**The Foundation**

How it all begun?

The Ratuj Życie Foundation was conceived from passion and commitment of two friends - Jerzy Jaskuła and Michał Madeyski. Their paths crossed while their clasess in K2 Rescue Group of the Polish Red Cross. Jurek’s (Jerzy is usually nicknamed Jurek) interest in the subject of emergency medical services has led him to start working in an emergency department and to develop skills by becoming a qualified instructor endorsed at the European and Polish Resuscitation Councils and the American Heart Association, whereas Michał devoted his career to IT sector. Their knowledge and experience have led them to the idea of creating a mobile application and to an awareness campaign promoting knowledge about rescue actions undertaken in case of a danger.

The beginning of the action under the "Ratuj Życie" (lit. save lives) initiative would not have been possible without a group of people that cannot be overlooked and to whom we direct huge thank you: Katarzyna Kuś (pictures within the application), Karolina Suszczyńska (first logo of the campaign), Mateusz Zgoda and Bernadetta Kołoda (characters in the application), Katarzyna Wojnar (Polish AED base), Iwona Orłowska and Grzegorz Wolan (graphic support), as well as Katarzyna Ostręga (translation). In addition, Magdalena Nizińska was very helpful in terms of many important aspects of the campaign.   
In September 2012, along with development of the project, a decision was made to give the project a formal framework and to register the Ratuj Życie Foundation. In this respect an invaluable aid was received by lawyer Ewa Bawołek from the Bawołek&Wyroba Adwokaci Spółka Partnerska [Limited Liability Partnership].   
Through the joint effort in May 2014, after a successful registration process of the social initiative, "Ratuj Życie" received a status of a Foundation. Dr Violetta Raffay is currently a permanent consultant and associate of the Foundation. Dr Michał Słowaczek also joined the Foundation’s associates team. In order to work properly and fully progress, since 2015, the Foundation was also joined by Joanna Fąferek and Barbara Wójcik

The new energy and capabilities allow us to even more exhort: SAVE LIFE! And convincing everybody that they can help.   If you want to know more about the people associated with the Foundation, go to People of the Foundation.