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FIFTH ANNUAL CF STUDY TRIP
Slovakia, September 15-20, 2014

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Dear friends - board members, directors, activists and supporters from Bratislava CF, Revia – Small Carpathian CF, Nitra CF, Healthy City Banska Bystrica CF, Liptov CF and Bardejov CF

Dear friends from the Association of Slovak Community Foundations,

On behalf of the participants of the 2014 CF Study Trip in Slovakia that toured across the Slovakia during the week of September 15-20, 2014, I would like to express our sincere gratitude for the time, attention, patience and energy, that you all provided in preparation and realization of this visit. It has not been easy to handle a bunch of foreigners and to accommodate different questions, desires, needs, expectations...:-).

Thanks to your great effort, despite a very short time we spent with you during that week (with some you we had a chance to meet in your communities, with others only during the CF Conference in Bratislava), we could get a sense of the Slovak CF movement, meet its leaders in person (you) and engage in conversation with you which expanded our understanding of how the CF concept lives in the Slovak context.

But the tour has not had only its professional or expert dimension. Thanks to you - our hosts - we could feel the warmth and openness that you have extended to us and that provided a truly personal and unique feeling for each of us.

Based on our visit, some members of our group (Vadim Samorodov, Hari Alexandrov, Tomáš Krejčí, Tamas Scsaurszki, Jiří Bárta, Aneta Kapel and Alina Porumb) will be writing reflection papers on this visit in next couple of months. I believe that these papers will attract also your interest and may serve as a basis for ongoing reflection of our work in the CF development area.

These papers as well as other resources (presentations, summaries of evaluation, etc.) that were or will be prepared in connection to this Study Trip are available at the web site www.cfpracticelab.org. You are invited and encouraged to register at the website as a Study Trip participants to be able to retrieve all its resources.

We wish you most success and inexhaustible energy for your great work you do in your communities and hope to see you in future.

With very best wishes,

Boris Strečanský
lead organizer of 2014 CF Study Trip to Slovakia