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NORTH MACEDONIA
The Hospital's Maternity Ward
*Dear Friends and
Supporters!*



During the last week of May, thirteen Friends of SB-Foundation traveled to North Macedonia to observe the Hand-to-Hand project, which the Foundation supports in that country. When we arrived at 9:00 AM to the new inauguration of the maternity ward of the Clinical Hospital in Bitola, we were greeted by the Director of the hospital and the head of the clinical staff, as well as by a large contingent of the media. It was a great joy to see how the previously rundown ward, lacking both hot water and showers, had been beautifully renovated. The water system and electrical installations were entirely rebuilt, several new apparatuses were purchased, including incubators, monitors, CTG-apparatus, and more. The aim was to create better conditions for mothers and babies. We were informed that already many more expecting mothers seek out this hospital. Everything is far more manageable for hospital employees as well as patients. The staff were beaming with joy.



Marie Strålfors from Fadderbarnsfonden (Handelsbanken's not-for-profit Children's Fund that collects donations to improve the lot of needy children) had bought a lot of baby clothes that she handed over to the ward, and already the next day we heard that a newborn child had received some of them. In the picture to the left the head of the ward holds a couple of the children's blankets that friends of SB-Foundation in Sweden had crocheted and knitted and sent with the delegation.

A great source of joy was also that Maria Rosengren, who together with her husband Thomas, is the initiator of and driving force behind the hospital project, had succeeded in inspiring domestic companies and private individuals to donate additional items the hospital needed and for which our funds were insufficient. Maria's success was due to her telling about the many donations made by us in Sweden. The ripple effect is wonderful when many people work together!



A warm thank you to SB-Foundation's donors from the hospital in Bitola and from us of the board of SB-Foundation,

Arne, Elisabeth, Gloria, Lena, Roger



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