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Christmas Gifts for the Children of Belarus



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

Christmas must be a difficult time for parents of children in the cancer hospital, and for teenagers who are anxious about their future. Although we can't bring children for holidays any more, we are still working with **Children in Trouble** who bring medicines to the hospital and take extra food to struggling families. We would like to help them again this year with providing Christmas presents for the children.



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



We have provided hospice care for families in Gomel Region for many years. This has now been taken over by the Health Department. We continue to provide occasional support to families as needed, and we organise a New Year party for those who are able to go and take gifts for the families who can't take part. *Kyril and his mum (left) and Timofei with his mum (right)*



£25 would buy a big box of craft materials or help provide a day out for children and young people in an orphanage

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

£120 would sponsor a month's salary for a carer

We fund extra carers at Zhuravichi, Vikov and Rechitsa Boarding Homes so the young people receive more personal attention.



Foster Care Project in Gomel

The new project has now started, aiming to prevent children being sent to the Baby Home, and for those who are already there, to find families for them and make sure they do not go on to an orphanage. This will build on our many years of work developing foster care.





Supporting Young People With Disabilities

We have worked at **Zhuravichi**, in the north of Gomel Region, since 1998, delivering aid, providing training and educational visits, funding sanatorium holidays



and helping with extra staff. Some of our volunteers spent many happy days working with the young people every summer. We continue to fund a part time member of staff, who organises activities for some of the more physically disabled young people as well as giving extra care.



Vikov is a home situated in the woodlands near to Rogachev. Our volunteers have also spent a lot of time there and in the past we have renovated and equipped a room for activities. The carer we fund organises concerts, games and crafts and recently invited a group of bikers to visit.

Rechitsa used to be a Boarding School for children with physical disabilities, many of whom came on the sanatorium holidays every summer, so our volunteers got to know them well.



It is now a home for young adults and the children have been moved to the Children's village just outside Gomel, which was set up by Caritas.

The social worker we fund to work there organises lots of activities and outings for the young people to keep them active and develop their skills.





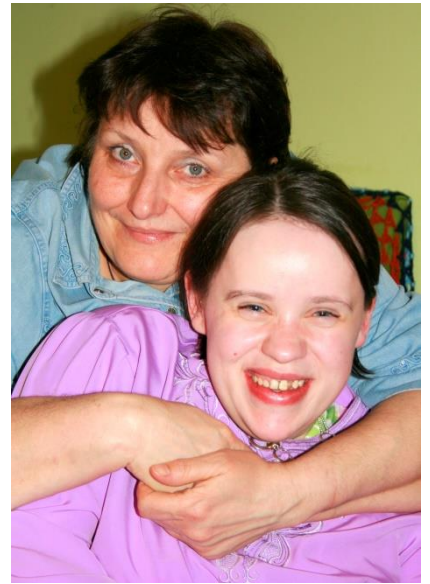
In Memory of Liena

We first met Liena at Zhuravichi Orphanage and when she was 18 we brought her to live at Family Home 2000 in the village of Klimovka with Greesha and Sasha, soon to be joined by Sveta.

She grew in confidence and loved to recite poetry and produce craft

work. She was particularly happy when Larissa and Sasha became the main carers at Klimovka.

A few years ago she had a stroke which confined her to bed. She lost the use of one hand but still produced beautiful crochet and needlework.



When Family Home 2000 was taken from us at the end of 2023 she moved, with Greesha and Ira, to Kapatkevichi. They gave her good care there, and we paid for some extra care too, but Liena died after a short illness this autumn. She had spina bifida, so had done well to live to the age of forty three.

Everyone who met her will remember her happy smile. Rest in Peace Liena, we will never forget you.

Our Charity Shop in Crook

When Gerald Hirst retired in 2023 Claire Pears took over managing the shop. With the support of Julie, Susan and others, she created a welcoming environment for visitors to the shop, but now she has had to step back because of family commitments. We are very grateful for all the hard work she put in.



We were delighted to welcome Margaret Heslop as our new manager this summer. The shop continues to have a terrific turnover of donations and people popping in regularly to buy, so it is a great source of reliable income for CCP as well as a wonderful resource for the local community.



Rodni Kut

A happy gathering at Rodni Kut, our family home in Rogachev, as carers, friends and family all came together with Anya, Stas and Anton to celebrate Anya's birthday.





Christmas Cards

We have two cards, three of each in a pack of six, created from clay pictures made by a disabled child in Rogachev. You can buy assorted older cards at just £2.50 per pack of six.



Christmas Order Form (all prices include post and packing)

- ☐ 6 Winter Scene Christmas Cards £3.50 ☐ 6 Assorted Christmas Cards £2.50
- ☐ Gift for a Hospice family £20
- ☐ Gift for a Child at the Cancer Hospital £10
- ☐ Art and Craft Materials £25
- ☐ Month's salary for a carer in a Boarding Home for people with disabilities £120
- ☐ I would like to make a donation to CCP I enclose £.....
- ☐ I am a Tax Payer. Please Claim Gift Aid ☐ Please send me a Standing Order Form



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