



(Above) At the conclusion of his speech at the Chornobyl Museum in Kyiv, Vice-President Al Gore embraces Ivan Poliukhovych, an eight-year-old boy from Rivenska Oblast who is recovering from thyroid cancer. Ivan presented the Vice-President with a bouquet of flowers and thanked him for his deep concern for the nuclear survivors. Ivan spoke on behalf of the Children of Chornobyl Relief Fund and its Ukrainian partner organization "Touched by Chornobyl's Atom". [photo by Alex Kuzma]

A SUMMER HOLIDAY FOR THE CHILDREN OF PUSHCHA VODYTSIA

On August 5th, the Children of Chornobyl Relief Fund and the Ukrainian packaging company TetraPak-Laval co-sponsored a special summer holiday for children at the Pushcha Vodytsia Sanatorium. Located in a pristine forest just outside Kyiv, Pushcha Vodytsia has become a leading center for children undergoing treatment for thyroid cancer, leukemia and other life-threatening conditions. Since 1986, more than 20,000 children have received treatment at this site. TetraPak has made a major commitment to donate high-quality nutritional liquids for the children at Pushcha Vodytsia. In 1998 alone, TetraPak delivered 24 tons of free milk and juice to the center.

The August 5th holiday featured performances by the Theatre Troupe from Kyiv-Mohyla Academy and various entertainers from Ukrainian radio and television. Adding to the festive atmosphere, CCRF distributed toys donated by children in Connecticut, stuffed animals donated by the Vermont Teddy Bear Company, and children's vitamins from Solgar Laboratories. Most importantly, CCRF delivered the anti-leukemic medication ELSPAR (Asparaginase) manufactured by Merck & Co.. (ELSPAR is in great demand in many hematology clinics.) CCRF extends its thanks to all the donors who contributed so generously to make this holiday an unforgettable experience for the children and their dedicated nurses and physicians.

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VICE PRESIDENT VISITS CHORNOBYL: SPEAKS OUT ON BEHALF OF CHORNOBYL'S CHILDREN

On July 23rd, in an eloquent appeal to the world community, Vice-President Al Gore called for a renewed commitment to aid the children and families still suffering the consequences of the Chornobyl nuclear disaster. The Vice-President toured the Chornobyl site and later held a press conference at the National Chornobyl Museum in Kyiv to deliver a major policy speech on nuclear non-proliferation. Surrounded by relics and archival photographs from the 1986 evacuation, Gore called Chornobyl "a menacing monument to mistakes of the century now slipping away from us - a hulking symbol of human decisions unworthy of our children." Gore was visibly moved by the experience: "I walked through the abandoned town of Prypiat. I saw an amusement park that looked like a haunted playground, with a large ferris wheel rusted over. "A merry-go-round whose seats swayed slowly in the wind....a four-lane highway leading to nowhere. And I wondered: What has become of all the people who lived here? What has become of the children?"

Gore confessed that he should have been better prepared for the emotional impact of seeing Chornobyl. At one point he drew attention to the large wall of photographs to the right of the podium showing the faces of hundreds of Ukrainian children who had been stricken with thyroid cancer in the wake of the accident: "What has become of the children - the faces in those photographs - the children of Chornobyl? Their fates challenge us: Will this be the last nuclear disaster or just one of the first?"

"What happened at Chornobyl is capable of transforming not only those who endured the tragedy itself, but all of us - if we learn the lesson that we are all connected.... Only in our hearts will we find the way to healing."

**-Vice-President Al Gore
July 23, 1998**

USA Today devoted nearly a full-page to the Vice-President's visit under the headline: "Chornobyl's wasteland awes Gore" For more excerpts from the Vice-Presidents remarks, please see page 6.

(Right) Welcome relief from the hospital routine: Children show their appreciation for entertainers during the Summer Holiday at Pushcha Vodytsia.



(Right) Christmas in July?: CCRF staffer Pavlo Smirnov distributes toys donated by school children in Connecticut and Vermont Teddy Bears to ailing children in Pushcha Vodytsia.



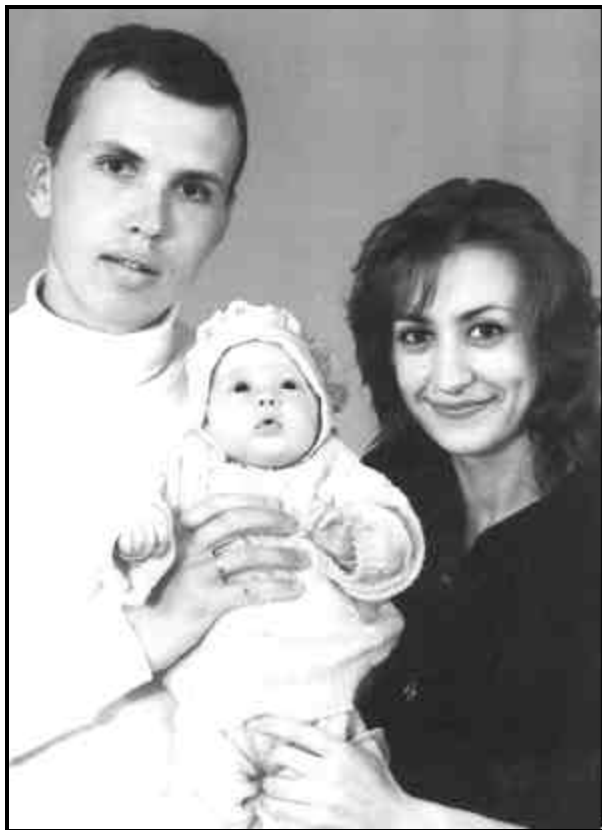
UPDATE ON IMPACT OF AIRLIFT 19 & SEA SHIPMENT

TRANSPORT INCUBATOR SAVES INFANT LIVES IN LUTSK

CCRF was gratified to receive thank you letters and photographs from the Volynian Regional Children's United Medical Center in Lutsk verifying that some of the technology sent by CCRF last November has already helped doctors to save the lives of newborns in this impoverished northwestern region of Ukraine. Dr. H.V. Washchylin, director of the Lutsk hospital forwarded a letter from Viktor and Tetiana Davydiuk whose baby daughter Viktoria was the first infant whose life was saved thanks to an emergency transport incubator delivered by CCRF. The incubator, valued at \$36,000 allows doctors to transport infants who are suffering from severe birth complications for intensive care in the city center. The letter was addressed to Professor Volodymyr and Mrs. Oksana Bakum of Highland, New York, who initiated and raised funds for CCRF's partnership in Lutsk. Last fall's airlift was made possible by a grant from John Deere and Company. To further strengthen the neonatal program in Lutsk, donors may designate their donations for "The Lutsk Initiative" or contact Mrs. Oksana Bakum - Hudson Valley Chapter at (914) 883-6080.



Neonatologists Dr. Oksana Chopko and Dr. Mykola Hnativ bring a newborn baby boy from the village of Novovolynsk to the Lutsk hospital using CCRF's transport incubator. Weighing only 1100 grams at birth, the boy survived.



Viktor and Tetiana Davydiuk embrace their baby daughter Viktoria who survived her premature delivery thanks to a transport incubator and neonatal intensive care equipment provided by CCRF. Mother and daughter are now doing fine.



Andrijko, a young leukemic boy and his mother show signs of fatigue following his intensive treatment. Despite the rigors of chemotherapy, they were encouraged after receiving leukemic medication through CCRF. On behalf of all the children, CCRF expresses its gratitude to our Board member, Dr. Mona Mikalsen and the Merck Pharmaceutical Company for securing a large donation of the powerful chemotherapeutic drug ELSPAR (Asparaginase) for dozens of children such as Andrijko. We are especially grateful to John Deere and Company for their generous grant which made it possible for us to launch our airlift last November.



Lviv Hematologists Dr. Olha Dorosh, Dr. Larysa Skoropad and Chief of Pediatric Hematology Dr. Roma Polishchuk rejoice over the improved remission rates of their patients since the arrival of CCRF's shipment of leukemia medicine.



Little Volodya was one of several children suffering from hemophilia who benefitted from CCRF's delivery of Factor VIII coagulant donated by Centeon (a company of Armour & Behring/Rhone-Poulenc Rorer).

THE FIGHT FOR INFANT SURVIVAL

THE LITTLE FACES OF SUCCESS:

These are the faces of children who probably would not be here today if it were not for the generosity and goodwill of donors in Rochester, New York. How many more of these children can we save? The answer depends on the compassion and foresight of many more donors such as yourself.



Margarita Yevlamlieva (*right*) is just one year and 5 months old. She spent 21 days in the hospital after birth to help build up her body weight and strengthen her organism after a very premature birth. Much of that time she spent in the incubator from Rochester. Today, her greatest joy is to go bathing in the River Buh with her parents, Svitlana and Leonid.

Danylko Shablia (*center*) is two and a half years old. When he was born in January of 1996, his prognosis was very bleak. Severely premature and underweight, he was in respiratory distress. His doctors' skill and the incubator from Rochester helped to stabilize his condition. Today, his mother Alexandra reports that Danylko is a very lively boy with a keen sense of rhythm. He loves listening to all kinds of music, but a tape of Vivaldi is his favorite. He has a good memory for children's songs and nursery rhymes and he has an imaginary friend "Aska", a large-headed creature who looks out for him. For all we know, Aska may be Danylko's guardian angel.

Sasha Dovgy (*left*) is now a robust, athletic little girl who weighed only 2 kilograms at birth. She spent 6 weeks in the hospital, 10 of which were spent in the incubator. Today, she dreams of following in the footsteps of her mother Natasha, an accomplished gymnast who once took part in international competitions. Natasha is already teaching Sasha some difficult dismounts and balance beam techniques. The Olympics in 2012 may be a reasonable goal for this aspiring little athlete.

Despite these heart-warming successes, the infant mortality rate in Vinnytsia remains among the highest in Ukraine. There is still a dire need for incubators, respirators, catheters, IV solutions, infant warmers and other critical supplies that can help boost infant survival in many hospitals. There is an equally urgent need for prenatal vitamins and educational materials that can help prevent premature delivery, low birth weight and other complications before they occur. CCRF is on the cutting edge of this campaign to strengthen prenatal and infant health programs. Your gift today can make a real difference in the lives of a young family in Ukraine. You can help us accelerate the pace of health improvements and bring new hope to a whole generation of young mothers who worry that they may not be able to bring a healthy child into this world. Every child's life is priceless. The ability to save many more children is within our reach, but we need your help. We have listed some of our highest priority items below. Please consider the most generous donation you can make to make this dream a reality. Thank you !

PRIORITIES FOR AIRLIFT #20

FALL 1998	Value/Cost
Ultrasounds w/ ObGyn Features (2 @ \$15,000)	\$30,000
Neonatal Respirator (2 @ \$29,000)	\$58,000
Neonatal Incubator for Infants (4 @ \$12,000)	\$48,000
Transport Incubator w/ Pulse Oximeter & Ventilator	\$49,000
Therapeutic Lamps & Infant Warmers @ \$9,000	\$18,000
Prenatal Vitamins for Expectant Mothers	\$ 7,500
Children's Vitamins and Supplements	\$12,000
Hospital Disinfectants	\$ 3,000
Publication of Prenatal Booklets (Supplement)	\$ 2,000
Publication of Early Childhood Care Booklets	\$ 8,500
TOTAL	\$236,000



Neonatologists at the Vinnytsia Regional Children's Hospital examine a newborn resting in an intensive care incubator. CCRF plans to deliver a substantial shipment of new intensive care technology to this center this fall. (See Priorities left)

EARLY REPORT:

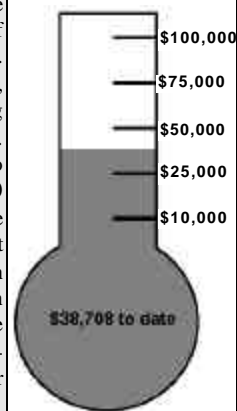
DNIPROPETROVSK HOSPITAL REPORTS DRAMATIC DECLINE IN MORTALITY

In July, CCRF was pleased to receive word from Dr. Marina Fedutik - neonatal specialist at the Dnipropetrovsk Children's Hospital No. 3 that the mortality rate in the hospital's neonatal intensive care unit has dropped dramatically over the past year. Thanks to a major grant from the Monsanto Company, CCRF was able to deliver more than \$200,000 of advanced neonatal equipment to Dnipropetrovsk in March and November, 1997. Hospital #3 treats many of the most complicated and difficult cases from Dnipropetrovsk province, including severely premature babies, and babies suffering from birth complications or respiratory distress. According to Dr. Fedutik the mortality rate in the NICU dropped NEARLY IN HALF - from 43 % to 26% last year. CCRF will be reviewing these statistics and visiting the families of the surviving infants to substantiate this claim. If this data proves accurate, this would constitute a major triumph for our health program.

OUR GOAL:

To raise **\$136,000** from this **Chornobyl Chronicle** Appeal as well as from several local fundraisers planned for September. (See Calendar of Events, page 8) Even a person of modest means can help us meet this goal. Please consider "the Centenary Challenge", by contributing **\$100** to the cause and inviting nine of your friends to match your gift. Remember that for every dollar you donate to CCRF, we will seek to procure at least \$10 dollars' worth of life-saving cargo for the children. With your help, we've done it before, and today, the need is greater than ever. If you or your organization or church can afford a larger donation, you may choose to underwrite the cost of any of the items listed above. We will be most grateful for your generosity.

Airlift #20 Funds Raised to Date



CHAPTER NEWS



(Above) Binghamton Mayor Richard Bucci reads a proclamation on the Anniversary of the Chornobyl Disaster at the April 24th press conference at City Hall. To the Mayor's left is Rev. Ihor Stets; right is CCRF Executive Director Nadia Matkiwsky.



Members of the 4-H Club of Binghamton and Broome County present stuffed animals and toys to CCRF Executive Director Nadia Matkiwsky (center) and staffer Inya Bonacorsa (right).

Binghamton Chapter Launches Outreach Campaign

Under the leadership of Halyna Kurylo, CCRF's newest chapter in Binghamton, New York staged an impressive series of events commemorating the 12th anniversary of the Chornobyl disaster. On April 24th, Mayor Richard Bucci held a joint press conference with CCRF Executive Director Nadia Matkiwsky and issued a formal proclamation on the Anniversary. On April 24th, CCRF took part in Binghamton's annual "EarthFest" to raise consciousness about various environmental issues affecting communities around the globe. The local 4-H Club presented Mrs. Matkiwsky with a large donation of stuffed toys and animals for the children's orphanage in Bucha, (Kyiv Oblast). The weekend observances culminated in a special benefit concert at the Helen Foley Theatre featuring the popular Ukrainian vocalist Olya Chodoba-Fryz, the Binghamton String Quartet and the Topolia Women's Folk Ensemble. US Congressman Maurice Hinchey opened the concert by delivering his personal congratulations to CCRF on its distinguished humanitarian track record in Ukraine. CCRF's programs received extensive press coverage in the Binghamton Sun and Press Bulletin and other local publications. Anyone interested in supporting CCRF's efforts in New York's Southern Tier Region is urged to contact Ms. Kurylo at (607)723-5858.



In Cherry Hill, children gather for the candle-lighting ceremony honoring the Chornobyl victims. Standing with event organizer Olga Prychka (back row, left) are Andrea and Stewart Dukakis, Michael and Alex Gorman, Charles Kokolskij, Victor Svitenko, Alexa Luzecky, Ariana Svitenko, Lydia and Stasia Botus, Stephanie Luzecky, Adrian Smishkewich, Olena Hich, Yuri and Larissa Stawmichy.

Cherry Hill, NJ Commemorates Chornobyl Anniversary

On Sunday, April 26th, the community of Cherry Hill, New Jersey marked the 12th Anniversary of the Chornobyl Disaster with solemn observances at St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church followed by a traditional Easter Dinner (Sviachene) affirming God's power to restore life and conquer the forces of Death. Pastor John Ciurpita opened the program with prayer. Following brief opening remarks by event organizers Olga Prychka and Taras Halushka, the assembly observed a long moment of silence while bells tolled and twelve children from the St. Michael's parish lit candles symbolizing each year of the Chornobyl aftermath. On June 14th, the Cherry Hill Committee for Aid to Ukraine and the local chapter of CCRF hosted CCRF Executive Director Nadia Matkiwsky who reported on the latest activities of the Relief Fund and presented a short videotape on the Fund's successes. After a lively question and answer period, the Cherry Hill Chapter presented Mrs. Matkiwsky with a check for \$1,000 to support the Fund's next medical shipment. A 4th grade class at the Hurville Elementary School (Gloucester County) also presented a check for \$300 from the sale of flowers to benefit the Chornobyl children. In addition, Mr. Michael Kuzma coordinated a donation of occupational and physical therapy equipment from Bob and Darlene Scocca (P. Roberts Gift Shop) valued at \$11,000, which CCRF delivered to the Zdorovya Clinic in Zhytomyr Ukraine this past July. CCRF extends its gratitude to everyone involved in Cherry Hill who is helping us help the children.



LETTERS TO CCRF

"Dear Ms. Bonacorsa:

At St. John the Baptist School in Newark, some of our teachers collected funds and food to help the children in our neighborhood during the school year. When I saw your announcement in "Svoboda" I suggested to my students that it would be nice if we could (also) raise a collection for the children of Chornobyl. My 7th grade class accepted this proposal enthusiastically and over the past few months, diligently collected by dollars and cents. My students felt great satisfaction that at least in some small way, they were able to contribute to this important cause."

-Maria Bereza, July 8, 1998



1997-98 ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST UKRAINIAN SCHOOL/Grade 7-Mrs. Bereza
Front Row: Katherine Stashchyshyn, George Padkowsky, Michael Puzyk, Nicholas Komanecky, Melasia Doll. Row 2: Ulyana Khomyn, Valerie Lysenko, Yuri Smishlewych, Olexander Melnychuk, Olesia Rakochy, Sofya Pawlyshyn.

A JOB WELL DONE, FOURTH GRADERS!

The 4th grade class at the Hurville Elementary School (right) in Hurville, NJ, donated \$300.00 to aid children, victims of the Chornobyl disaster. They sold flowers during this past school year. Their teacher, Mrs. Nadja R. Atkinson, invited Olga Prychka, president of the Cherry Hill Committee to Aid Ukraine and Children of Chornobyl to school for their presentation. Their donation was presented to Nadia Matkiwsky on June 14, 1998.

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Warren, Michigan: Once again, the Michigan Chapter of CCRF has made a generous donation in support of CCRF's medical shipments scheduled for this summer. On April 26th, during the commemoration of the 12th Anniversary of the Chornobyl disaster, chapter President Mrs. Roma Dyhdalo (right) and Treasurer Maria Baranyk present a check for \$10,000 to CCRF's cofounder and President Dr. Zenon Matkivsky, who was invited as the keynote speaker at the Detroit-area observances.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY EMBARKS ON THE "CENTENARY CHALLENGE"

The Bridgewater-Raritan High School National Honor Society designated CCRF as its charity of choice this past year. Under the leadership of its president Anatole Wedmid the NHS members organized a series of fundraisers throughout the school year, including bake sales and a buffalo eating contest that received local press coverage in the Somerset Gazette. On June 4th at its year end meeting the NHS presented a \$500.00 donation to CCRF. We commend the initiative of Anatole Wedmid, the diligent and creative efforts of the officers and members of the Bridgewater-Raritan High School NHS and extend our gratitude to NHS faculty advisor Barbara Dorish for her support. CCRF wishes much success to the graduating class of 1998 and to the incumbent NHS officers and members.



(From left to right: CCRF staffers Inya Bonacorsa and Ksenia Salewycz; Presenting the donation are NHS officers Allyson Sudol - Secretary, Erin Heritage - Treasurer, Anatole Wedmid - President, Steven Potter - Vice President, Emily Barson - Sgt. At Arms.)



KALAMAZOO GIRL SCOUTS ORGANIZE CHORNOBYL CHILDREN'S PROJECT

After hearing about the plight of the Chornobyl Children from Mr. Kevin Kamps of the "World Tree Peace Center", Girl Scout Junior Troop # 436 from Lincoln International Studies School in Kalamazoo, Michigan decided that they wanted to help. In addition to doing a service project, the scouts sold handmade crafts at an Alternative Gift Bazaar held at the Center last year raising \$138.50. With this money the scouts purchased vitamins, analgesics and candy. In addition, an aunt of one of the troop members who works for Perrigo Industries in Allegan, MI organized the employees at her company to collect and donate more over the counter medications and vitamins. In total, the girl scouts donated \$950.00 worth of drugs and vitamins which CCRF will deliver to the Bucha Orphanage in Ukraine this November. We salute Junior Troop #436 for its commitment to serving others. On behalf of the Chornobyl Children we thank you! (Above: Troop #436: Alicia Bond, Chelsea Leftwich, Jennifer Ritchie, Brittany Kusa, Valerie Helms, Chanterelle Vogtmann, Marita Agopian, Kirsten Baldwin-Wilson, Codi Thompson, Leader - Christine Orsoloni; some members missing from photo.)

DETROIT DOCTOR DONATES CARDIOGRAPH

CCRF is grateful to Dr. Orest Horodysky of Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan for his donation of a valuable Hewlett-Packard Cardiograph (Model 4760A) towards the Fund's 20th Airlift. The cardiology machine, valued at \$10,000, together with a dozen reams of graph paper will be assigned to one of CCRF's partner hospitals in Ukraine.

Rochester Chapter Donates \$12,000 In Memory of Marta Shmigel

The Rochester Chapter of CCRF and the family of the late Marta Shmigel have made a special donation of \$12,000 to obtain neonatal intensive care equipment in her memory. Mrs. Shmigel was a well-known and passionate community leader who served as the first chapter president of CCRF in Rochester. She helped to secure over \$40,000 to provide neonatal incubators for hospitals in Kyiv, Krasniy Luch, and Vinnytsia. In keeping with the family's wishes, CCRF will apply the memorial gift towards the procurement of new equipment that might strengthen the neonatal program at the Vinnytsia Regional Children's Hospital. During the most recent visit to Vinnytsia, CCRF staffers Alex Kuzma and Olya Datsenko met with three of the children who overcame low birth weight and severe complications by undergoing intensive treatment in one of the incubators made possible by earlier donations from Rochester. (See page 3) The Rochester chapter is planning another fundraiser for September 19th - a dinner-dance co-sponsored by some of the city's Ukrainian youth organizations. (See page 8).



At the April 25th benefit concert at the Helen Foley Theatre, bandurist Olya Chodoba Fryz joins the Topolia Women's Folk ensemble in performing a traditional song from the Chornobyl region.

Benefit Concerts by Julian Kytasty and Alexis Kochan Raise Funds for New England Chapters

On April 23rd Yale University hosted a benefit concert for CCRF as part of its international conference on Economic Reform in Ukraine. The concert featured renowned bandurist Julian Kytasty and Canadian vocalist Alexis Kochan-Budyk whose recent CD, "Paris to Kyiv-Variations" has been well received among critics of folk and world music. The concert was held at Yale's Dwight Chapel and received extensive coverage on Connecticut's WPKN public radio station. On April 26-27 the Kochan-Kytasty duo performed again in Cambridge, Massachusetts at the Church of the New Jerusalem and at Passim's Music Café, a heralded folk venue which helped to propel Joan Baez and Bob Dylan to stardom. Kytasty and Kochan also taped a half-hour program for WGBH-Radio to be broadcast internationally as part of the "World" music series. The Cambridge concerts were underwritten by a grant from the Ukrainian Educational Foundation of Boston and the Ukrainian Federal Credit Union of Boston. CCRF is especially grateful to Evhen Muzyka, Christina Slywotzky, Phil Cronin, and Georgia Gould for their generous donations and pro bono services that made these concerts possible.

EXCERPTS FROM VICE-PRESIDENT GORE'S SPEECH AT THE CHORNOBYL MUSEUM: JULY 23, 1998

"WHAT HAS BECOME OF THE CHILDREN - THE CHILDREN OF CHORNOBYL?"

The truth as we have been taught, will set us free. And the truth taught by Chornobyl is that we are all connected - forever. The truth is that a new time has come in which we have to make a choice."

"We can choose to learn to care for one another and the earth in a way that is worthy at last of our children's innocent trust in us; or we can choose once again, as we have so bitterly over the course of the last millenium to persevere in our old habits of destruction and fail their trust."

"The heroes of Chornobyl did not die so that we would remain in ignorance. Their deaths must be turned into lessons of great beauty and hope. We must learn, as a world, the true lessons of Chornobyl and its martyrs teach us about the possibilities of human kindness.

"In fact the real lesson of Chornobyl is the need for redemption. Certainly the need to learn from our mistakes is apparent in the place itself. There is not yet any sign of forgiveness there. As from Eden, we have been banished. Because of what we did and what we neglected to do."



Vice-President Gore is greeted by Hanna Kozlova, an evacuee from Prypiat whose son Viktor was stricken with thyroid cancer caused by radiation exposure. Mrs. Kozlova has been working closely with the Children of Chornobyl Relief Fund since 1996. She is the President of a community-based organization called "Touched by Chornobyl's Atom" - a support group for parents of thyroid cancer victims and nuclear survivors. Standing behind Vice-President Gore is Ukrainian President Kuchma, USAID public information director Marta Kolomayets.



Vasyl'ko, a child in the cancer ward of the Lviv Regional Children's Specialized Clinical Hospital with his mother and doctor.



"A few years after the disaster, my wife and I took our children to see an exhibition of photographs of Chornobyl. My family will never forget the power of those images: a child's doll abandoned on an unmade bed - next to a gas mask; photos of smiling children scattered hastily on the floor, left behind in an empty apartment with a parakeet dead in its cage. What has become of the children - the faces in those photographs to my right - the children of Chornobyl? What has become of them?..I thought of those children when I saw the signs of deserted towns as I entered the museum this morning; ...Each sign symbolizes hundreds of boys and girls, mothers and fathers, torn from their homes. Like parents everywhere, I thought of my own children; I thought how fragile was their safety and shelter, and how dependent on adults' choices..."

"... The challenge of Chornobyl is to recognize that the circumference of our responsibility has become the earth itself. Maybe, just maybe, the dangers of our newest technology will move us back to the safety of our oldest wisdom - the wisdom of kindness. Humankind has never fully practiced this wisdom before. But survival has not demanded it before, and it does now..."

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

UPDATE ON VOVA MALOFIENKO

The family of Vova Malofienko would like to thank all their friends at CCRF and other thoughtful individuals around the country who have written letters or signed petitions in support of Senate Resolution 1460 introduced by Senator Lautenberg to keep the family from being deported back to Ukraine. Vova underwent several years of treatment for leukemia in the United States. He is now in remission, but his doctors fear that if he returned to his hometown of Chernihiv (still contaminated by Chornobyl fallout) that his disease could resurface.

Special thanks to our friends in Michigan and Illinois who have written to Senators Spencer Abraham and Richard Durbin on the Immigration Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Other members of the Committee include John Kyl (Arizona), Arlen Specter (Pennsylvania), Dianne Feinstein (California) and James Grassley (Iowa). Thanks also to Vova's many friends in Connecticut who persuaded Senators Dodd and Lieberman to come out in support of this resolution.

The campaign in support of Vova and his family is being spearheaded by his classmates at the Millburn Intermediate School in New Jersey who have set up a Website on his case:

<http://schools.millburn.org/vova>.



(Photos above: Although Vova loves sports, his medical condition prevents him from participating in strenuous activity with physical contact. When he learned of Vova's plight, PGA professional golf pro Bob DeStefano (left) of Gardiner's Bay Country Club on Shelter Island, New York, donated a set of junior golf clubs to the youngster. (Right) Presenting the clubs to Vova is Mr. DeStefano's nephew, John Caruso, a long time CCRF volunteer.



(Above) Last December, schoolchildren at the Great Oak Middle School in Oxford, Connecticut purchased dozens of Christmas presents for orphans and Chornobyl children in Ukraine. The presents could not be shipped in time for the holidays, but they arrived in time for the special "Summer Holiday" organized by CCRF and the Tetrapak Company at the Pushcha Vodytsia sanatorium for children undergoing treatment for cancer and immune deficiencies. The gift-wrapped presents, including Barbie-dolls, crayons, teddy bears, stickers and new clothes were deeply appreciated by the ailing children. Special thanks to 6th Grade teacher Ms. Debra Lynch for coordinating this heart-warming holiday drive.



(Below) CCRF Staffer Alex Kuzma helps to distribute gifts and toys donated by students of the Great Oak Middle School to the children at the Pushcha Vodytsia Sanatorium.



(Right) Pavlyk, a leukemic boy from the Lviv Regional Specialized Children's Clinical Hospital was one of the beneficiaries of CCRF's fall shipment of leukemic medication



**BE A VISIONARY !
Remember the Children
In Your "Zapovit"**




One of the first poems that every Ukrainian schoolchild is required to memorize is Taras Shevchenko's "Zapovit" - the final "Will and Testament" in which this great human rights champion described the legacy he hoped to leave for future generations in his beloved homeland. Unfortunately, many North Americans who care deeply about Ukraine and the children of Chornobyl forget to follow Shevchenko's example. They forget to write their own "Zapovit"! Your will and your estate can be a powerful instrument in promoting your vision for a new Ukraine, where children can live in a healthier, more democratic environment with decent medical care and dignity and hope. By designating a portion of your estate to the Children of Chornobyl Relief Fund, you can reap important tax benefits and you can plan your future with the comfort of knowing that you are leaving a cherished legacy for some of the world's neediest and most deserving children.

CCRF is very grateful to the many individuals and families who have remembered to include the Children of Chornobyl in their estate planning. Their gifts have restored the strength and life of some of Ukraine's most promising and idealistic young citizens. They have helped to build the "strategic partnership" with a new Ukraine which is so vital to the long-term security of the United States and the entire world.


If you have not yet drawn up your will, please contact an attorney call the Ukrainian American Bar Association at (973) 701-0544 for a referral. Or contact our office at (203)407-0261 or write to CCRF, attn: "Zapovit Legacy Circle", 272 Old Short Hills Road, Short Hills, NJ 07078. We promise: Your generosity will not be forgotten.

**A Severance Hall Night
of Classical Music**

Special Performance
of the Kiev Symphony Orchestra
and Chorus at Severance Hall
on Wednesday, September 23, 8 p.m.



A benefit concert for the
Children of Chornobyl Relief Fund



Lecture on Ukraine
by conductor Roger McMurrin
at 6:45 p.m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Saturday
September 19
Rochester, NY** Fundraising Dance (Zabava)
Cosponsored by local youth organizations
to benefit CCRF.
For tickets and info, call (716)872-4263

**Saturday
September 19
Danbury, CT** Second Annual 5K Road Race to benefit CCRF
Sponsored by Holy Trinity Orthodox Church
To register complete form below or call
(203)748-0671

**Wednesday
September 23
Cleveland, OH
8 p.m.** Benefit Concert at Severance Hall,
Featuring the Kyiv Symphony Orchestra Chorus
Musical Director, Roger McMurrin (*left*)
For tickets call 1-800-686-1141 or (216)231-1111

**Sunday
September 27
Hartford, CT
2 p.m.** Fundraising Dinner & Awards Ceremony
For Tickets & Information call (860)956-3934 or
(203)407-0261
Sponsored by the Connecticut Chapters of CCRF

**☆ TRINITY 5K ROAD RACE ☆
APPLICATION**

- One entry per application
- Application may be reproduced
- I am entering (check one only):
 ___ 5KRun ___ Health Walk ___ 1K Kids Fun Run
- Please enclose \$13.00 if postmarked before Sept. 11th
or \$15.00 afterwards or on Race Day.
- T-Shirt Size (check only one):
 ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ M ___ L
 (Adult shirt sizes) (Youth Sizes)
- T-shirt packet and Race Day Registration Form can be
picked up from 7:45 am at the Start/Finish area.

Name: First Middle Last

Street Address

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Daytime Phone Number Evening Phone Number

Birthdate Age on Race Day Male Female
 Please check

Release Form:
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Signature _____ Date _____

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(Left to right): Alexandra Telyan, Orest Bauer and Christine Telyan at the CCRF National office.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

CCRF would like to thank **Orest Bauer, Christine Telyan and Alexandra Telyan** for volunteering at our national office this summer. A graduate of Holy Cross College, **Mr. Bauer** will be volunteering at CCRF this coming year after which he plans to attend dental school. He is a veteran volunteer, having organized fundraising activities as a high school student and member of the League of Ukrainian Catholic Youth. **Christine Telyan** is a junior at Newark Academy, where she is involved in student government, is president of the Speech and Debate Club, and the Feature Editor for her school newspaper - *The Minuteman*. **Alexandra Telyan** is a seventh grader at the West Essex Junior High School. Her interests include public speaking, writing and tennis. CCRF would also like to thank to **Mr. Oleh Holynskyj** for his continuous support in developing and maintaining our computer systems network. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to these individuals and thank them for sharing their talents and skills with us. You have made a difference!

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CCRF is especially grateful to Mr. Mark Ciapka, Managing Director of **Applied Dynamic Solutions, LLC (ADS)**, who volunteered his time and computer expertise to design our new Website, located at www.ccrf-iccf.org or www.childrenofchornobyl.org. It features our updated track record, mission statement, newsletter, photos of children who have benefited directly from our aid, an updated Calendar of Events, and helpful suggestions on how you can support CCRF's humanitarian mission in your own local community. Please visit us!

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