

Believe's Annual Charity Gala raised over GEL 100,000

On June 20th the business community of Poti and those who support the region came together to support Believe's annual Charity Gala event and help children with special needs as well as socially vulnerable families. This special one-night benefit gala took place at 7pm at newly opened Hilton Batumi Hotel, located at 40, Rustaveli Street, Batumi, Georgia.



The foundation raised over GEL 100,000 and the event was a great success. Funds raised will support the organisation's mission of supporting socially vulnerable families and children with special needs. BELIEVE Foundation, is a non-profit, non-political organization, which provides aid and support to children with disabilities in Poti, Georgia.

The event gathered more than 200 participants from various local and international companies and included: dinner by Ioannis Kritikos - the chef of Hilton Batumi, refreshments generously donated by Coca Cola Bottling Company Georgia and ice-cream donated by Barambo. The guests also enjoyed a delicious cake from Torti Gerotskoy, the well-known Tbilisi-based baker.

The evening featured live performance by The Fourth Season. Besides, our special guest and the incredible singer Vaja Mania performed for the benefit of Believe Foundation.

Our sincere thanks to each and every one of you who donated and supported the event:

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ICC Georgia sponsored a one year free membership voucher for non-member companies who attended the Charity Gala Dinner. The winner of the lottery was investment advisory and logistics company Maximov & Partners Ltd who will enjoy the benefits of ICC membership for the period of one year.

The event also included raffles sponsored by: Hilton Batumi, Radisson Batumi, Georgia Palace Hotel, KARACA Georgia, Divine Beauty House, Cruise Hotel & Restaurant, Sheraton Batumi, Tako Dvalishvili, Barambo, Medi Call, Kikidu and others.

In conjunction with the Gala, Believe Foundation also hosted a live auction of various artworks, donated by prominent Georgian and foreign artists, supporters and patrons to help the charity continue its work supporting children with disabilities and socially vulnerable families in Poti. Auctioneer-extraordinaire Mr. Cliff Isaak - Honorary Consul of Canada in Georgia conducted the Charity Auction.

Auction artworks, jewelry and sports memorabilia were donated by: Nino Chakvetadze, Zaza Pachulia, Gigisha Pachkoria, Tamar Gugunava, Sopho Gongliashvili, Gia Baratashvili, Nadiya Spiller, Tornike Matitaishvili, Grigol Ghvania, Kakhaber Baramia, Badri Vadachkoria, Guranda Kupreishvili, Irakli Kekelia, Irakli Totibadze, Nonna Nazarova, Sarah Watterson, Amiran Kuprava and Zarapxana Jewelry.

Believe Foundation proudly acknowledges its major sponsors: Bank of Georgia, Kulevi Oil Terminal and PACE Georgia.

International Conference Georgia against Counterfeiting

On July 9-10, 2015 ICC Georgia in cooperation with Sakpatenti and GIZ PSD SC will hold a conference on the enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) to further enhance and develop the IP enforcement mechanisms in Georgia. As the first event of this type in Georgia, the conference will promote and raise public awareness on intellectual property rights, identify public-private sector cooperation areas and opportunities, link various stakeholders.

The conference targets a wide array of stakeholders, including: Private companies; Law firms; Government institutions; Enterprise Georgia and GITA; Members of the IP Enforcement Coordination Body; Representatives of the Georgian Bar Association and Business Associations; Judges; Exporters to Georgia; Importers from Georgia; International organizations.

Topics that will be covered:

- Global Intellectual Property Insights and Initiatives;
- The Status of Intellectual Property and Enforcement in Georgia;
- International Examples and Best Practices in Intellectual Property;
- Calculation of Damages (lost profits, profit accounting, hypothetical licensing);
- Provisional Measures/Legislative Measures;
- Border Measures;
- Internal Market Investigation/Experience/Recommendations for Private Sector;
- Panel Discussions for Further Development of IP in Georgia.

Follow-up: Following the conference, key stakeholders will stay involved in the IP related issues and enforcement process by consulting ICC Georgia's IP Commission, Sakpatenti or the BASCAP representation.

The conference will take place in Batumi (Georgia) at the Sheraton Hotel, on Thursday and Friday, July 9-10, 2015. The language will be Georgian and English.

