



Obilic Basketball Club

PRESS RELEASE

KK Obilic raise \$5,285 for the kids of Serbia

SYDNEY, 18 August 2011 Obilic Basketball Club, is extremely proud to announce that its 20 runners participating in the Sun Herald City to Surf were able to raise \$5,285 for the Dragutin Filipovic Jusa home for abandoned children in Belgrade.

The manager of the Dragutin Filipovic Jusa home, Ms Gordana Calija, said "I'm really overwhelmed again this year with what KK Obilic has achieved. The runners from Obilic really helped us a lot last year by raising \$4,230 and it is so encouraging to have this continued support from far away Sydney. Recently two members of KK Obilic, Mr Dejan Piljevic and Mr Oliver Jekic visited Dragutin Filipovic Jusa home and saw first hand the difficulties we face. This year's funds will help us to buy much needed chairs, tables and school stationary".

President of Obilic, Mr Stevan Sipka said "I was inspired by Oliver Jekic's speech before we started the grueling 14km run. Oliver recently returned from Belgrade and he told us about his moving visit to the orphanage. We were all inspired by Oliver's words and understood the importance of what we were about to embark. I personally felt a great sense of achievement after finishing the 14 km run. I was sore for many days after the race but that didn't matter. I hope to do it again next year. Special thanks to our members who ran and to all our supporters for sponsoring our runners".

Obilic Marketing Manager, Mr Aleks Kuzmanovic said "I'm really happy and proud of our combined effort. We set a target of raising \$5,000 and everybody pushed really hard to maximize sponsorships. I'm sure that we can achieve even more next year with the continued support of friends and relatives in the community."

The Obilic team that raised funds at the City to Surf on 14th August were Dejan Bogic, Bart Vasic, Miljan Miric, Miljana Miric, Zoran Salipur, Alena Sipka, Milos Salipur, Aleks Kuzmanovic, Bojana Kuzmanovic, Sinisa Skoric, Nikola Romic, Milos Prlic, Ivan Popovic, Lara Kovacevic, Svetomir Gavrilovic, Vladimir Jokanovic, Marko Savic, Miki Miric, Monica Miric and Stevan Sipka.

Special mention should be made of Oliver Jekic (raised over \$1,000), Vladimir Jokanovic (raised over \$600) and 12 year old Alena Sipka (raised over \$500) who were the top three fund raisers in the club. Another highlight was the run of Bart Vasic (raising \$500) who ran the best time of the Obilic runners finishing at Bondi Beach 1hour and 12 minutes after starting at Hyde Park at 9.05am.

Additional Story:

The day was made even more special with KK Obilic club member, Ivan Popovic, proposing to long time girl friend Lara Kovacevic after completing this year's City to Surf event. On behalf of Obilic we wish them the very best in their engagement.

For further details of Obilic activities please review the regular updates on www.obilic.com.au.

Fact File:

Obilic Basketball Club was formed in 1999. The club currently consists of 3 Men's team, 5 junior boys team and a junior girls team. The club has all its teams playing in weekly Bankstown Basketball Associations competitions. Obilic has also participated in all Draza Mihailovic Cup annual competitions since the club's formation.