



## **“Naša Srbija“ and Banca Intesa have provided an Apartment for the Vitković Family**

**Jagodina (15 September)** – Through a collective campaign of the non-governmental organization “Naša Srbija“ and Banca Intesa, a new home has been provided for Danijela Vitković, a single mother and her four children. Sanja Pajević Bundalo, the director of “Naša Srbija“ and Maja Kolar, the Head of the Marketing and Communications Department of Banca Intesa have handed the keys to the new 68 square meter apartment to the Vitković family.

This campaign is a result of a long-standing cooperation between “Naša Srbija“ and Banca Intesa, the general sponsor of the organization, which, apart from other programmes for material and psychosocial support for the children, also supports the initiatives which have as their aim the solving the housing issues of the families of which “Naša Srbija“ takes care.

The Vitković family, which consists of Dejana – the fifth grade student, Ivana – the primary school seventh grade student, Hristina – in the second grade of high school in Jagodina, Stefan – the fourth year student of the secondary transportation school in Ćuprija and their mother Danijela (1973), will have their home again, after over 10 years.

For the Vitković family consisting of five members, and which has changed several places of residence since 1999 and has lived in inhumane conditions, this donation represents a new beginning and the greatest support which fundamentally changes their lives and makes them much easier, especially Hristina's, whose health has been significantly impaired by asthma and the Hashimoto's syndrome (the thyroid gland disease, which is lifelong). The „Jet-company“ from Kikinda has donated resources for furniture and household, and the campaign was supported in the media by the „Press“ newspaper.

The Vitković family has participated in the “Naša Srbija“ aid programme since 2001“. The children's father, Dejan Vitković died as a civil victim on 7 April 1999 in the NATO bombing of a post office in Priština. He had worked as a waiter, but he had not been registered as an employee, and for that reason the family cannot realize their right to a family pension. The mother is a nurse, and she occasionally performs other types of work, when the opportunity arises, since she cannot find permanent employment in her profession.

The Vitković family lived in a rented apartment in Jagodina, and they received resources for the rent from “Naša Srbija“ owing to the donators. The family was forced to leave Priština on 15 July 1999. They first fled to Niš, then to Borča, then Leskovac, Kuršumlija and in 2006 to Čačak. In August 2007 they found a place of residence in Paraćin, and they moved again the same year, this time to Jagodina, where they live today. The family does not receive any assistance from the authorized institutions and the remainder of their family does not provide any kind of support to them. The children receive aid in the form of clothes and footwear from their school friends. Financial assistance and donations which they receive only through “Naša Srbija“ make their hard life easier.