

FELSTED AID FOR DEPRIVED CHILDREN

Registered Charity in England No. 1099750

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On 26th April 1986 one of the nuclear reactors at Chernobyl exploded and 190 tonnes of radioactive graphite and uranium was released into the air affecting 7,000,000 people. 500,000 were disabled as a consequence.

Today, thousands of children are affected with cancers, tumours, leukaemia, cerebral palsy and other hereditary diseases.

Even now, only 11.6% of new born children are healthy.

In 1996 a rehabilitation centre was established called the "Revival" Centre. They have now treated in excess of 5,000 children.

The Centre provides the following treatments for the children:

- Physiotherapy
- Psychological treatment
- Rehabilitation
- Massage
- Dispensing of drugs
- Speech therapy
- Neurology
- Dental treatment

These, together with many other treatments provided at the Centre, are designed to enable the children to live a happier and more fulfilled life however short that may be.

WHY WAS THE CHARITY SET UP?

Unfortunately the Centre is only funded by the Ukrainian authorities for 9 months per year. They do not have enough resources to fund the Centre for the entire year.

It is therefore left to u to raise the remainder of the money, which for 2006 will amount to nearly £25,000.

In addition to financial assistance, humanitarian aid is desperately needed. The average wage for those fortunate enough to have a job is equivalent to £40 per month and 90% of the population live below the poverty line. Whilst the cost of living is slightly cheaper than in the UK, items such as nappies still cost £10 per pack.

WHAT DO WE DO?

We collect humanitarian aid from a large number of sources throughout the Essex area. Some comes from schools, manufacturers and the remainder from private

individuals. We have 2 x 40 foot containers based in High Easter, where we sort, box, weight and label the aid and store it until the next humanitarian aid trip which is every 3-4 months. We then drive our 2 Transit vans from the UK to the Ukraine to deliver the aid to people of Chernigev via the Revival Centre. The round trip is 3,500 miles and takes 12 days.

WHO ELSE DO WE HELP?

In addition to the Ukraine we also give humanitarian aid to places in Africa and Croatia. We also give aid within the UK. We are in the process of forming a relationship with Chelmsford Prison and are giving them toys in order to allow them to set up a children's rest room within the Prison for when children visit their fathers. We also help the Chelmsford Homeless Shelter.

WHAT DO WE NEED?

Unfortunately our containers are just not big enough. As the charity has grown we have run out of space and need additional room predominantly for the storage of aid ready for delivery.

We therefore need larger premises, which are both secure and rodent proof.

We are based in the Felsted/Braintree area. We on average visit the containers 3 times per week so the location of the warehouse is critical. It would therefore be advantageous if the premises were within a reasonable distance from those locations.

FINANCES

Every pound raised by the Charity goes to deprived children around the world. Money is tight at the moment and we need every pound we can get. We are therefore not in a position to pay normal rental costs although we would be prepared to pay a 'peppercorn rent'.

CONCLUSION

We hope that you feel able to help us find new accommodation so that we can continue to develop the Charity and continue to assist deprived children around the world. We conclude that we can supply references should they be required.

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Felsted Aid for Deprived Children

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You may remember the Chernobyl disaster of 1986 when the nuclear reactor exploded and 190 tonnes of radioactive graphite and uranium spewed in the air directly affecting over 3,331.176 people.

Today, thousands of children are still affected with cancers, tumours, leukaemia, cerebral palsy neurological problems and many hereditary diseases. Today 79.8% of children in the Ukraine suffer from the Chernobyl disaster with 88.4% in Chernigev, which is the town we go to.

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Has been formed to help. A rehabilitation centre was established in 1996 with the help of the British people called the "Revival" Centre. It has taken 10 years to develop and equip and has treated over 5,000 children and is now a centre of excellence for the whole of Ukraine.

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Continue to support this project.

HOW DO WE HELP?

We give the centre both financial and humanitarian aid.

HOW DO WE GET IT THERE?

Simple! We take it. We, and others take time off from work and give up our holidays to drive a convoy directly to the centre. Any money donated is sent by S.W.I.F.T. direct into the Centre's account and a receipt given.

WHAT DO WE NEED?

Money to continue to support the Centre. Donations for diesel and ferry crossings. Toiletries, deodorants, sanitary wear, toilet rolls, washing powder, disinfectant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, incontinence pads, disposable nappies, SMA milk.

If you would like to help with any of the above, please contact Alan Hilliar on 07884 426551 or Pauline Craven on 01376 223090 or e-mail felstedaid@hotmail.com

Thank you for taking the time to read our request.