

## HISTORY

The Foundation for the Development of Disabled Children DAJ SZANSE (‘GIVE A CHANCE’ FOUNDATION) was established by its Founders by means of a notary deed dated 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1993, on the basis of The Support Group of Families With Brain Injured Children. In the 80’s and 90’s parents engaged in the Group used to rehabilitate their children mainly in the British institute for Brain Injured Children (BIBIC) or in Glenn Doman’s Institute in Philadelphia, USA. About 100 families all over Poland aimed at establishing conditions and staff so that the rehabilitation could be performed in Poland. Since most of those families used to dwell in Torun at that time, this city became a natural seat of the Foundation.

Two people went to BIBIC for two years to undertake an internship at BIBIC: a child neurologist and a pedagogue-therapist. Under the watchful eye of the British staff they obtained qualifications to run rehabilitation based on the BIBIC philosophy.

In 1995, after their comeback to Poland, the Foundation established Instytut Terapeutyczny (“Therapeutic Institute”) – the methodical/ didactic branch of the DAJ SZANSE Foundation, initially presented by BIBIC. It was the time when British specialists supported our staff, who were gaining experience, and the training joined with practice enriched with other methods of rehabilitation has finally gained the shape of multi-profile therapy fit for the realities of Polish families.

Today we are a known institution in Toruń, supporting over 300 families all over Poland.