic Conditions

Date: December 2019

Place: University Hospital in Brno

Organized by: HC Kometa Brno



As one of the best clubs of the ice-hockey major league, HC Kometa Brno also engages in the field of charity. Every year before Christmas its players visit patients of the Clinics of Paediatric Oncology at the University Hospital in Brno to encourage them and distribute joy and gift packages. Thus, at least for a while they allow the kids to forget that they will not be able to spend the holidays with their parents and siblings.

December 2019 was not an exception and R-Shield protective neck gaiters by RESPILON became a part of the gifts. The club representatives distribute them to the neediest patients also at other opportunities.

Our company cooperates in the long term also with Nadační fond Kometa (the Kometa Endowment Fond) that was founded in 2015 and supports the families with children suffering from an autistic spectre disease.

# New partnerships

A net of non-profit organizations, health care institutions and other entities, with which RESPILON cooperates at the CSR level, is still extending. We organize educational events in favour of these partners and we like to participate in their events too. We provide our products to our partners for an advantageous price or as a gift, we mutually share our experience concerning protection of the most endangered patients and increase awareness of modern nanofiber aids. In 2019, the following organizations belonged among our partners:

## **Czech Civic Association against Lung Diseases (ČOPN)**

is a patient organization following up the activity of the Czech Civic Association against Chronic Lung Disease. One of the main goals is to increase the general awareness of respiratory diseases, deepening of the mutual awareness and improvement of cooperation between laymen and patients, as well as between professionals and doctors.

## **Klub cystickej fibrózy (Cystic Fibrosis Club)**

in Slovakia originated in 1995. Its permanent mission is to improve the health and social life conditions of the people with cystic fibrosis and of their families. Thus, Klub cystickej fibrózy deals with protection of the rights and interests of these people, while it also supports integration of the patients and their families in the general society.

## **Matio Foundation**

Since 1997 it provides support to the patients with cystic fibrosis and their families in the neighbouring Poland. It supports the public awareness concerning this genetically conditioned disease. It continuously emphasises the fact that cystic fibrosis is not only a problem of the patients themselves, but also of the affected gene carriers.

## **CF Hero**

is a mobile application with the Czech origin that helps young people fight cystic fibrosis and contributes to their life prolongation. A demanding treatment program requires precision, regularity and attention from the patients, which is a challenge for teenagers. The application reminds them in a playful form of everyday inhalations and breathing rehabilitation and helps them build the correct habits.

## **Slovenská Asociácia Cystickej Fibrózy (Slovak Cystic Fibrosis Association)**

strives for increasing the quality of life of the individuals suffering from this disease and of their family members. It organizes educational events and supports international exchange of experiences among doctors. It educates the patients as concerns the newest trends of treatment and endeavours to naturally engage the patients in the common life.

## Selection from 2019 References

*We are most happy when satisfied users of nanofiber products contact us – to thank us and let us know that our face masks, neck gaiters and window membranes are helping them. Such moments confirm that our everyday work is meaningful and provides us with the energy needed for our future activities and projects.*



“At the outset of my son’s disease we used a classical medical face mask, but it did not copy the face and my son had troubles breathing with it. In the hospital we got the ReSpimask junior face mask to try. We were very surprised by its shape that is ideal for the child face. ReSpimask® perfectly fits the face and my son does not have any difficulties with breathing. Another advantage is that it does not squeeze the ears, which is a great plus upon long-term wearing. ReSpimask® surprised us nicely and we are not using other face masks anymore.”

*Michaela, mother of Davida*

“We would like to thank you for your products, particularly the child’s face masks. My daughter is 9 and is waiting for the heart transplantation, so in this period we are striving to protect her as much as possible against adverse outer effects. We use your R-Shields for travelling by bus and ReSpimask at school and during the day. We appreciate easy and fast manipulation that is also feasible for my daughter. Thank you very much for your helpfulness, willingness and fast satisfying and delivery of our order.”

*Zita, mother of Kristýnky*



“Due to frequent diseases and visits of our paediatrician, some time ago I started to use the child’s face masks by RESPILON in the waiting full of coughing and otherwise infectious children when we came for a check after a disease with my almost recovered son. Since that time, I do not have to fear that we will bring something new at home and we will have to start with the medical therapy again. We also wear the face masks at home when a cold or sore throat occurs. And the nano-scarf is also a suitable option. It is made of a pleasant material and it can even be washed. And for kids it is made with a joyful design. However, it can also be used by an adult. This way I would like to thank Mrs. Jana Zimová for helpfulness, empathy and mainly nice communication. I appreciate it very much.”

*Simona Nosková*

“With my husband we were looking for the most suitable option to protect our three year old daughter against viruses and bacteria, because due to her diagnosis she is undergoing an immunosuppressive treatment. We chose nanofiber scarves by RESPILON. The scarf is made of a quality material and my daughter likes to wear it. With regard to the fact that it has a rubber to adapt the size, it does not slip from her mouth and it holds on the place. It does not pinch her anywhere. It does not lose its quality even after washing. Communication with the company, particularly with Mrs. Zimova, is great. We do not miss helpfulness and empathy. We mainly appreciate smooth cooperation and nice communication. We are satisfied with the scarf, as our daughter may meet other people without any concerns. We would like to thank for all aid upon selection.”

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