

# CHERNOBYL CHILDREN'S PROJECT (UK)

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## Remember a Child in Belarus this Christmas



A hospital is never the best place to spend Christmas and New Year.

So for children in the Cancer Hospital in Minsk, it provides a great boost to have a visit from Father Frost, a Christmas party and receive some presents.



*Your donation to Chernobyl Children's Project could fund a gift for a child in need, and you would receive a beautiful gift card for a relative or friend.*

***£10 would buy a gift for a child in the hospital.***

From time to time we are asked to help with buying medicines when these are not available in Minsk.

***£100 would buy much needed medicines to help a child through his or her treatment.***



The **Mayflower Centre** is the respite care centre which we set up in Gomel 16 years ago. Now run by the local authority, it provides excellent care for children and young people with disabilities while their parents have a break.

***£5 would buy a Christmas Gift for a child in the Mayflower Centre.***

This is one of the 30 families in the care of our Home Hospice team in Gomel.

***£20 would buy New Year Gifts for a Hospice Family.***







Some of the children and young people living in institutions produce beautiful crafts, like these wonderful paper flowers at Rechitsa or bead angels at Zhuravichi. Others may not be so talented but still get hours of pleasure from



having materials to play with. **£25 would buy a large box of craft materials for an institution**



Every summer we invite children and teenagers in remission from cancer for a recuperative holiday in the UK. This helps to improve their immune systems and also gives them a great psychological boost, new friends and many happy memories to go home with.

**£250 would buy a return flight from Minsk to Manchester or Gatwick, the biggest expense of the holiday.**



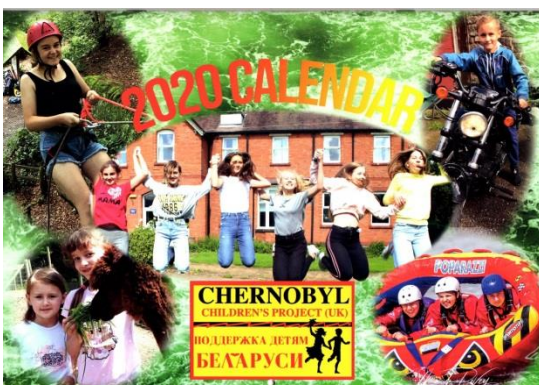
We work with many young families through our Home Hospice Team and in various other projects. Often these mums struggle to buy everything they need for their babies so we help whenever we can.

**£40 would buy a Baby Pack for a young family in Gomel**



Every summer we send out teams of volunteers who work with children and young people with disabilities to give them a great holiday. We are very grateful to **The Persula Foundation** who sponsor a holiday for ten young people.

**£150 would provide a memorable holiday for a disabled young adult living in an institution**



You can also order our 2020 **Calendar** with pictures of many of our projects in Belarus plus children enjoying recuperative holidays for **£3**, and a pack of 6 Bullfinch **Christmas Cards**, painted by a young man in remission from cancer for **£3.50**.







## Life Changing Projects in Gomel Region

Natasha Samoilik is in charge of all our projects in Gomel Region. She is Director of 'Supporting Children Together' our partner organisation in Gomel.

For many years we have funded virtually all the work of SCT but recently the US Embassy has granted them funding for some major projects on fostering children with disabilities and increasing independence skills for young people with disabilities living in institutions. Early next year a new US Embassy funded project will be launched, supporting families with babies and young children with disabilities.

Last year UNICEF invited SCT to be the implementing partners in a project aimed at creating better co-ordination of health, education and social services in support of families with children with disabilities.



Three teams were employed to work with families and other professionals in Rogachev, Rechitsa and part of Gomel city. This is our Rogachev team. The project has been so successful that it will now be rolled out to other parts of the country and to further parts of Gomel Region over the next four years.



Natasha will be supervising this initiative across six districts of Gomel Region.

Unicef have been so impressed with Natasha and the team she has built up around her, that they have also decided to work with SCT on a project with Gomel Baby Home and covering the whole of the region.

We have been trying for at least ten years to keep reasonably healthy babies out of the Baby Home, so that it can be turned into a specialist palliative care and

respite centre. In order to do this, babies taken from or abandoned by their parents would need to go to temporary foster families and there has been a lot of resistance to this from some in authority, who thought the children would be safer in the Baby Home.

This is exactly the project Unicef is undertaking! The first year will focus on finding families for babies and young children, followed by a second year establishing the palliative centre.



Earlier this year Stephanie Bishop and Elise Lazell from Essex County Council delivered training in Gomel in fostering young children and they will go again next spring to give further training and advice.

Geoff Wright, our Head of training, will be acting as a Consultant in all these projects and will deliver training in Case Management in November for professionals from all over Belarus.





## Our Regular Supporters

Our most frequent donor is David Senior who has a stall in Whitby and passes on £100 donations to us every few weeks. David is particularly keen to support children with cancer. We also have CND groups on the Isle of Wight and in Sydenham and Forest Hill who are regular and keen supporters of our work, and we recently received a generous donation from Musicians for Peace and Disarmament.



**Salutation MotorCycle Club** came to meet some of the children holidaying in Staffordshire in the summer and this autumn they presented us with a wonderful cheque for £1,000.

Tom Fryers visited our projects in Belarus in 2013 after making a large donation to our work from his Trust Fund '**Action for Disability**'. Since then AfD has donated significant funds every year to support our work with children and young people with disabilities. This has helped us to fund training programmes, exchange visits, early intervention support for families and to pay salaries for carers at our Family Home 'Rodni Kut'.



**Godel Technologies** is a wonderful software company in Manchester which also has five branches in Belarus. They have been giving us fantastic support for five years funding Hospice staff and carers at our Family Home 2000, plus buying many computers for special schools and institutions in Gomel Region. This

is their Finance Director, Rob Nugent, meeting one of our hospice families on a visit to Gomel.



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