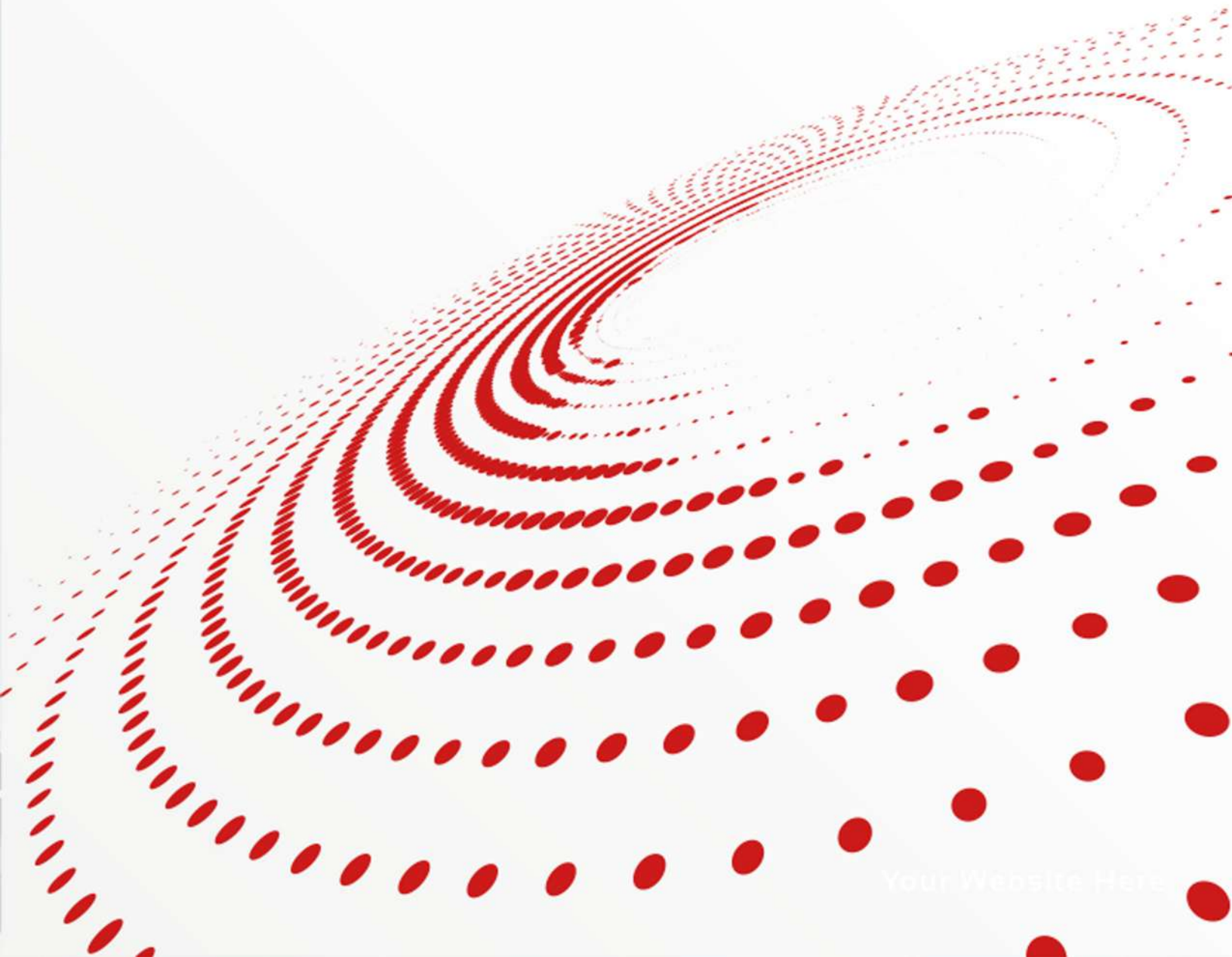


UKRAINE CHARITY

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Dear friends and supporters,

The 2017-18 year marked an important milestone in Ukraine Charity's history as we completed our first decade of helping disadvantaged children in Ukraine and set out our objectives and ambitions for the next 10 years. We celebrated together with many of you at our annual Ivana Kupala evening (with a Spanish theme and flavour this year), as well as at a special reception in the Houses of Parliament.

Despite the festivities, we did not slow down in our work and supported 13 projects in Ukraine for a total amount of almost GBP 60,000. Our largest project for the year was a contribution of over GBP 21,000 to support "GoCamp East", English language summer camps for children from eastern Ukraine. One of the ways we raised funds for "GoCamp East" was through Pub Quiz nights organised by our long-time supporter, Stas Suprunenko.

Ukraine Charity further continued its support of children affected by the war in eastern Ukraine, funding almost GBP 9,000 across three other summer and development programmes for refugee children and children of fallen soldiers.

We also had several other projects focused on Child Development, including over GBP 10,000 in rehabilitation equipment for the Nizhyn orphanage and GBP 6,000 to teach children IT basics in English as well as support their career interest in this field.

Last but not least, we funded medical equipment worth almost GBP 6,000 for the Okhmatdyt Children's Hospital in Kyiv and Lviv Children's Hospital.

We are most proud of our achievements this year and confident that we are making a meaningful positive impact on the lives of disadvantaged children in Ukraine. Of course, we can only continue our work with your enduring support, but together even the most ambitious objectives are not out of our reach.

Sincerely yours,
Ukraine Charity team

SHELTER & ESSENTIALS

Developmental equipment for children at the Nizhyn orphanage

Nizhyn, Chernigiv Region
Summer 2017



The aim of the project was to improve the success rate of rehabilitation for children at the Nizhyn orphanage. To this extent, funds were raised to buy modern equipment for the physiological exercise rooms and the gymnasiums. This enabled the children to undertake much needed exercises to improve their physical, emotional and psychological state. The ultimate goal was to alleviate the kids' physical disabilities and hence to provide them with a much deserved opportunity to live a better life.

Nizhyn orphanage for disabled children



This project was introduced to us by Vitaliy Gubskiy, who along with his friends, performed the Three Peaks Challenge to also raise funds for the project.

The Nizhyn orphanage today houses 105 children with the following illnesses and disabilities:

- cerebral paralysis;
- down syndrome;
- epilepsy;
- hydrocephalus;
- microcephaly; and
- speech defects.



A visit to Rehabilitation Centre Uzyn

Tarashcha, Kyiv Region
Winter 2018



Rehabilitation Centre Uzyn was created for children in difficult situations, orphans and children deprived of parental care to provide them with a comprehensive social, psychological, pedagogical, medical, legal and other types of assistance. The age of the children in the Centre is between three and 18 years old.

Children from the Centre can be adopted, placed in foster families and family-type children's homes or returned to biological families on condition that their parents have created a safe environment for the children.

Before Christmas and New Year holidays in 2017, the team led by Dmytro Sakhonenko bought and delivered clothes and seasonal shoes, new toys, sweets and fruits for children. The team also spent necessary time with the children and had some activities with them, which helped in their development, social and psychological, mental rehabilitation.



A new roof for the Babat family home

Tarashcha, Kyiv Region
Winter 2018

Ukraine Charity funded the replacement of the house roof for the Babat family - Alina and her grandmother. Alina suffers from cerebral palsy, and due to various issues in her immediate family, Alina was taken to an orphanage. However, her grandma managed to take Alina from the orphanage into her own care. Unfortunately, the living conditions of the family were not excellent, and they needed help to improve their situation. The family has been supported for a long time by the Ukrainian charity organisation Detdom.Info, which initiated the project.



MEDICAL EQUIPMENT



Purchase of an electrotrepan for the Okhmatdyt hospital

Kyiv
Autumn 2017



One of our co-Founders, Oleksiy Soroka, swam across the Bosphorus(!) in the summer of 2017 to raise GBP 4,800 towards the purchase of a high-speed drill system (“NSK Primado 2”), which is now being used for life-saving operations in the National Children’s Hospital “Okhmatdyt” in Kyiv. We are grateful to all those who contributed to this project worldwide, including from Germany, the UK and the USA. We are also grateful to our partner, Kyiv-based charity “31 June” (“31 Июня”), for bringing the project to completion. Well done all around!



We have previously worked with “31 June” charity to fund spare parts for high-speed drilling devices needed at the Children’s Department of Romodanov Institute of Neurosurgery in Kyiv.

Purchase of two infusomats for Lviv Children's Hospital

Lviv
Autumn 2017

Foundation "Child's Heart" discovered that there is a need for more equipment like infusomats in Lviv's children's hospital. Ukraine Charity offered to help in funding the purchase of two of these infusomats and considers buying more in the future.

Infusomats ("infusion pumps") are designed for use in therapeutic departments, where it is necessary to make gradual, continuous, and highly accurate dosing injections of certain drugs.



A disability lift for the Dzherelo Centre

Lviv
Spring 2018



Dzherelo has opened a workshop for young people with disabilities, including those in wheelchairs. In order to meet their needs and provide better quality of care a special ceiling mounted lift was installed.



We are proud that following our donation of GBP 1,000 towards the ceiling lift at the Dzherelo Children's Rehabilitation Centre in Lviv, the professionals at the centre have been able to support more children and youth with special needs.

On behalf of parents, professionals at the centre and our team, we are grateful to our supporters and donors for funding this project and helping to improve the lives of children and youth at the Dzherelo Children's Rehabilitation Centre.



CHILD DEVELOPMENT

GoCampEast: English language summer camps for the children of Ukraine

Ukraine
Summer 2017



GoCamp is a new format of school day camps with intensive study of foreign languages. Using a specially developed programme, children learn to work in teams, communicate in a multicultural environment, think critically, and be tolerant to others.

The main goal is to educate a new young generation of active and conscious citizens of Ukraine, capable of lifelong learning, prepared for the challenges of the 21st century, fluent in foreign languages and open to other cultures and experiences.

The project was brought to us by Ukrainian professionals at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). They took the lead on the fundraising, and were approved for a matching grant from the EBRD.



IT English education for Ukrainian orphans

Kyiv
Winter 2018



This project aimed to provide quality IT education in English for orphans, children with disabilities, children from multi-child families and children of soldiers killed or injured while serving. Ukraine Charity funding went towards recruiting instructors for the programme, creating coursework, renting a classroom & purchasing classroom supplies.

The project was brought to us by Lyubomyr Kuziv from the EBRD, which matched all donations gathered for this project.

The project was coordinated in Ukraine by a local charity, "Smart Future," which has already provided IT training to more than 75 children.



Summer camp in the Carpathians for children afflicted by the war

Zakarpattia Region
Summer 2017



Two week summer camp for 75 children of fallen, injured or POW Ukrainian soldiers.



This project was organised by one of our regular fundraisers, Iryna Estevez, as well as a local charity in Ivano Frankivsk called "Territory of Good Deeds" («Територія добрих справ») led by Natalia Pertsovykh. This is the third project Iryna Estevez has done with Ukraine Charity following another summer camp last year and a Christmas tour to Lviv for orphans and children afflicted by the war.

Transformative education for the refugee children at Kraplynka

Kraplynka centres
Autumn 2017



Kraplynka provides early educational opportunities and psychological support for pre-school and school age children from displaced families across the country in centres located in Kyiv, Mezhyhirya, Brovary, Vyshhorod, Pushcha-Vodytsia, and Mykolaiv.



Ukraine Charity contributed another GBP 1,745 for Kraplynka to continue enriching the lives of these disadvantaged children (from refugee families, orphanages and other critical cases) with such activities as arts & crafts, sailing and swimming. We have been working with Kraplynka since 2015, and its staff is most appreciative of the continuing donations towards this great project.

Spring 2018



Summer rehabilitation camp for orphans "My Friend"

v. Pidgirtsi, Obukhiv district, Kyiv region
Summer 2017



The project's aims was to offer children rehabilitation, develop skills in orphans which are necessary for independent life, and help them adjust to ordinary living conditions and socialisation.



The project was held in two village houses to separate girls and boys. Three adults spent 24 hours with children and taught them how to have a normal routine outside of the orphanage, which included house chores, cooking and sharing responsibilities with other children.



Summer camp for children from displaced families / fallen soldiers

v. Kosmach, Carpathian Mountains, Summer 2017

The project's aim was to provide nine children from internally displaced families and/or children of fallen soldiers with two weeks in a summer camp in the Carpathian mountains.



The "Green School" summer camp was an initiative organised by the NGO "Open Policy". The choice of this camp was motivated by great similarities in the educational methods and quality of work of the "Green School" summer camp and the NGO.

Winter holidays for orphans in Zakarpattia

Village Verkhniy Studenyi
Winter 2017-2018



This project consisted of a three day winter trip for approximately 20 orphans residing at the Nazaret orphanage in Zakarpattia. The children travelled to Verkhniy Studenyi village in Zakarpattia, where they skied at the ski resort "Beskid," as well as attended cultural and historical sites, including the St. Nicholas church built in 1804. Additionally, the children were also taken to neighbouring villages Pylypets and Nyzhnii Studenyi.

Nazaret is a nursery and orphanage with 72 children in the Zakarpattia region. Children, many of whom come from low income homes, are attending lessons in the nursery regularly and approximately 20 children permanently reside in the orphanage.

Yuliya Pidlisna did her second fundraiser with Ukraine Charity to fund this project. She collected donations on her birthday and ran a 10,000 m run in Oslo on 16th September 2017. Last year, she ran the AJBell London Triathlon and raised funds to repair the roof at Nazaret.



OUR EVENTS

Ivana Kupala

29 June 2017

Ukraine Charity celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2017, and we invited our guests to join our traditional Ivana Kupala evening with a special Iberian twist this time!

Guest were able to enjoy:

- Spanish fine wine-tasting led by London Wine Academy;
- Some traditional Spanish tapas prepared by Copa de Cava; and
- Customary charity raffle and entertainment programme including Spanish music and disco.



Dress code for the evening was Vyshyvanka (embroidered Ukrainian shirt), flamenco dress, or any other ethnic elements guests wished to add to their outfit.

We were happy to celebrate the evening together with our friends and all Ukraine Charity supporters!

Spirit of Ukraine Festival

10 September 2017

One our co-Founders, Oleksiy Soroka (here with chef and food writer, Olia Hercules) at the Spirit of Ukraine Festival 2017 in Enfield organised by Friends of Forty Hall Park with the Association of Ukrainians in GB - Waltham Cross branch.



Reception in the Parliament

15 November 2017

We celebrated our 10th Anniversary in the UK House of Commons in November 2017. We extend our sincere appreciation to Rt. Hon. John Whittingdale for hosting the reception, Her Excellency, Natalia Galibarenko, Ambassador of Ukraine to the UK, for her kind remarks, and Andriy Vytovych and the Pasicznyk family for sharing their incredible musical talents.



Additionally, we would like to thank Zoriana Climenco for capturing the greatest moments of the evening, LK Kitchenette for the delicious canapés, and Wine Kolonist for the beverages.

Most of all, we are grateful for our donors and supporters being there with us through the years! Together we have already made a difference in the lives of disadvantaged children in Ukraine, and over the next decade, we can do even more!

Dignity Run

18 November 2017

We had a most refreshing morning in November 2017 in Southwark Park doing the 5km run for Freedom and Dignity! We are grateful to Stanislav Suprunenko for organising this run in support of Ukraine Charity for a third year in a row! Thank you to everyone who braved the chilly weather to attend and participate! And thank you to parkrun UK for being welcoming hosts!



Pub Quiz

20 March 2018

Another series of wonderful evenings with Pub Quiz "What? Where? When?" were organised by Stas Suprunenko. It was not only fun time for everyone who attended but it was also part of Stas' fundraising campaign for the GoCamp project mentioned above.

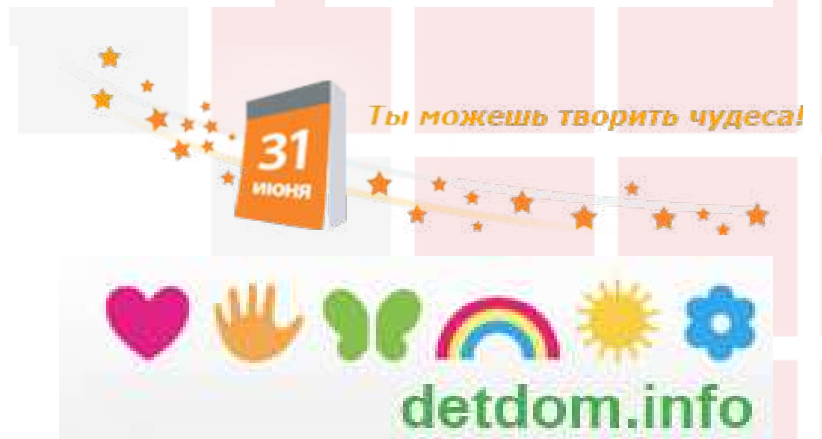


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