



Belasý motýl' o. z. – we help more than 30 years

All the activities of our civic organization are done by us, people with a neuromuscular diseases since 1993. We are the only nationwide organization of people with neuromuscular diseases. We defend the needs of people with the most severe types of physical disabilities, with the goal of providing equal opportunities to them.

What differs us

By our activities we fulfill the philosophy of independent life = equal involvement of people with severe physical disabilities in society.

We created a qualified workplaces for 8 people that use a wheelchair and 2 work assistants that help them.

Defending the rights of people with severe physical disabilities

We commented on laws in 2024 (under the competency of the Ministry of Labour, Ministry of Healthcare, Ministry of Transportation, etc.), we participated on the creation of legal regulations, we had a representative in multiple working groups, we initiated and took part of meetings focused on improving the life conditions of people with physical disabilities and their family members.

Free social services

- We run free-of-charge rental of compensatory aids, that includes various types of tools, e. g. mechanical and power wheelchairs, lifting hoists, etc.
- We offer quality social-legal consultancy to clients with severe physical disabilities and their family members, either personally, by phone, by e-mail or in their homes
- We provide informations, how to get suitable compensatory aids and how to make home environment more accessible
- We run two personal assistance agencies (in Bratislava and Žilina)
- We give professional advises to minors and adult clients with various disabilities regarding everything that relates to the financial fund for personal assistance
- Personal assistance agency in Bratislava works nationwide, agency in Žilina works within Žilina administrative region
- In 2024 we interviewed 195 people interested in the job of personal assistant
- In the database of personal assistance user we have 433 clients with severe physical disabilities from Bratislava and its surroundings
- We organize educational workshops about personal assistance and the philosophy of independent life
- The mediation of personal assistants is done by our databases, adverts and social networks for anyone interested in this help from the whole country
- We offer more services related with the personal assistance



Blue Butterfly public collection

It is the only collection for assistive devices in Slovakia with a long-standing tradition and nationwide reach. It continuously supports children and adults with neuromuscular diseases by contributing to a wide range of assistive equipment, responding to their specific needs and changes in health conditions.

The proceeds from the Blue Butterfly public collection are used to cover co-payments for various specific assistive devices that are essential for the lives of people with neuromuscular diseases. These devices are either not fully covered or not covered at all by the state and health insurance companies.

We publish our own magazine for 34 years

Specific magazine Ozvena (The Echo) is published 4 times a year. It informs about activities of our organization, brings informations from social and healthcare area and it publishes interesting life stories of our members.

Sports

We organize league rounds and National championships in boccia for individuals, pairs and teams regularly, live and online chess tournaments and regular practices of powerchair hockey.

Our organization runs sport clubs Boccian Bratislava and Farfalletta Žilina (boccia), Chess club and a club Blue-sky Butterflies (powerchair hockey)

Cooperation with domestic and foreign organizations

We belong to founding members of Slovak Forum of People with Physical Disabilities and we actively cooperate with Slovak Alliance of Rare Diseases, Slovak Paralympic Committee, Slovak Association of Physically Disabled Athletes and other organizations that defend the rights of people with physical disability. In abroad, we are the members of EAMDA (European Alliance of Muscular Dystrophy Associations), TREAT-NMD, EURORDIS and since 2019 also ENIL (European Network of Independent Life)

Summer camps for children and adults with neuromuscular diseases

Last year we organized five vacation camps for children and adult members in beautiful nature and accessible environment. They were able to take part of many camp games, creative workshops or health recovery program. All with the help of personal assistants.



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**Do you need our help or want to get
more information?**

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