REPORT 2009

“We are thinking about the future of our orphans”

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The Year of 2009 was productive for the 450 children and graduates of the state-run orphanages of Ukraine’s Ternopil region. Thanks to the proactive role of our volunteers, donors and the Board of Orphans’ Future, the children have received powerful moral and material support.

Orphan’s Future Foundation has provided its beneficiaries with such services as: humanitarian aid, educational & professional orientation training, and legal assistance. The Foundation also financially supported the following local Non Government Organization (NGO) initiatives: “Give Happiness to an Orphan on Christmas and Easter 2009”, “Easter Happiness 2009”, “Child Protection Day” (June 1st), “Summer Camp 2009”, and “St. Nickolas Travels Throughout Ukraine 2009”. Orphans’ Future is committed to improving the material conditions of state-run orphanages at Koropets and Berezhany. Detailed information about our work is available at www.orphansfuture.org

On behalf of our children and youth, the Board of the Orphans’ Future thanks our friends, partners, and volunteers who joined with us in 2009 to support our efforts to improve living conditions of Ukranian Orphans. Some of the programs started in 2009 will be continuing in 2010 because of their success, and we hope to recruit new people and organizations to join us.

The Foundation started 2009 by working towards solutions for the serious housing problems of the orphans who leave state-run orphanages at ages 18 – 22. Two meetings were organized with Ternopil Administration representatives responsible for solving housing problems in their community. The Ternopil Regional Social Dormitory (16 Karpenko Street, Ternopil) for 14 orphan youth, in cooperation with the Foundation, signed an Agreement to support the residents of the dormitory and improve the buildings’ material condition. The Foundation is also working to improve these orphans’ educations through free access to the internet, computers, printers, library access, etc. These services are very important to orphan youth seeking employment in tough economic times.

Solving housing problems of orphan graduates will be the primary duty for Orphan’s Future in 2010. Your assistance with this important work is key for the project to become a success. Please visit our website, www.orphansfuture.org for updates and more information about our organization.

Sincerely,

Andriy Nazarenko
Executive Director
Orphan’s Future Foundation
Activities in 2009


“Easter Happiness in Orphans’ Hearts 2009”: April 16-21, 2009

The main goal of this program was to provide an orphan, who lives in a state-run orphanage and does not have any family to celebrate the Easter holiday with, the chance to spend Easter with a lovely host family.

Orphans’ Future financed the expenses of an event started by local NGO “Brotherhood of Orphans”, called “Bring Easter Family Happiness to an Orphan”. 52 children from the Koropets, Berezhany and Ternopil orphanages had an opportunity to spend time in a family environment at Easter. The program became national, and will be presented to the government as a way of integrating a child into a family care system. In 2009, the program was supported by local charities. This program needs further support in 2010 to match every deprived kid with a caring family.
Seven orphan youth, together with Executive Director of Orphans’ Future Andriy Nazarenko, organized an Easter picnic in Ternopil with food and games. The Foundation purchased and volunteers distributed 14 product bags (containing buckwheat, milk, oil, sugar, mayonnaise, ketchup, pasta, tea, etc) among needy orphan youth of the Ternopil city, who have no place to go to celebrate Easter.
Promoting Healthy Living

Together with the Ternopil Regional Police Department, a soccer competition was held among the orphans of the Koropets Orphanage. About 100 participants received soccer balls which were provided by an Australian church in Sydney through Mr. Ron McKeller. The winners received medals, sweet presents and fruits.

![Soccer Team of Police Department and winner team of the Koropets orphanage and Berezhany orphans.](image1)

**The Child Protection Day**: June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.

25 orphans from the Koropets Orphanage participated in an excursion to Ternopil city. This was a happy Day for the participants, many of whom had never visited the city before. The children had an opportunity to ride a big boat on Ternopil Lake, watched a live puppet show, visited the museum of the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, and had food at different Ternopil cafes. About 10 volunteers were involved to celebrate the Day with the children. Together with the NGO “Brotherhood of Orphans” the fundraising exhibition of children’s handcrafts “Life is in Our Hands” was organized for local people. The funds collected from the exhibition were donated to the 25 orphan participants.

![Fundraising exhibition, June 1-5, 2009](image2)  
![Participants of the Charitable Action in Ternopil](image3)
The Graduate 2009 is an annual program which consists of Two Parts:

-the 1st Part is to provide orphan graduates ages 14-17 with useful and important information about making the right choices regarding advanced educational institutions and professions. During training seminars, the children received helpful information and advice from former orphan students and the Foundation’s volunteers

-the 2\textsuperscript{nd} Part is to provide the graduates with a supply of basic material needs when they leave the orphanages

There were 18 orphan graduates in 2009, and all of them decided to continue advanced studies. Majors included: Accounting, Fashion Design, Tourism & Hospitality, Barbering & Cosmetology, Psychology, Government Taxation, Physical Education Teaching, Carpentry, etc. All the graduates received material and monetary aid. Thanks to the WALO Group (Holland), the graduates were able to purchase basic products such as: shoes, sports uniforms, hygienic items, kitchen supplies, bed sheets, travel bags, clothing irons and other everyday items.

Summer Camp 2009

About 60 orphans from the Koropets and Berezhany orphanage participated in Summer Camp 2009 that took place in the Buchach District (Lysovy) and Temopil (Zorepad). The Government covered living expenses, and Orphans’ Future worked hard to make the Summer Camp interesting, productive, educational, and filled with lots of fun. The volunteers from the WALO Group (Holland) spent about three weeks running its summer program, while a team of volunteers from Temopil ran its own program for another group of children. The youth always enjoy opportunities to learn and improve English, handcraft skills, etc.
Summer 2009 Travels

During Summer 2009, Orphans’ Future Executive Director Andriy Nazarenko visited the United States to meet with supporters of the Orphans’ Future Foundation and made connections with new organizations and individuals.

Mr. Nazarenko conducted meetings, made new contacts, and gave presentations to American and Ukrainian organizations such as: United Ukrainian American Relief Committee, (UUARC), Vermont Lutheran Church, Cross View Church, Calvary United Church of Christ, and World Orphan Project. Meetings were also held with Tanas & Dzvinka Hayda. Together, we were able to raise $3,500 US Dollars for orphans of the Ternopil region.

Also in the Summer of 2009, Orphans’ Future Board Member Volodymyr Yavorskyy visited our partner organization in Holland (the WALO Group) which annually provides Volunteers to run a Summer Camp for orphans from the Ternopil region.

The Koropets Orphanage (Monastyrsky District) received the gift of a modern computer with a printer/scanner/copier from Orphans’ Future. A working meeting was also conducted between the Administration of Koropets Orphanage and two representatives from Orphans’ Future, Oleksandr Popov & Andriy Nazarenko. Current problems faced by the Orphanage, school and students, plus potential solutions to those problems were discussed, as the 2009-10 School Year was beginning at the time of the meeting.

Pochaiiv Trip: September 26, 2009.

Orphans’ Future organized and conducted an excursion to Pochaiiv City (Pochaivska of Lavra) for 30 students of the Koropets Orphanage. The trip was led by Foundation Board Members Volodymyr Yavorskiy & Andriy Nazarenko.

The conference “Step into the Future” was organized and held by the Orphans’ Future Foundation for orphan students of the Ternopil Universities. 78 participants joined the event, and the local media broadcast it to the community, highlighting the major problems that orphans face in life (specifically, housing and jobs in the current economic climate).

The young orphans had an opportunity to personally meet government and local NGO representatives, who gave each orphan an information packet with details on how each government/NGO group can be of assistance to orphans during their most critical adaptation period: going from the orphanage to independent adult life.

Along with the serious information presented, the children also had a lot of fun with a 2 hour Talent Show and a celebration dinner.

Donors: WALO Group (Holland), UUARC, Inc (USA)

This event was initially a pilot project that will now be held annually, as an important part of socialization for orphan graduates into independent life.

Way of Children Project

In December 2009, Orphans’ Future and the Ternopil Student Organization AIESEC signed a Partnership Agreement to work together on a social education project called “Way of Children”. The goal of the project is to increase the educational skills of children through training, excursions and charity events. Oksana Izbyanska is the Coordinator of the “Way of Children” project.
National Charitable Action “St. Nicolas Travels Throughout Ukraine 2009”

**Goal:** to bring happiness and the real meaning of the Christian Holidays to children living in State-run orphanages in the Ternopil region.

**Task:** to involve the local community to join the charity events with the aim of collecting funds, toys, school supplies, socks, shoes, hygienic items and deliver them to 400 orphans of the Ternopil region.

**Beneficiary:** children of the Koropets (110 children), Nove Selo (145 children), Berezhany (140 children) and Ternopil MALIATKO (55) orphanages.

**Volunteers:** Volodymyr Yavorskyy, Iryna Vakaljuk, Oksana Izbjanska, Ira Boyko, Vasiliy Gryn’kiv

**Items Purchased and Donated:** Soccer balls (30), volleyballs (3), a ping-pong set (1), basketball nets (2), dominoes (6), chess sets (10), air pumps (5), socks (450 pairs), stuffed animals (110), the childrens’ book “Maliatko” (300), “MILKA Chocolate” (82 kg), Mandarin oranges (32 kg), Bananas (72 kg.), Juice (166 packs), Gasoline and Transportation expenses (400 UAH)

**Winter Shoes for Orphans**

Before Winter 2010, Orphans’ Future, together with private donor Mr. Igor Makar from London (UK) purchased winter shoes for 11 orphan youth living in a Ternopil regional state-run dormitory (Karpenka 16 Street).

There are many problems that orphans face during the adaptation process to independent life, and every type of assistance given to these youth is very important. Even the smallest donation makes a huge difference in the lives of orphan youth and in turn our world in general.

These shoes will go a long way in providing basic comfort to the orphans, and will help prevent illnesses related to cold feet and bodies in the harsh Ukraine winter. This is very important given the
amount of H1N1 flu going around Ukraine, as well as other serious (as of yet undiagnosed) respiratory illnesses that have sickened and hospitalized many Ukrainians. Orphans’ Future greatly appreciates Mr. Makar’s well-timed generosity.

**Medical Care Program**

During 2009, Orphans Future in cooperation with the Gift of Life Foundation (Ternopil) provided free dental and medical care to 70 orphan youth & students in Ternopil orphanages via the “Medical Clinic on Wheels”.
New Gymnastic Hall for Orphans

Orphans’ Future Foundation together with the staff of the Berezhany Orphanage began work on construction of a gymnasium for the pupils of the orphanage. This modern sporting facility (approximately 80 kv.m in size) will allow the pupils of the school to develop physical fitness in their youth, while promoting an active, healthy way of life for their future.

Construction of the gym will be performed by employees and students of the Berezhany School. Everyone can join in making this much needed project a success by donating funds to Orphans’ Future (indicate “Gym for Orphans” with your donation). The Opening Ceremony for the new gym is planned to be held during the Easter holiday, April 4th 2010.

Thank You to our Supporters, Friends and Partners in 2009!

Organizations:

UUARC, Inc, USA
WALO group, Holland
Malaga School, Spain

Fostering children and family Fund, USA
Thoughts of Faith, USA
“Gift of Life” Ternopil
The British Ukrainian Society, GB
World Orphan Project, Inc. USA

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### Financial report of Orphans’ Future Foundation 2009

**Excepted by Ternopil regional IRS on January 12, 2010**

**Income** - 21,248 US dollars

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