

Annual Report for 2010

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A Message from the Executive Director

Dear Friends and Partners,

Thank you for being a part of Orphans' Future in 2010. Your generous contributions helped us to make a difference in the lives of Ukrainian orphans. I would like to express a hearty Thank You to my foster parents, Tim and Carlene Lois of Burlington, Wisconsin for their weekly encouragement and monthly support. My special Thanks to Peter and Paula Bridies from Fox Lake, Illinois for their understanding of the importance of my mission in Ukraine. In 2010 I was able to invite more friends to join our team, and thanks to them we were able to make progress on important programs and projects. I was able to gain more practical experience and to share it with my friends who also have graduated from orphanages.

The main project of 2010 was to create Gymnasiums for children who live in state-run orphanages. Now 210 children have the opportunity to develop physical skills not just outdoors, but also indoors when the weather is cold.

Our team's efforts were also concentrated on providing legal assistance and material support to 15 teens who graduated in 2010 and 20 other graduates that are in Ternopil. Some of the graduates became volunteers at Orphans' Future and now have gained knowledge in charity work related to younger orphans.

Thanks to you, our dear friends, our annual programs continue to bring hope, happiness and confidence into our orphans' lives. There are some new programs and projects we want to undertake in 2011, and hope to raise a target amount of \$14,000 to accomplish these goals.

The Computer Class Project in the Berezhany orphanage will be set up thanks to financial support from the Ukraine Charity organization in London, England. 165 children will have the opportunity to gain much needed computer skills and to be more competitive in the work force when they leave the school.

Also, Orphans' Future began implementing a social project called "A Book About Me". Most children in orphanages do not have the opportunity to record their life story, as they do not have photo albums, personal photos and things they could use to save memories. This project will give every child living in an orphanage their own story of childhood with the help of the caregiver or foster family.

Our dream is coming true and the long-term project of a Resource Center for orphan students and graduates from state-run orphanages has found its main supporter in the World Orphan Project from the United States. To run the Resource Center in 2011, Orphans Future needs to raise an additional \$6,000 US dollars. The Resource Center will be the first place where each orphan in need can have free access to educational opportunities, psycho-social services and legal counsel, none of which is accessible from any other source. Other important services will be provided in the Center such as: laundry facilities, showers, food, job seeking opportunities, access to the Internet and a library.

In this report, you will find out what programs Orphans' Future was able to run in 2010 thanks to you, our dear volunteers and supporters who have been part of:

Our Team (Worldwide)

Thank You to:

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Peter and Paula Bridies: Fox Lake, Illinois
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Local Ukrainian students

Our Team of Volunteers & Board Members (Ukraine)

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Iryna Vakalyuk: Student Coordinator

PROGRAM SERVICES PROVIDED: 2010

1. **Holiday Charity:** Christmas Holidays, Easter, Child Protection Day (June 1st), Excursions and other Non Government Organization initiatives

Three state-run orphanages and 350 children received personal gifts during the Ukrainian Holidays in 2010. Orphans Future spent \$3,100 which included transportation for the children from orphanages to the Ternopil city, excursions, pairing children with families during the Easter and Christmas seasons, plus gifts. In 2010, the Foundation's volunteers raised and purchased the first 50 photo albums for the "Book about Me" project which will be distributed among the orphans in the baby orphanage. Besides that, caregivers will receive additional training on how to make records for each child during their childhood.



2. **Education:** The Graduate Program: material aid, trainings, scholarships, meetings, Computer classes, & the Gymnasium project

Orphans Future was able to provide training for 15 orphans who left the state-run orphanages in 2010 and now are students at universities and technical schools in Ternopil and Kyiv. Two students received scholarships to continue their education in Ternopil National University of Economics. 27 orphan students and youth of Ternopil received basic household and kitchen supplies.



Meetings were organized for 30 orphan students during 2010. At the meetings, orphans shared their problems and successes and together they worked on solutions.



In 2010, Orphans Future was able to purchase 5 computers and a printer to run a Computer Class project in the Berezhany state-run orphanage. Berezhany is located 38 miles (60 km) from Ternopil city, and for most orphans' access to the Internet and other technologies is very limited. Now 165 orphans will have the opportunity to learn basic computer skills.

In 2010, together with the orphans we were able to complete the Gymnasium project in two state-run orphanages (Ternopil & Berezhany). Now 210 children have renovated and well equipped gymnasiums for exercise when the weather is cold or rainy.



3. Summer Camp 2010

In 2010, about 55 orphans and 14 volunteers were involved in the Summer Camp Program. The volunteers were from Ternopil City churches and the Netherlands' WALO Group. Every year Orphans Future spends between \$500-\$800 US dollars to provide school supplies, gifts and other needs for children to make their summer time memorable and interesting. The volunteers teach children (ages seven to fourteen) life skills, English and develop their talents through activities.

