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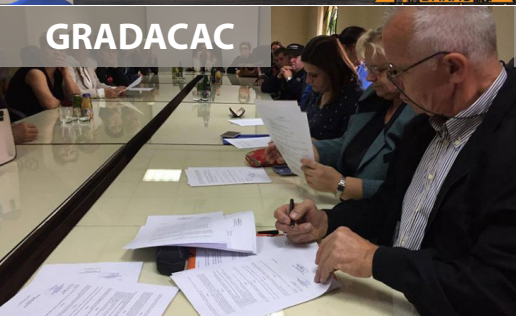
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At the beginning of the new school year began the signing of scholarship contracts between the primary and secondary school pupils and the Hastor Foundation.

Teacher Ramo Hastor and the Foundation's director, Seid Fijuljanin, with the help of volunteers and scholarship holders visited cities and municipalities across Bosnia and Herzegovina in order to organize the signing of scholarship contracts for all scholarship holders, both the old and the new ones. This way the Hastor Foundation provides a chance for young people to participate in the development of local communities and their own resources with their successful education and volunteering. The signing of the contracts for primary and secondary schools was completed and we start the new school year with a record-breaking number of 1,825 scholarship holders.

The Hastor Foundation director pointed out that the Foundation's goal is to help scholarship holders across Bosnia and Herzegovina with the financial stimulus so they could be bright examples of their local communities, and with this help to create new leaders and a stronger Bosnia and Herzegovina.

“The Hastor Foundation's working principle is that the children who live in bad socio-economic conditions are given the opportunity for a decent education due to the financial contribution to them and their family, and the Hastor Foundation follows them through their entire education; all of this is done so they could become complete individuals, that is, academics and professionals in their area of expertise, who are ready to help each other when necessary, having learned it from competent people in the Hastor Foundation. The Foundation has been growing for years, and sadly so has the need for the financial aid to these families, the number of which is growing in Bosnia and Herzegovina”, said director Fijuljanin.

“We have been present for eleven years and the Foundation grows each year. I remember the little children that were ten years old when we met and now they are mature. Many of them gained education here as well, had ten volunteering hours every month and additional two hours spent together in the premises of ASA Holding in Sarajevo. Children from all parts of our Bosnia come here, learn, become academics and find a job. Many of them are now employed and are returning the help, they haven't forgotten us and are still here, as donators on various grounds”, says teacher Ramo Hastor.

A new program within the Hastor Foundation was established this year and it will provide scholarships for those pupils whose GPA is low, with the hope that they improve their success and education and learn to love learning itself with the scholarship as a reward.

Primary and secondary school pupils can apply for the scholarship during the entire year whereas students can do it only during the duration period of the Call for the Scholarship Applications.

The Hastor Foundation, besides using financial means to help with the education, provides many possibilities for socializing, such as volunteering and monthly meetings, as well as many opportunities to gain knowledge in various competitions and educational programs, because the Hastor Foundation is first and foremost a family to its scholarship holders, and then the best ally on their path to becoming educated citizens.

Hanka Mujkic

ABOUT PRIDE AND GRATITUDE

On Saturday, September 16, 2017, the monthly meeting of our Foundation's college student scholarship holders was held. The interesting fact is that on this date sixteen years ago the first scholarship contract was signed, and two months later the first student scholarship contract as well.

Teacher Ramo began the meeting with an interesting anecdote and in his speech encouraged students to work hard and continually, be persistent and creative. The teacher talked about the cultural heritage and the wealth of it in our areas and added that "different areas will expose us to different ideas".

The second part of the meeting was led by the Hastor Foundation director Seid Fijuljanin, who told us about everything that the Foundation is. The presentation followed the chronological development and the evolution of the Hastor Foundation from the initial 304 scholarship holders to the current number of 1,825 scholarship holders – an enviable number of young people whom the Foundation helps so they could become confident leaders in their communities. During the presentation the successes of the Foundation's scholarship holders, the present and the former ones, were not neglected or forgotten, and the Foundation is very proud of them.

Our former scholarship holder Alem Merdic, who is currently an assistant at the Faculty of Economics, University of Zenica, attended this month's meeting of the college student scholarship holders. Student of the decade, the Golden student of the Faculty of Economics in Zenica, recipient of Dean's Award three years in a row – these are only some of many awards and recognitions that marked his academic education. Near the end of June he defended his second master's thesis and on his path to success he didn't forget the Foundation's support. Alem used this opportunity to thank the Foundation for the unconditional support and mentioned its role in his accomplishments so far. He showed his gratitude in his master's paper as well and reserved one part of the dedication for the Hastor Foundation. Alem read the dedication to those who were present, and gave his master's paper to teacher Ramo.

According to the words director Fijuljanin said to those present in the hall, everyone should first and foremost be a good student, and then the ambassador of the Hastor Foundation's idea, and that way a part of the driving force.

Everyone left the meeting proud to be a part of one good thing, one good mechanism, and one great family.

Mirza Okic

FIRST PLACE FOR SAFIJA HUBLJAR IN GEEKFEST

This summer third-and fourth-grade secondary school pupils had the opportunity to participate in the Summer school of innovation GeekFEST 2017, which was held at the International University of Sarajevo. GeekFEST Summer school is an ideal opportunity for those young people who want to learn the basics of modern software engineering, with practical work as basis. The tuition that lasted five days was held in English, and the total number of fifty pupils was divided in ten groups. The opportunity to participate in the Summer school was given to our scholarship holder Safija Hubljar, a fourth-grade pupil in the Secondary Technical School in Bugojno. She learned about the GeekFEST on a monthly volunteering meeting of the Hastor Foundation from her mentors Adna and Tarik. After the theoretical part of the competition, Safija and her group began working on an application that currently doesn't exist on the market and is called "Explore Bosnia and Herzegovina". The app contained information and interesting facts about several of the most-visited cities in Bosnia and Herzegovina; it is created primarily for tourists and their easier orientation, as well as the choice of destinations to visit.

"At the end of the competition every group presented its application. My group won the first place and I can consider this as my greatest success. I carry only beautiful memories from the GeekFEST. I met wonderful people that I'm still in touch with. We weren't under pressure, we had the time to work and the time to socialize. We also had an organized visit to the companies Mistral and Atlant. I was amazed at the conditions they work in. The greatest benefit for me was that the entire tuition was in English, and I also gained more knowledge when it comes to programming."

Safija has been a proud scholarship holder of the Hastor Foundation for two years. She says that the Foundation provides many opportunities for socializing and gaining knowledge, besides the scholarship. She especially likes the monthly meetings with mentors during which and with the help of her peers she lives her dream of enrolling into the Faculty of Information Technologies, so she could become her true self in this field.

We hope that Safija will succeed in her intentions and we wish her success in competitions such as this one, as well as in her education.

Hanka Mujkic



MORE THAN VOLUNTEERING


The greatest value and uniqueness of the Hastor Foundation is seen in the number of volunteering hours its scholarship holders reach. In the 2016/17 school year the Hastor Foundation's scholarship holders reached the record-breaking number of 250,000 volunteering hours. Most of these are the result of the monthly volunteering meetings on the field that are organized and held by the college student scholarship holders with their younger colleagues, the Hastor Foundation's scholarship holders from primary and secondary school. Every meeting is a special opportunity for our younger scholarship holders to learn something new. These volunteering meetings are in average held twice a month. Besides the compulsory themes that are put in the annual Plan and program for volunteering meetings, student mentors are allowed to add some other themes they find interesting, having agreed on them with the pupils. This way the pupils take part in organizing these volunteering meetings with their mentors, and at the same time learn something new in a creative and interesting way. It is not uncommon

that during these volunteering meetings various humanitarian events, clean-up events, fieldtrips, creative workshops, plays and competitions are organized, as well as many other similar activities.

Hastor Foundation's scholarship holders Lejla Ramic and Dina Turulja volunteer in Sarajevo with a group of pupils. They decided to spend the volunteering hours of the last school year in an educational and fun way, so they visited all the local museums in Sarajevo with their group.

“Working together, we have managed to visit all the local museums in Sarajevo in the past eleven months: Svrzo's House, The Despica House, Sarajevo Museum 1878-1918, Brusa Bezistan, The Jewish Museum of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ashkenazi Synagogue, as well as Vrelo Bosne, Trebevic, Center for Education, Sport and Recreation Safet Zajko, The Sarajevo Zoo – Pionirska Dolina, Cinema City...”, Lejla wrote with elation.

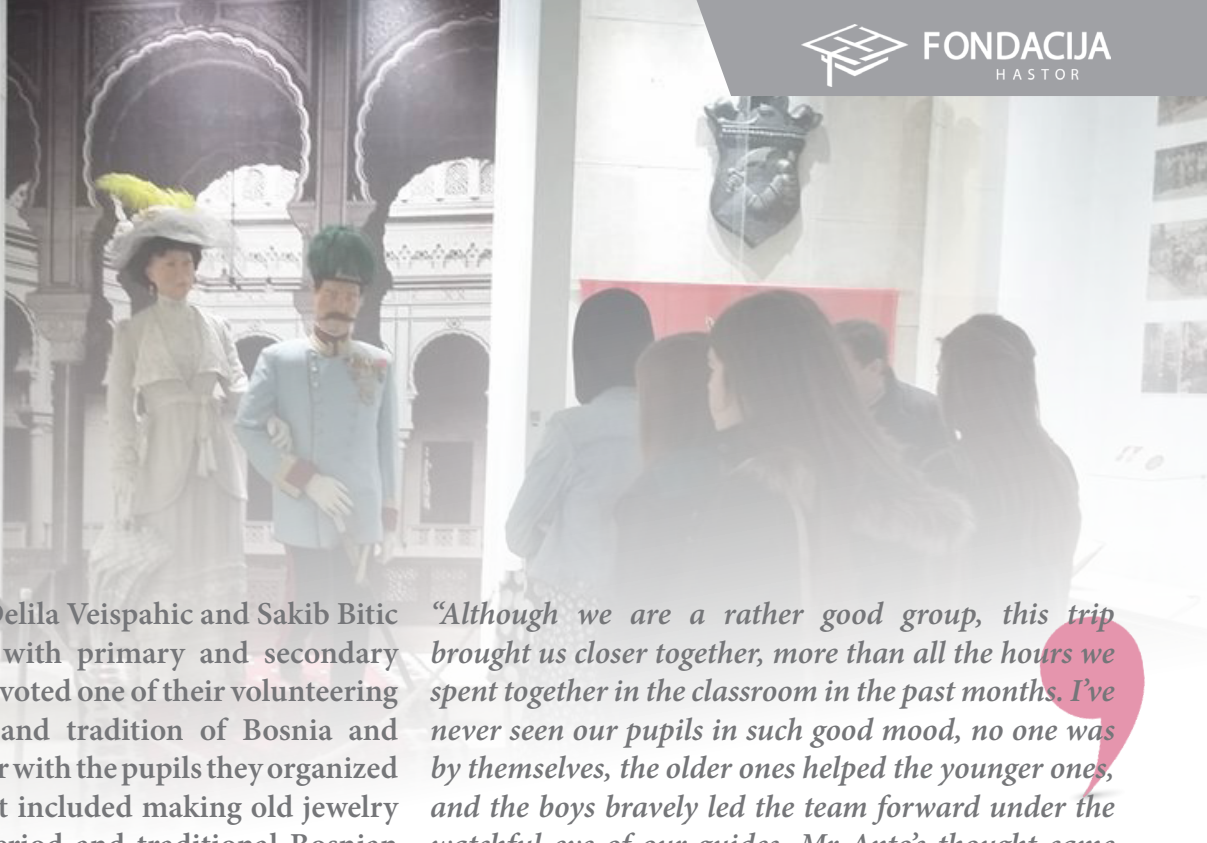




Scholarship holders Delila Veispahic and Sakib Bitic volunteer in Kakanj with primary and secondary school pupils. They devoted one of their volunteering meetings to culture and tradition of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Together with the pupils they organized a small workshop that included making old jewelry from the medieval period and traditional Bosnian doors with knockers from the Ottoman period. The materials they used were: bituminous sheets, acrylic paints, eye shadows, brushes, stencils, wire, and pearls.

“At the end pupils had various colors on their fingers, but were also satisfied with what they’ve made”, Dalila remembers with satisfaction.

Scholarship holders Arif Bukvic and Josipa Bagaric volunteer in Tomislavgrad with the Professional secondary school pupils. In August they decided to spend their volunteering hours in nature so they organized an excursion to Mali Vran.



“Although we are a rather good group, this trip brought us closer together, more than all the hours we spent together in the classroom in the past months. I’ve never seen our pupils in such good mood, no one was by themselves, the older ones helped the younger ones, and the boys bravely led the team forward under the watchful eye of our guides. Mr Anto’s thought came to my mind, and he said that the best friendships are made while hiking and in nature, because such friendships are made without any hidden interests. The guides made everything more interesting with various stories and at the same time taught us many things”, says Josipa.

Volunteering hours that our scholarship holders spend together on the field, socializing, learning and having fun, give the Hastor Foundation its uniqueness, and the examples mentioned above are a proof that these volunteering hours are more than just volunteering to our scholarship holders.

Dzulisa Otuzbir



Make your own hologram projector following the making process sent to us by Sadzida Kosovac.

MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES NEEDED:

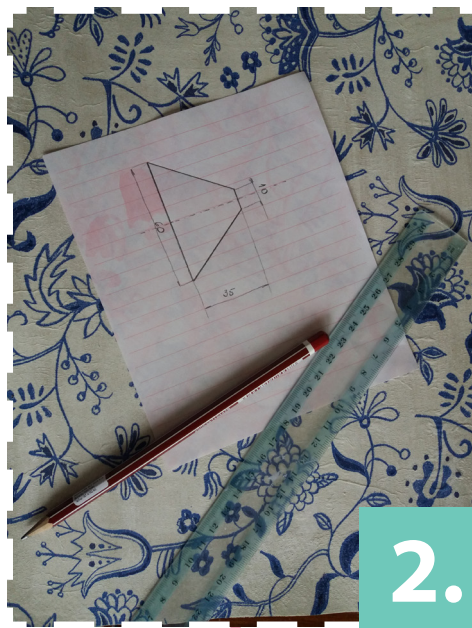
CD box, scalpel, paper, scissors, pencil, black marker, ruler, sellotape, tape and mobile phone.



The making process:



Take the plastic top of the CD box because you only need that. You can use transparent plastic bottles or transparency films as well.



Make a stencil on paper that you will need to draw contours on the plastic material which you will use for the 3D projection. You can see the dimensions and shape of the stencil on the photo.

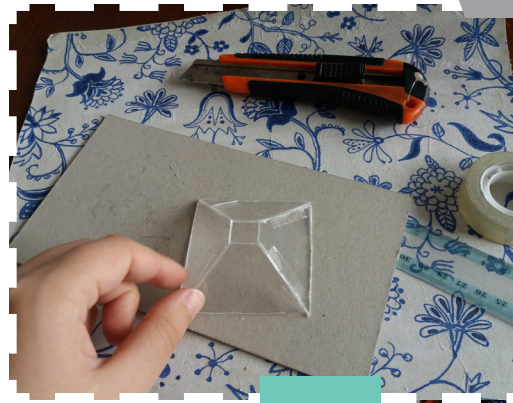


After you cut out the stencil, use it to draw the contours on one CD top using a black marker. If you're working with a thicker plastic, as is the case here, we recommend that you have extra material on hand because the pieces that are not cut out can break during the cutting.



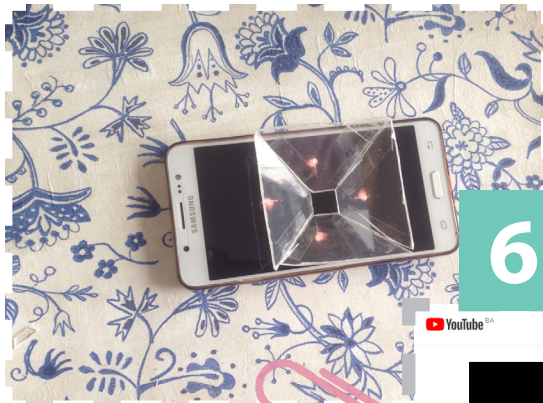
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After you've drawn four contours, carefully cut them out using the scalpel or the scissors, depending on whether you're using a thicker or thinner plastic.

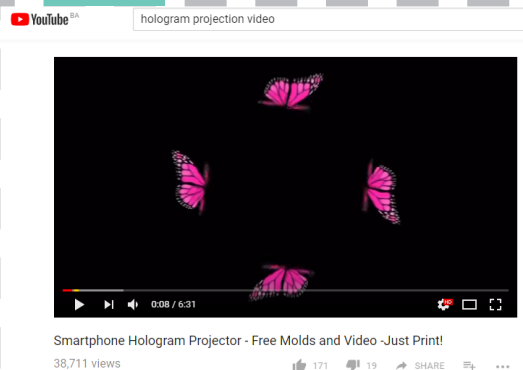


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Then use the sellotape to join all four pieces together, as shown in the photos.



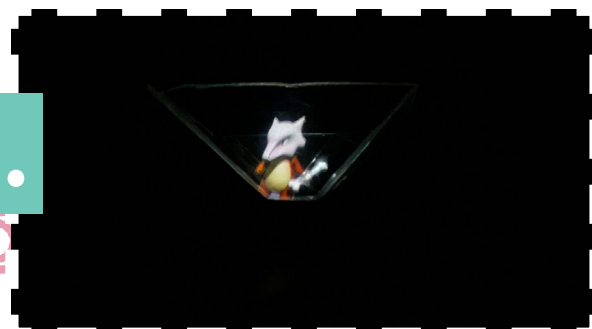
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Search for the Hologram projection video on YouTube, play one of those that are recommended, place your hologram projector in the middle so the narrowest part of the projector is placed on your mobile phone's screen.

Turn the lights off in your room to see the 3D projections better and enjoy.

7.



SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PUPILS OF LOWER ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE



During June and July I visited families of potential candidates for obtaining the Hastor Foundation scholarship. And then, at the meeting of the Commission for scholarship awarding, we agreed to introduce a new program and other criteria for granting a scholarship. We have decided to select a number of candidates who were weaker in the financial situation, but who also have lower grades in school, then to talk to all selected candidates and explain to them that they have been chosen to receive a scholarship this year. In case they do not improve their grades at school, they will no longer receive our scholarship, but if they manage to improve their grades, they will continue receiving the scholarship as long as they keep improving their success from the previous year. On that occasion, I went on a tour to visit the children who are in a weak financial situation, and who are less successful at school.

I asked Mustafa would he study more if someone would give him 100KM every month.

“Definitely no, I'm not able to learn and study any better, and teachers hate me so they are always giving lower grades!”

“Are you serious?” Safet, Murat's father, asked me. When I explained to him that this was the decision of the Hastor Foundation Commission for scholarship awarding, Safet said to me: “I can guarantee that my son Murat will succeed because I will be controlling and helping him more often.”

When I asked Sehija, a girl of the sixth grade of a primary school, she said: “If someone would give me 100KM per month I am sure I would be studying much more, and that I would improve my grades.”

I promised to the every child I visited during this tour that they will get their scholarships this year. If this proves as a successful move, in the upcoming years we will probably continue increasing the number of scholarship holders who have a weak financial situation and weak academic performance at school.

► *Haris Muhibic*, a second year student of Information Technology at the Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences of the International University of Burch in Sarajevo, is our scholarship holder of the month. Haris is known as an extremely dedicated volunteer who is always available when the Foundation needs him, and he proves this with his regular volunteering in the office, his energy, enthusiasm and willingness to be there whenever the administration team needs him. He made a great contribution to the Foundation in the creation and development of the Hastor Foundation's application.



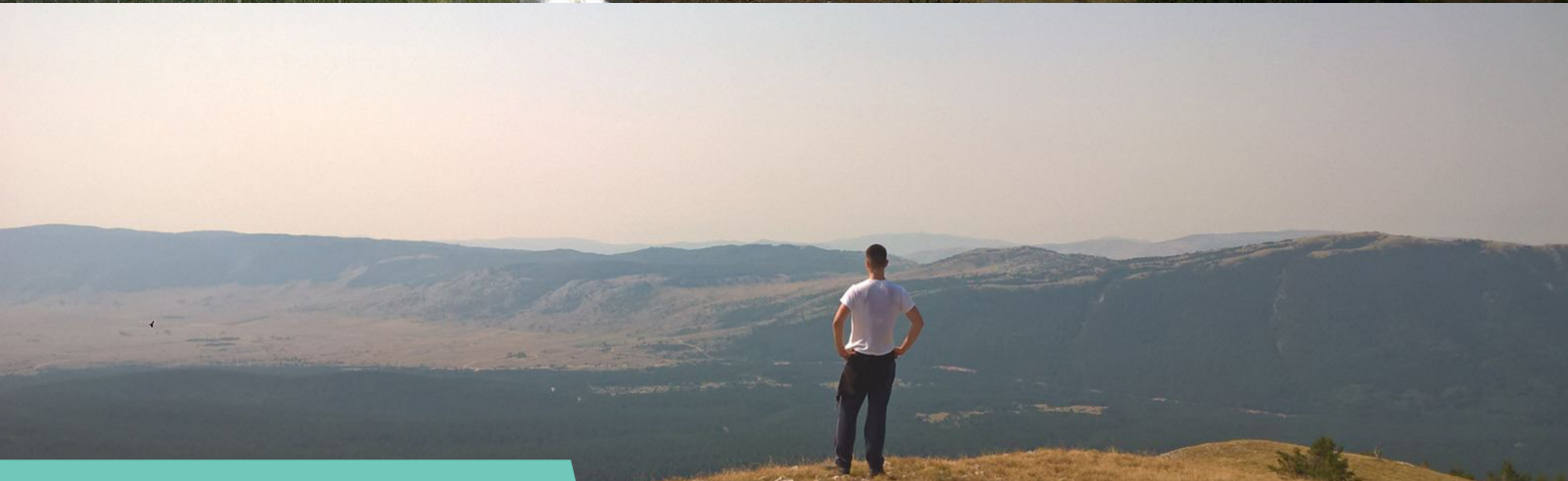
Haris has been the Hastor Foundation's scholarship holder since November 2016. One of his favourite hobbies is cycling, and he also likes to read and play basketball. Some of his passions are online gaming, programming, and some smaller individual projects which, as he says, he makes primarily for fun and gaining experience.

He is proud of his honour student title that he earned after four years of secondary school education at the Hadzici Secondary School. The other title that proceeded was the one from the Burch Science Olympics held last year where he won first place and the gold medal for the SOSCharge project. His desire is to finish the faculty with great success and to become an assistant because he loves passing knowledge to others. He would like to use his IT skills in the directions of Data Science and Machine Learning, or possibly as a web developer, for which he recently completed the internship at a startup company.

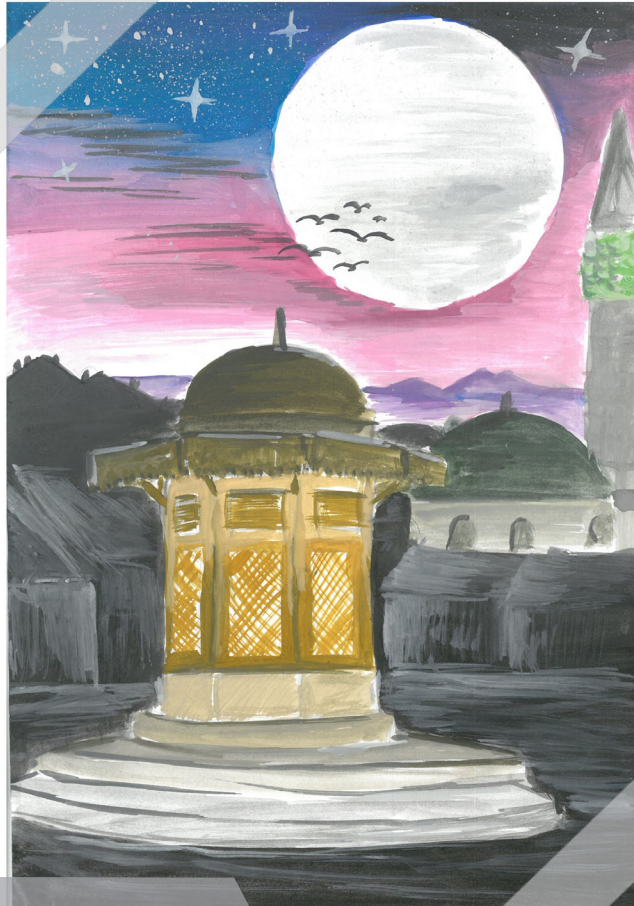
"My personal opinion is that many young people have no idea how important it is to have a healthy environment in order to succeed in their intentions. I found that healthy environment in the Hastor Foundation. Inspired by the stories of the Foundation's scholarship holders and their desire for success, I got a new energy too, a new hunger for success and knowledge, and to keep working on myself. The Hastor Foundation provides selfless support and involves me in its great family, where success is guaranteed, and I am extremely grateful for that", Haris concludes.

Dzulisa Otuzbir

THROUGH LENSES



**Josipa Bagaric
(Excursion to Mali Vran)**



Edina Durmisevic
Secondary-school centre Jovan Ducic, Teslic

LETTER OF THE MONTH

I have been thinking for a long time what is motivating me. That is why I did not write you until now. This is my first motivational letter I am writing and I hope you will enjoy it. I live in the village with my parents and my two older sisters. While the other children are playing I have my responsibilities, and it is not difficult for me to help my parents in everything they do, however, at same time I try to be among the best students in the classroom.

My favourite subject is German and one day I would like to visit Germany and meet the German national team. Their successes are pushing me and giving me the will to be better than the best. I have been training taekwondo for a couple of months now, and I hope to go to some competition soon.

Thank you, the Hastor Foundation, because you have decided to give me a scholarship and thereby give me extra motivation to be even better in school, at home and to be an example to my friends that everything can be achieved and that we have time for everything.

*Kind regards,
Merjem Mihaljevic*

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