



**Friends of Ukraine**  
(Scottish Foundation)

# FRIENDS OF UKRAINE

A SCOTTISH CHARITY HELPING  
DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN IN UKRAINE



For 4 years I have been working under the auspices of the Friends of Ukraine with a growing number of orphanages and other child care institutions in various parts of Ukraine. Some of our work is illustrated below and described overleaf. As our work grows the need for finance to support it increases. I would like to ask you to help by making a donation to the Friends of Ukraine Orphanage Fund. Please be generous.

Robert Brown, Friends of Ukraine

# OUR WORK WITH CHILDREN IN UKRAINE

ROBERT BROWN



Natasha has no Mummy or Daddy



Tarasik has no arms or legs



Balloons are great

The Friends of Ukraine is a Scottish charity which promotes links with Ukraine. The President is Elizabeth Smith, wife of John Smith. I am a member of the Management Committee and my role is to develop and carry out work with children.

We work with orphanages in four regions of Ukraine and with a School for the Blind in Kiev. We also work with three orphanages and a baby centre in Dnipropetrovsk in cooperation with another Scottish charity Dniprokids. Each orphanage has about 100 children

aged from two upwards. Many of them are disabled so not only have they been abandoned or orphaned but they have other major disadvantages in life.

We collect money for them from various sources and spend it on giving the children the childhood things they miss and special items which state support simply cannot provide.

I have some local helpers but I also do a lot on the ground myself. Speaking Russian fluently helps.

We give the children a variety of fun

events like visits to the cinema and to MacDonalds or an outing to the circus. And if the children are too disabled to travel we bring the circus to them. We arrange Christmas parties and gifts, puppet shows, and performances by theatre groups. By far the most popular thing is donkey rides!!!!

As well as doing the best we can to make sure that the children do not lose their childhood entirely we also provide basics such as clothing, medicines and educational materials.

In addition we often finance large one off items such as a vital operation to save a young girl's ability to walk and have children, a special orthopaedic chair for a small boy with no arms and no legs, a

playground for children suffering from Downs syndrome and corrective equipment for visually impaired children. All of these items cost thousands of pounds each.

## DONATIONS

So please become a sponsor and give generously. Send donations by cheque to me at 10 Victoria Square, Stirling FK8 2QZ. Make out your cheque to "The Friends of Ukraine."

## UPDATES

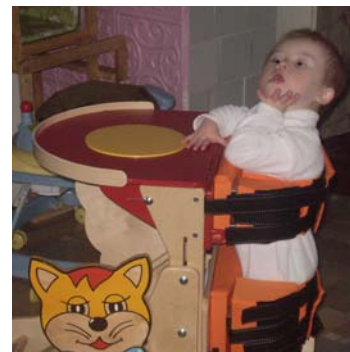
I intend in future to keep you up to date with what is happening in the orphanages through a newsletter to be issued once or twice a year. See page overleaf for some recent highlights.



Bouncing balls are even better



Anastasia has never had a doll of her own before



Andrei tries out Tarasik's new chair

## RECENT HIGHLIGHTS INDICATIVE OF OUR WORK IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF UKRAINE

### **Vorzel**

Purchase of sunsuits for all the children. Without these the sun is too hot for them to play outside in summer

Christmas Party for the children with a Christmas show and gifts

Purchase of special play equipment which is especially good for the Downs syndrome kids. Cost £2000

Pony rides for all the children. This is by far the most popular activity. It is especially valuable because all the children including the disabled can participate together

### **Sumy**

Purchase of warm winter clothing for the kids

### **Sumy**

Purchase of activity balls  
Visit to puppet theatre

Purchase of large draught free windows for the children's playroom which has become unusable in winter. Cost £1000  
Purchase of special orthopaedic chair for small boy with no arms and no legs. Cost £2000

### **Kherson**

Christmas party for all the kids

### **Lutsk**

Christmas party for all the kids

### **Kiev**

Purchase of corrective spectacles for 50 severely visually impaired children in School for the Blind. Cost £2000

If you have any questions about this leaflet or would like more information about the work that I do in Ukraine feel free to contact me at :

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