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New Project in Gomel with UNICEF

In October our Training Co-ordinator Geoff Wright was in Gomel to deliver an important training programme to all the staff involved in our new project.

Working in Rogachev, Rechitsa and the Railway District of Gomel, three teams of social workers and psychologists will provide support to families with children with disabilities. They will assess the needs of the children and their carers, and then attempt to meet those needs with Education, Social Protection and Health Departments working together.

Geoff gave them training in assessing, planning, and reviewing their work with families, in working in a multidisciplinary team, and also in safeguarding and supervision. It included lots of role play and team building exercises. Further training will be delivered in January either by Geoff or by Lewis Greaves, a Russian speaking social worker who has volunteered in Belarus many times in the summer.



The project is funded by UNICEF and the implementing partners are 'Supporting Children Together', our team in Gomel. During November there will be a major launch event for this project in Gomel, with a Deputy Minister, UNICEF representatives and senior figures in Gomel Health, Education and Social Protection departments.

In December the key members of the three teams will come to the UK on an educational visit to look at many aspects of social work and support for families with children with disabilities.

You can Make Christmas Special for a Child or Young Person in Belarus. See Pages 2 and 3 for virtual gifts which will brighten a young life.

Our Calendar contains happy, colourful photos of many of the children and young people we support and will remind you about them all through the year!





To Belarus with Love

Have you resolved to consume less this Christmas? Maybe to avoid buying gifts which may turn out to be unsuitable or unwanted? If you are planning to make some of your

Christmas Gifts the virtual kind, where your friend receives a card and some news about the benefit her gift has brought to others in greater need, please think about buying some of those gifts through CCP to support children and young people in Belarus.

£10 would buy a Gift for a Family in the Care of our Hospice team in Gomel.

Our doctor, three nurses and a psychologist, support around 30 families with regular visits, providing medical, social and emotional support to families who have a child with a life limiting condition.



Or you might like to buy a gift for a child having treatment at the Cancer Hospital at Barovliani, just outside Minsk.

Children spend many months in the hospital, undergoing a mixture of pain, discomfort, stress, fear and boredom. It is particularly hard for the older children who understand the situation more and for the mothers.

£10 would buy a Gift for a Child being treated in the Cancer Hospital and help to distract them from all their problems.

We used to buy medicines regularly for the hospital when they were in short supply. This has become more difficult, but sometimes we can buy medicines from Russia for them, or we buy medical equipment such as gastroscopes or shunts. **£50 would help to meet Medical Needs for Children with Cancer or in the Care of the Hospice.**



Once the children are better and have been in remission for a few months they can come for a holiday. Four weeks of good food, fresh air and fun activities provides a great chance for them to forget all their troubles, boost their immune systems and return home with wonderful memories.

£250 would fund an air fare to the UK for a Child's Recuperative Holiday



this Christmas

If you would like to provide some Christmas cheer for children living in an orphanage **£25 would buy a big box of craft materials.**



These children at Babitchi Orphanage make beautiful hand made cards and all sorts of imaginative crafts and the young people in Zhuravichi Boarding Home make exquisite jewellery and table decorations from tiny beads and produce wonderful works of crochet.



Zhuravichi used to be home to 250 children. Over the years it has gradually changed into an adult institution, and there are now 300 young people living there. As the last children have left, the number of carers

has been reduced. We fund some extra carers to support some of the young people whose physical disabilities meant that they were never educated as children. This extra support is more necessary than ever now, providing education and activities that would not be possible otherwise.



£200 would provide the salary for a carer like Inna for one month.

For young people living at Zhuravichi or other institutions like Vikov and Kapatkevichi, the chance of a 10 day holiday at Ptich Sanatorium is something to look forward to all year. The volunteers who we send out every summer make sure they have a brilliant time, taking part in all sorts of sports, crafts, outings and picnics in the forest. **£150 would fund a holiday for a Disabled Young Person at a Holiday Camp**

Marina moved from a large institution to live at our Family Home 2000 in Klimovka for some time before



and after her baby was born. She has now been given a flat by Social Protection but we keep in contact and continue to make sure she has everything she needs.

Many young mums in Gomel are not in as much need as Marina, but still struggle to buy everything they need for their baby.

£40 would provide support to a New Mum whose baby has health problems or who has other children with disabilities in the family.



Nuclear Free Future Award for CCP Director

Linda Walker travelled to Salzburg last month to receive an award for her work with CCP and for highlighting the dangers of Nuclear Power.

On the 20th Anniversary of these awards Linda won the Solutions category; the Education award went to Karipbeg Kuyukov, who was born without arms because of nuclear testing in Kazakhstan, but produces beautiful paintings by mouth; and Jeffrey Lee of Australia, won the Resistance award for refusing to sell land for uranium mining, despite being offered millions of dollars.



☐ 6 Father Christmas Cards **£3.00** ☐ 6 Winter Scene cards **£3.00**

☐ Calendar **£3.00** ☐ Gift for a Hospice Child **£10**

☐ Gift for Child at the Cancer Hospital **£10**

☐ Art & Craft Materials **£25** ☐ Baby pack for new mum **£40**

☐ Month's salary for a Carer or Teacher in an Orphanage **£120**

☐ Holiday for a disabled young person **£150**

☐ Flight to the UK for child in remission from cancer **£250**

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