Ternopil Regional Charitable Foundation "Orphans Future"

Financial and Narrative REPORT

2011

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Dear Friends and partners of Orphans Future!

2011 was full of interesting events, important activities and hard work for us in order to make a better life of Ukrainian orphans. I am glad that you believe in us and have actively supported charitable causes, for which the Orphans Future was established. Step by step we achieve the goals which five years ago seemed hard to reach, but together with you, we are getting closer and closer to the moment when the orphans we serve will be able to have a worthy place in our society.

The results of our achievements and successes in 2011 are summarized in this report.

I want to thank my American foster family, Tim and Carlene Lois and family, for their belief in my work and special financial support. Each of you have always responded to challenges, actions, programs and projects implemented by the volunteer team of Orphans Future. The main achievement of 2011 was the creation of the Information Resource Center for orphan students and youth, those who left state-run orphanages and have no quality possibilities to develop on their own. The project was implemented thanks to financial support from our US partner, World Orphan Project, Inc. and equipped through financial support from Ukraine Charity (London, GB), WALO (Holland), and Rotary Club of Rouse Hill (Sydney, Australia). From now on, orphan teens and students of Ternopil have a place where they can gather and get access to a computer with free access to the internet, a library, a washing machine, and a kitchen as well as ask for financial, legal, psychological and technical assistance. In 2011 the Center was visited by more than 150 orphans between 14 and 17 years of age.

Our team becomes stronger from year to year and our plans for 2012 will also be successfully implemented. One of the important events in 2012 will be Reunion 2012 – a meeting of US families and Ukraine former orphans 20 years after participating in the exchange program in 1992. This Event will be held in July in Ternopil, Ukraine and Illinois, USA.

For success in charity work in 2011, Orphans Future received a special national Award “National Benefactor 2011” from the National Council of Benefactors. As you may remember, in 2007, Orphans Future was awarded “Benefactor 2007” for the Ternopil region.

Thank you for your trust in our team and I believe in continuing to work with you for a better and brighter future of Ukrainian orphans. I wish each of you in 2012 good health, happiness to you and your families, plenty of inspiration for good and sincere deeds.

With respect and thought about you.

Andriy Nazarenko,
Executive Director of Orphans Future Foundation
Thank You to our Dear friends and supporters!

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Charitable Fund “Gift of Life” Ternopil
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“Information Resource Center for Orphaned Students and Youth” Project

On May 1, 2011 the Ternopil Information Resource Center opened for children and youth orphans as well as children deprived of parental care. The aim of this center is to provide information, technical, and psychological services to orphaned youth deprived of such opportunities, especially when they enter and adapt in mainstream society. Furthermore, this resource center serves to improve orphans’ level of education, assists in the employment process, and contributes to their holistic development. The resource center is equipped with all necessary resources to hold workshops and meetings for orphaned students and youth. Furthermore, the resource center provides a safe space for the vulnerable orphan youth to have a meal and take a shower. Other services offered are a library, computers, printers and scanners, and copy machine for educational purposes. Students (orphans and children deprived of parental care) visiting the resource center are between 15 and 28 years of age. In 2011, there were approximately 200 clients. The monthly expenses are $250 - rent the space and $58 to cover utilities.

“Book about Me” Project

On March 23, 2011 our volunteers Vasyl Hryn’kiv, Nadiya Dovhalyuk, journalist of Ternopil Region newspaper “Freedom”- Antonina Bryk and the Head of the Fund - Andriy Nazarenko visited 56 children at Ternopil regional baby orphanage. There they presented a new social project called “Book about Me” which was initiated by International organization EveryChild. The goal of the project is to give every little child from the orphanage opportunity to have their own childhood stories because most of them don't have real childhood and don't know anything about it when they grow up.

From September 2010 to March 2011 volunteers of Orphans’ Future Fund made a lot of efforts: gathered funds for ordering 70 photo albums, purchased a digital camera, took professional pictures of the children, printed the pictures and finally made a presentation. Our volunteers work together with the orphanage staff in order to provide the children with their own childhood photo albums.

Seventy albums with poems and drawings were purchased for the project. The baby home “Maliatko,” which takes care of orphans who are between several months old and four years of age, received a digital camera. Every three months the Foundation prints pictures for the
baby home orphans, which the staff members take to capture every moment of each child’s life and then add them to their personal albums. We would like to thank Olena Moravs’ka for providing professional photo shooting of our children free-of-charge. We would also like to thank Vasyl Hryn’kiv, Nadiya Dovhaluk, Iryna Vakaluk, and Ludmyla Sivak for their help in collecting the albums.

‘Computer Classes for Orphans’ Project

The main goal of this project is to equip orphans studying in the rural orphanages in Ternopil oblast with modern information-technology skills. The “Computer Classes for Orphans from the Rural Orphanages” project has been implemented since 2009. One hundred Koropets orphanage children received six computers and a printer to be installed in their orphanage-school.

On February 5th, 2011 Berezhany school-orphanage for disadvantaged, housing 165 orphans, received five computers and a printer to be used in the computer classroom. The former orphanage alumni, who are currently our volunteers, initiated this project. Ukraine Charity, UK, sponsored the project. The orphanage children were excited to have access to computers in their school and have the opportunity to develop their information-technology skills. This will further help them become competitive in the labor market upon their entry into the adult world.
CHARITY EVENTS 2011

Our charity events bring joy and a holiday spirit to children's lives. It is our priority to involve local community, children, and youth in the charity events. We are so pleased to see there are people who really care about Ukrainian orphans.

“Easter Happiness for Orphans” Event

On April 24, 2011 “Orphans’ Future” Foundation organized an “Easter Happiness for Orphans” event. The goal of the event was to draw civil society’s attention to the Ternopil oblast orphans’ problems and bring holiday cheer to orphans and children deprived of parental care during Easter holidays. The young volunteers as well as our foundation’s supporters Kermit and Beth Traska, The Gruven’s Family (US), Vira Nebesna (“To Dynamo” Store) organized the event. One hundred forty seven orphans and children deprived of parental care from Koropets orphanage received sports gear, child development games, boots, and child books. Also, about 20 orphans celebrated Easter holidays with local families (Charity action 'Bring a happiness to an orphan during the Easter')

“St. Nicolas is Visiting Orphans” Event

On December 19th, 2011, the Orphans' Future Foundation held a charity event “St. Nicolas is traveling around Ukraine 2011,” supporting 200 children deprived of parental care living and studying in Berezhan'yi, Novosil'ska, Koropets, and Hrymaylivs'ka state-run orphanages located in Ternopil oblast. In 2011, we brought all orphanage children to Ternopil for St. Nicolas holiday celebration held in Ternopil oblast theater. Four buses were hired to bring the children to the city. Ten volunteers from the Foundation made it a special holiday for orphans. Every child received a lot of gifts of which they had dreamt before.
“Give a Smile to a Child” Event

In May 2011, the Foundation volunteers raised funding for purchasing boots for orphans in Berezhan school orphanage. Their fund-raising events included a KVN (comedy club) performance “Give a smile to a child.” Five comedy clubs from Ternopil took part in the performance (“VIP,” “Wholesale is Cheaper,” “All-in,” “Weekend,” and “Cabmin”); a donation drop-box; and an art exhibit of children’s work for sale. Twelve orphans from Berezhan orphanage for disadvantaged invited to participate in the event showcased their acrobatic stunts and music performance. The audience gave young performers rounds of applause, making everyone happy.

Since orphans receive only one set of shoes, which eventually wear out, on June 8, 2011 we supplied 56 orphans with new sports shoes and slippers. Afterwards, the volunteers organized a candy party for the children.

Cooperation with Charitable Fund “Gift of Life”

Orphans’ Future Fund has a very good cooperation with the Charitable Fund “Gift of Life” and its Medical Clinic on Wheels (MVOW) in particular which includes a medical bus and a dental bus). Gift of Life provides free medical and dental care to the needy all over Ukraine especially in Ternopil Region. Almost 5000 people are provided with free medical and dental aid and many of them are orphans. MCOW has been taking care of the orphans in Ternopil city as well as in different schools for disadvantages since 1992. In 2011 besides the orphans from Ternopil city MCOW visited and helped orphans from Berezhan, Hrymailiv, Strusiv and other school for disadvantaged.
“Gifted Orphans” Program

“Orphans’ Future” Foundation’s representatives were selected to serve on the committee for the school charity program “Gifted Orphans – a Step into the Future and a Path to Success.” “Brotherhood of Orphans” charity organization initiated the program. The goal of the program is to recognize orphans’ academic success and talents with a financial reward, which serves as an external motivation in our students’ academic life. Forty-four students from six school-orphanages (among them were two Ternopil orphanages, Koropets, Novosylivska, Berezhan, and Zalishchynska orphanages) were selected to participate in the program. Every participating student received a 25$ award. The Foundation continues to raise funds for the program.

“Playground for Orphans” Project

“The Playground for Orphans” reconstruction project took place between August and October 2011 in the baby home “Maliatko” (Saharova Street, Ternopil). Thanks to the financial assistance of US donors (Olya Schechter, Emma Cleary, Scott Wallace) who donated $1400, kids will now have a terrific outdoor space for playing.

“Summer Camp for Orphans “Footpath”

Between July 3-15, 2011 five volunteers from the Orphans’ Future Foundation organized a ten-day summer camp for 50 orphans from Ternopil oblast orphanages (Lilia Furman is the summer camp coordinator). The summer camp was located in the “Lisovyy” resort place,
Buchatskiy region, Ternopil oblast. In the course of ten days, children had the opportunity to play outdoor games, study, and rest. All summer camp participants were divided into three teams “Happy,” “Cheerful,” and “Blessed,” which competed against each other in challenging activities. In the evening, children learned and sang songs as well as listened to music. Towards the end of the summer camp, all three teams collaborated on a camp-wide performance and received individual certificates recognizing their accomplishments and souvenirs to remember the camp. Such summer camps have been held annually for the past five years. We are thankful to our constant sponsors who support this initiative and do not leave our children behind in the summertime.

The participants of the summer camp for orphans “Footpath”, July 3-15”, 2011.

The Graduate Program

In June 2011, eight alumni from Koropets, 10 alumni from Berezhany, and four alumni from Ternopil orphanages graduated from their orphanages, which was their home for 9-11 years. This is the hardest time in orphanage alumni’s life. Their first steps in their independent life will shape their future trajectory. This is why for the past five years the Orphans’ Future Foundation has been providing financial and psychological support to the orphanage alumni from Ternopil rural regional orphanages. Upon graduation, each alumni received basic things: a blanket, washing detergents, soaps, personal hygiene items, a suitcase, shoes, a casual outfit, and a set of pots, pans, and plates.

Twelve orphans living in the social dormitory for orphans in Ternopil (Karpenka Street, Ternopil) received a refrigerator, which is in demand in the social dormitory, among other things such as a washing machine and kitchen appliances.
Twelve young orphanage alumni living in financial hardships and unable to pay for their rent in the dormitory received one-time financial aid from our Foundation in the amount of 500 hryvnias ($63), while two students received grants to pay their school tuition.

There is also a group of volunteers who visit two orphans currently in a juvenile detention and provide moral support to them. In the meantime, the Foundation allocates necessary funding to purchase food and envelopes (for letter writing).

**International Experience Exchange in Ukraine and Abroad**

Our volunteers have the opportunity to attend educational workshops and exchange their volunteer experience in Ukraine and abroad. For example, three volunteers took part in the “Go Ahead and Learn” program held in Kyiv. In addition, one of our volunteers participated in the “Youth in Action” program, partnering with the Lviv non-governmental organization “Caring in Action.”

In January 2011, Andriy Nazarenko met with the foundation’s partners and friends in the United States: Lisa and Jeff Savianos directors at the World Orphan Project non-governmental organization to discuss their collaboration on the “Resource Center for Orphaned Children and Youth” project, which has been successfully implemented in Ternopil. Moreover, Andriy Nazarenko met with the former Ukrainian orphans, who are now US citizens, to bring together all orphans who were invited to stay with foster families in the United States 20 years ago. The “20 Years After” meeting will take place both in the United States and Ukraine in July 2012.
Between October 1-9, 2011, Andriy Nazarenko was on a business trip to Achterveld, the Netherlands and Brussels, Belgium, initiated and sponsored by the WALO organization. WALO (the Dutch volunteering agency) has been our partner organization supporting our work with orphans for the past three years. In the meeting, both parties committed to continuing their collaboration on developing and sponsoring summer programs for orphans from Ternopil oblast as well as engaging Dutch volunteers in the projects.
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