

## REACHING OUT TO EASTERN EUROPE!

By means of the Outreach Program, the EuroGames 2004 in Munich are supporting needy athletes from the whole of Europe. Those with a monthly income of not more than 630 Euros are eligible. The organizers are making an appeal for donations.

**Munich, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2004** – In Munich in the summer of 2004 around 5000 sportswomen and sportsmen from 47 European countries will be competing for gold, silver and bronze medals in 27 different sports all around the 1972 Olympic Park of 1972. The EuroGames will take place from 29<sup>th</sup> July until 1<sup>st</sup> August. However, not every participant will be able to afford the registration fees. Since March, the regular fee for each participant is 88 Euros. Members of EGLSF (European Gay and Lesbian Sport Federation, which awards the license for the games) are charged 78 Euros. For some participants this is too much. In order to help them, EuroGames have set up an Outreach program.

This support program is intended for athletes from certain countries with a maximum monthly income of 630 Euros. Those whose applications are granted will have the registration fee paid for them. EuroGames will provide free tickets for the cultural events, which begin on the 24<sup>th</sup> July. Food and public transport will also be free. Accommodation which is cheaper or without charge will preferentially be reserved for participants in the Outreach program. Applications must be received by EuroGames e.V. by **30<sup>th</sup> April at the latest**.

The EuroGames have only limited financial means. Many donors are needed in order to finance the program. Thousands of Euros have been raised by numerous parties and special EuroGames events in Munich alone. However, this is not yet enough. Please make an appeal for donations to your readers.

The EuroGames are intended for sportswomen and sportsmen who actively support the integration of homosexuals in sport. Everyone is welcome, regardless of place of origin, sexual orientation, or religious or political opinions. Athletes with special needs or disabilities are specifically encouraged to take part. The organizers of the EuroGames in Munich are the association EuroGames München e.V. More than 120 volunteer helpers are active in nine project groups. They have been largely recruited from the lesbian and gay sports clubs in Munich. Sponsors and partners: Galeria Kaufhof München am Marienplatz, Löwenbräu, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Granini, Deutsche Eiche, Stadwerke München, Webport.

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Information and application form available at [www.eurogames.info/2004](http://www.eurogames.info/2004)

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