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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Vancouver branch of Ukrainian Canadian Social Services was created in 1989. Our mandate is to provide humanitarian aid. Over the years, projects have included sending containers of medical supplies and equipment, medicines, hospital beds, wheelchairs, clothing and food to hospitals and clinics. We have aided Ukrainian orphanages and children's tuberculosis sanatoriums, and coordinated a blankets and winter clothing drive.

There are a lot of good deeds on the UCSS account, but there are some new and challenging projects that we'll be honoured to lead in the

future. We look forward to getting new young members and empower them by giving them projects to run and by incorporating their perspective into the organization's mission.

There are a lot of people working behind the scenes to ensure the success of our charitable work. My sincere thanks to our founders Velentina Kaspyrk, Valentina Revutska, and Stepan Petelycky for their hard work, dedication and twenty years of services, past president Adam Kozak, and past treasurer John Tymchak.

Sincerely,

Svitlana Kominko, President

ANOTHER STEP FORWARD

Ukrainian Canadian Social Services in Vancouver elected its new Executive Board members on May 2, 2009:

President—Svitlana Kominko
Vice President—Joy Richmond
Vice President—Myrna Arychuk
Treasurer—Orlena Richmond
Secretary—Olena Strutynska

And welcomed new members:

- Luba Galyuk
- Olena Strutynska
- Iryna Shyroka
- Marina Selezeneva

HELP US HELP THE CHILDREN IN UKRAINE

Project 1. Young Children's Orphanage, Lviv, Ukraine

The orphanage, founded in 1979, is situated in the city of Lviv, western Ukraine. The facility cares for children between 3 and 7 years old. There are currently 91 children at the orphanage; nine of them have mental disabilities. The orphanage had no major repairs since it was founded.

Young children sleep on very old beds and mattresses. Since children are at the age of important spine growth and development, sleeping on old mattresses causes development of scoliosis (spinal deformity). Old beds also pose a hygiene concern as some children acquire skin disorders from contact with decade—old mattresses. The objective of this project is to replace current substandard equipment through purchasing 40 new beds, 40 new mattresses, 30 sanitary sets (toilets and wash-basins), and a fully equipped dental chair.

Project 2. Nove Selo Boarding School, Ternopil, Ukraine

The Nove Selo Boarding School was opened in 1954 with a mandate to provide general education for children (ages 8-18) with special needs. Since 1980, the school took on an additional function to provide care and treatment for orphaned and abandoned children with dysfunctional mental development and memory and attention deficit problems.

Currently, the facility shelters and educates 160 disadvantaged children from Ternopil region, Ukraine. 18 of these children are orphans, 43 are from underprivileged single parent families, and 99 children are from extremely poor or troubled families. The government helps to provide children with their basic nutrition, but the school must rely heavily on donations to fulfill other basic requirements. The objective of the Ternopil project is to raise funds to replace the most urgently needed furniture in classrooms and in



children's living areas. To ensure your donations are put to their best use, local retailers and manufacturers were carefully researched based on multiple criteria: material sources and quality, reliability of a finished product, prices, delivery costs, etc.

Thank you very much for your support and consideration of Ukrainian children in need.

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TOGETHER TO A NEW VICTORY

Recently the Ukrainian Canadian Services in Vancouver was approached by the National Paralympic Committee with a request for help. The success of the Ukrainian National team on Vancouver 2010 Paralympic Games depend how well the Ukrainian community in Canada will be able to help disabled Ukrainian athletes with their vital needs such as transportation and accommodation. It's extremely difficult for a disabled person to fight for victory by overcoming physical pain and psychological constraints. Let's help them win and dedicate their victory to our beloved Ukraine. For more information how can you help please contact Luba Galyuk at 778-321-9294.

Photo: National Ukrainian Paralympic team.



CELEBRATE UKRAINE WITH US

Ukrainian Canadian Social Services, Ukrainian Canadian Congress, and Svitanok Chorus are pleased to announce the first annual "UKRAINIAN DAY" celebration which will take place on September 12, 2009. All proceeds will go towards humanitarian aid projects and support the Ukrainian Paralympic team at the Paralympic Games in Vancouver 2010. Mark your calendars and celebrate "Ukrainian Day" with us.

When: September 12, 2009
6pm-11:30pm

Where: St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Centre
3150 Ash Street, Vancouver

What: Light meal with entertainment program
Dancing
Multimedia presentations
Silent Auction
Raffle Ticket Draw
Fun Contests



We welcome your donations for a silent auction. For more information and tickets call Joy Richmond at 604-433-1754.

SPECIAL GRATITUDE
to **Myrna Arychuk**
for
providing a new office space for UCSS

YOUR SUPPORT IS OUR SUCCESS

UCSS participates in multiple projects for fundraising to fulfill our mandate and obligations and we rely on you, the donor, to support our efforts.

To make a donation please contact our office. UCSS is a registered charity (B/N 891743973 RR 0001) and there are tax benefits from donations to those who qualify. Please also consider us as a gifting, foundation, or trust recipient.

We hope that you will share our urgent concerns with empathy through your donations. Please inform others who may be interested in our goals.

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