

“Party in the Park” – SAVE Ancient Olive Trees

“Party in the Park” was the theme of the first public awareness event organized by the Olive Tree Rescue Project. The event took place on Sunday, 1st July 2007 from 7.00pm to 10.00pm at the Central Barış Park in Kyrenia to celebrate the 1st anniversary of the oldest tree (700 hundred years old) relocated in the region.



This was the final event that SAVE provided partial funding prior to the extinction of Olive Tree Rescue projects grant agreement. The event attracted around 200 people which were mainly children. There were various attractions within the park specially designed for kids; such as face painting, bouncy castle, and hands on first-aid training, clown shows and live music as well fee food and drink.

Central Barış Park is also home for 3 other old olive trees that were relocated with sponsorship from SAVE during last April. The Olive Tree (Rescue) Project™ received total amount of USD 10,000 through SAVE Small Grants program in September 2006. The SAVE Olive Tree Rescue grant was awarded to support ongoing efforts of the local NGO “The Olive Tree Projec” to save ancient and precious olive trees that are about to be destroyed, usually in the face of development pressures. This organization is able to relocate the trees to areas where they can be properly protected and cared for with very little damage to the trees.

All of the rescued trees funded through the SAVE grant just like the ancient tree relocated to Barış Central Park last year, have been relocated to public places for the benefit of the entire community. These trees helped with village/town beautification efforts or used in school yards to educate kids about their importance. The grant funded the rescue and relocation of 14 olive trees so far.

Olive trees are indelible parts of Cyprus’ cultural and environmental landscape. This project is important because it is striving to protect and preserve this rich natural and cultural resource, which is exactly the mission of the SAVE project overall.

