



# Les Amis de Svieta

## Information July 2010 - November 2011



It all happened on Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> 2010 and if you didn't attend, you really have missed something fantastic! The entire LAdS steering committee, supported by numerous volunteers, cooked a wonderful typical 'St-Martin' meal in Saint-Brais (Jura, Switzerland).

Many hours of preparation, in the kitchen as well as for logistics, in order to be able to serve seven typical dishes to more than 200 guests who joined to us in the gym of Saint-Brais.



It's been a long, enjoyable and unforgettable day for everyone involved. We thank all guests for coming, for their good mood and generosity. With a benefit of around 8,000 Swiss Francs we have been able to pursue our association activities.

Mrs. Victoria

Dobrzhyńska (Vika), Director of LAdS Ukraine and a member of LAdS Switzerland steering committee was very impressed with friendliness and solidarity of our guests. She heartily thanked everyone on behalf of all Ukrainian children we were able to help in the past 10 years.



- ❖ Even though we didn't publish many updates during last 18 months, we have continued our 'usual' activities in Ukraine. **Vera, Masha, Dasha, Sasha, Vlad, Tolia, Stas and Dimitri**, coming either from Nikolaiev or Kremenchuk Baby House, have all made one or several trips to Kiev. Mostly to cardiology center, but also to orthopedic center, surgery clinics



All together, it's a good did benefit from our help, greatly improved. Unfortunately that the number of medical care does not decrease. Even though Ukraine keeps investing heavily to organize the next European Football Championship in 2012, all orphanages have reported huge budget cutoffs for 2011 and it seems it will be even worse for coming year.

dozen of children who and their health has fortunately, we have to children in need of increase. Even though

- ❖ All bathrooms in Nikolaiev Baby House have been renovated thanks to your donations. The last one was terminated around summer 2011. Next in the pipeline are renovation of small group kitchens and floors in the group living rooms.



❖ Olga Ivanovna, director of Nikolaiev Baby House (NBH), presented us two very difficult children cases this year. First, **Ivan**, for whom no treatment seems to be possible in Ukraine (at least none of the specialists who auscultated him could propose any!) . Therefore we have suggested adoption through 'Reece's Rainbow' ([reecestrainbow.org](http://reecestrainbow.org)), a specialized American organization. And it seems that the process with a Canadian family is well on its way.



❖ A fourth family has joined the sponsorship program for Zeleniy Gay boarding school, which supports teenagers willing to pursue a professional education, after they leave state sponsored boarding school. This family has pledged to support **Vita** training as a seamstress.



And then **Pasha**, an amazing little boy suffering from congenital arthrogyrosis (severe deformation of members and joints). This terrible syndrome prevents him from being able to move around independently and thus, constantly needs an adult presence nearby. Pasha already made two trips to pediatric orthopedic clinic in Kharkov for evaluation and planning of long treatment he will have to suffer in hope of being able to use his legs like everybody one day.

Unfortunately, while nothing was made during first six years of his life, the first step is a major orthopedic surgery on both legs (knee hip and ankle joints).



During last fall trip, Vika and Pascal spent a week in Kharkov to accompany Pasha and his nurse to the hospital. It was a busy week with many medical tests, endless discussions at the pediatric orthopedic clinic and logistical organization

of their stay. All the while Pasha was laughing and desperately trying to communicate in Russian with Pascal. First leg was operated with success and second leg is scheduled shortly before Christmas. Pasha's stay in hospital will extend over the holiday season and thus will be longer than 2 months.



❖ **Olga Igorivna** has successfully graduated as technician for dairy products. Despite extensive searching, she could not find a job in her profession and now has accepted a position with Ukrainian railway company. She lives in her own small apartment in Nikolaiev which she can only afford thanks to the continued support from her 'Godmother' Kathrin. **Christophe**, who joined **Vika** and Pascal during their second week of last fall trip, visited new Olga's home. It is gratifying that the Olga Igorivna "project" slowly comes to an end and in spite of numerous hurdles in the beginning can now be considered as a great success.



**We wish you all season's greetings and will be counting on your generosity to continue in 2012.  
Thank you in advance!**

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