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Winter Newsletter 2021

Send your Love to Children and Young People in Belarus this Christmas



Children in the Cancer Hospital in Minsk are coping with another winter with Covid to worry about, in addition to their treatment.

The Minsk based charity, 'Children in Trouble', has been supporting children in the hospital for over 30 years.

We have worked with CiT for more than 20 years, and whilst we cannot invite the children in remission from cancer to come for holidays at the moment, we are giving extra support to Children in Trouble to help them in their ongoing work. They do all the paperwork needed to clear medicines received from abroad and provide extra support for families in the hospital.

With some of our recent financial support they have just delivered food parcels to families in the hospital and special nutrition for some of the young children. We would like to help them to buy Christmas Gifts for the children.



£10 would buy a gift for a child spending their Christmas and New Year in the hospital.



Sometimes it is possible for us to help with the purchase of medicines, or a piece of medical equipment needed either by a child in the hospital or a child in the care of our Hospice Team.

The Home Hospice Team in Gomel is now largely funded by the Health Department.

But we still help with some salaries (thanks to Godel Technologies) with transport to visit children all over the region (in our wonderful new minibus bought with a Rotary International Grant) and with buying oxygen concentrators and other equipment for the families.



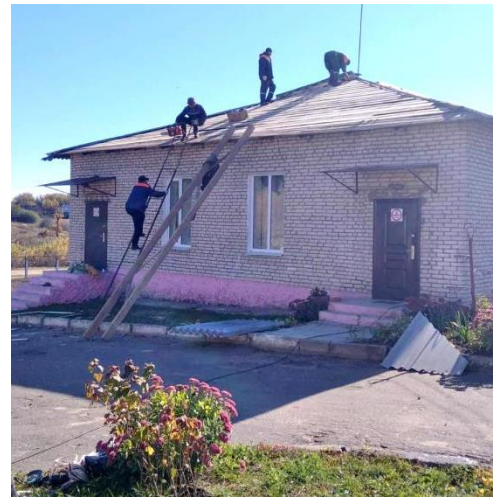
£20 would buy a Christmas Gift for a family in the care of the Hospice Team

£100 would buy medicines for a child with cancer or equipment such as a gastrostomy set for a child needing palliative care

Supporting Young People at Zhuravichi

Earlier this year we donated £1,000 to Zhuravichi Institution to enable them, to put a new roof on a building in their grounds which will be used as an Independent Living Unit.

The work was carried out by some of the residents, with staff support and the building will soon be ready. With support from the American Embassy we ran a project at Zhuravichi a couple of years ago to promote independence skills, and the director is keen to build on this work.



Many of the young people who live there are very talented at all kinds of arts and crafts. They spend many happy hours stitching, painting, doing origami or making bead jewellery.

£25 would buy a big box of craft materials



We have worked with Zhuravichi for many years providing humanitarian aid, training for staff and an educational visit to the UK for their Director.

We have also funded extra carers and



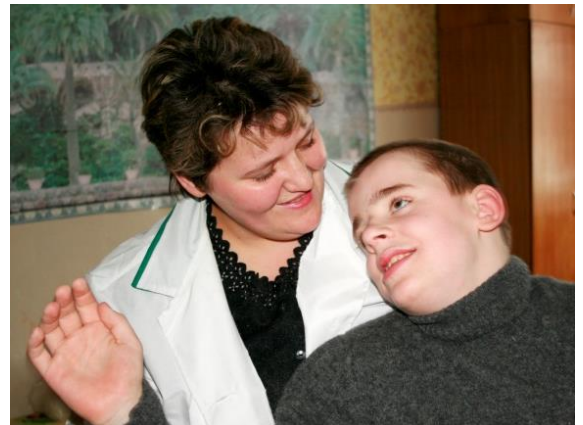
teachers or extra hours for those already working there.

This means that some of the young people can get more personal attention and helps to improve their quality of life.

£120 would sponsor the salary of a carer or teacher for a month

Before Covid we sent volunteers every summer to work at Zhuravichi, Vikov and Rechitsa institutions and to Ptich Sanatorium to support children and young people to have a holiday there.

We hope it will be possible to do that again next year.



But whatever happens, we would like to fund young people with disabilities to have a holiday at Ptich.

£150 would fund a 10 day holiday at a Sanatorium or Holiday Camp for a young person with disabilities.

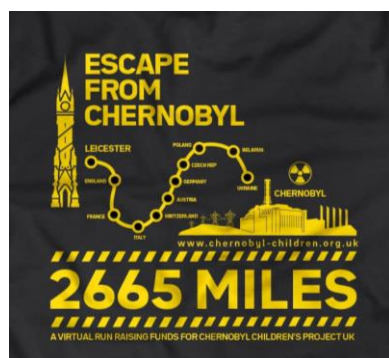




Our recent project in Gomel, funded by Unicef has resulted in many families fostering a baby or young child from the Baby Home. And we have recently launched a new small project to give ongoing support to those foster families.

£40 would buy a pack to support a family who have either fostered a baby or small child, or who are struggling and in danger of their child being taken into care

The quiz we ran last December was very popular, so we will do another this year. There will be 100 questions which you can do at home, coming back to it whenever you like. You could do it on your own or as an all family activity. Good fun at Christmas when you all get together. The answers are not the kind of thing you can look up on google so you will have to wrack your brains! We will launch the Quiz on December 1st and you need to send us your answers by the end of the month. For a minimum donation of £2 we will send you the quiz. You can find it o Click [here](#) or contact cath.ccp@gmail.com.



ESCAPE from CHERNOBYL

There has been an amazing response to the challenge which Julie Raftery (right) set early this year – to run, walk or cycle 2,665 miles to ‘escape’ from the radiation released when Chernobyl exploded and get back to the UK.

320 people have taken part, forming 77 teams, and 24 teams have already completed the route.

One participant, Alison Cherry said ‘The challenge has motivated me to go that bit further than normal, round a 16 mile cycle up to 20 and try new routes to find a nice photo to post. It has really helped during lockdown to keep me motivated.’



Lisa, Debbie and Bekki formed a team, and Tommy was born ‘during the journey’!

The event has raised over £3,000 for CCP and the money is still coming

in. Julie’s recent ‘Croft Canter’ raised almost £2,000 for us and the same for Air Ambulance. And now she is planning a fundraising Ladies Lunch in January!



Calendar and Cards

Our Calendar contains many happy pictures of some of the Belarusian children and young people we have supported over many years. You can buy a Calendar for £3.50 or three for £10.

This jolly Santa is one of a pack of 8 mixed cards and the Winter scene on the right is sold in packs of six. Both packs are £3.00 and you can order overleaf or from the website.



Christmas Order Form (all prices include post and packing)

☐ 8 Mixed Christmas Cards £3.00 ☐ 6 Winter Scene Cards £3.00 ☐ Calendar £3.50

☐ Gift for a Hospice family £10

☐ Gift for a Child at the cancer Hospital £10

☐ Art and Craft Materials £25 ☐ Baby Pack £40

☐ Medicines or medical equipment for a child £100

☐ Month's salary for a carer/teacher at Zhuravichi £120

☐ Holiday for a Disabled Young Person £150

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