

Love with open arms which we send is more important than love which we receive. Only when we share this love with open arms, feel genuine concern for others, in other words, show compassion, we gain the conditions for genuine happiness.

EU Dalai Lama

A great indicator of "humanity" and a high level of spiritual development is to help those, who are in need. Charity is the kind of activity that belongs to the highest manifestations of human nature, enhances the level of its consciousness and makes a man great. And it is so nice to know that today there is a growing number of people in the Ukrainian society who begin to be engaged in such activities. The society fortunately is developing, it must now satisfy not only its physical needs, but also the spiritual needs that are no less important for a person to feel safe.

Within the framework of the project “*Dobre serdtse*” (*The kind heart*) the representatives of HOSPITALLER ORDER OF SAINT JOHN OF JERUSALEM, THE KNIGHTS OF MALTA visited nursing houses, orphanages and rehabilitation centers in Ukraine and provided humanitarian assistance.

In the Krasnoselskiy orphanage (Odessa oblast., Krasnoselki village) in the neuropsychiatric department, there live 187 girls from 5 to 24 years (3-4 Profile).

About 45 kids chained to the bed and need a constant care, nutrition, medicine, medical massage, hygiene products, etc.

The representatives of the Order did not stay indifferent and brought humanitarian aid: hygiene products (sanitary napkins, diapers, nappies), shampoos, detergents, cosmetics as well as anticarian medicine.

Total: 880 EUR.

During visiting they contacted with the children, saw children's artworks, and stated they were gifted. They also had the opportunity to talk with the children who were practically immovable and probably at that moment they realized the basic values of life ...



Chernomorska colony of Department of the State Penitentiary Service of Ukraine in Odessa oblast (Odessa) was another place that the Order included into the charity mission list. There is a children's department of the colony which is home to kids from 0-3 years old, whose parents are serving a sentence for committing crimes. At the age of 3, they are sent to relatives, and if there are none - to the orphanages. Towels, baby diapers, shampoos, lotions and household chemicals - all of these came in the form of humanitarian aid to the children's ward at the colony and transferred by representatives of the Sovereign Order.

Total: 820 EUR.

Several control posts, railings, "barbed wire" and constant supervision - that is an atmosphere where the child's psyche is forming. The most valuable thing we have is children. And there is no greater reward for adults than children smile. We wish that every child feels secure, loved and needed, regardless of whether he or she has not a normal family. Children should not depend on the issues and actions of adults!



Another children's orphanage, which was attended by representatives of HOSPITALLER ORDER OF SAINT JOHN OF JERUSALEM was Belotserkovskiy *children's boarding house* (Kievskaya oblast, Bila Tserkov town), which is home to 200 wonderful boys.

Guys showed guests their toys, miscellaneous items (which have caused them irrepressible interest) and carefully examined the gifts that they were brought. Special admiration and respect provoked a sports team, created of boarding pupils, which has repeatedly shown good results in sports competition for people with disabilities. The games, toys and musical installation were bought by the representatives of the Order.

Total: 750 EUR.



Pugachevskiy orphanage (Zhitomirskaya obl. Korosten district, Berezneve village), where 84 girls, from 4 to 30 years live, with moderate to profound mental retardation, 8 of these children have physical abnormalities was another place where the representative of the Order came with the charitable mission. The families had refused from most of them, only some pupils occasionally are visited by relatives. Despite the inadequacy, most of the children managed to be taught basic skills. Some of them demonstrate significant progresses.



Girls always welcome visitors, smile, give hugs and those who are smaller - beg to be taken on hands. Also, despite diagnoses, they do know what the friendship and the sympathy means. Over the past three years orphanage has made significant steps forward maintaining their children and providing a comfortable environment for them to exist. The Directorate achieved much success in the rehabilitation.

To the Montessory Center the representatives of the Order presented soft toys, educational games and hygiene products.

Total: 1250 EUR.

Visiting the Stryzhavskiy orphanage (Stryzhavka town, Vinnitska oblast) 1 - 2 profile with neuropsychiatric department. There 154 boys with different nosologies diseases live. During the visit the children were brought warm clothes, soft toys and educational games. Also were held sports competitions. The team of Stryzhavskiy orphanage not once took part in football tournaments and showed good results even on the European sport arena in competitions with orphanages, boarding schools from different countries.

Total: 950 EUR.

Shevchenkoviyskiy schools for handicaps (Shevchenkovo town, Kharkovska oblast) 1 - 2 profile with neuropsychiatric department. There live 145 boys from 4 to 25 years. During the visit by the representatives of HOSPITALLER ORDER OF SAINT JOHN OF JERUSALEM, THE KNIGHTS OF MALTA, held the game "The funny starts" for children. As humanitarian aid to the orphanage were brought balls, warm clothing and hygiene products. Total: 740 EUR





Centre for Socio - psychological rehabilitation « Vira, nadija, liubov» (*Faith, Hope and Love*)(Korosten town). There about 50 children from disadvantaged families for over 9 months live. The representatives of the Order brought warm clothing and hygiene products as humanitarian aid and took part in the event called «The Mosaic of Happiness» which conducted educational games and competitions for children. It is a truly extraordinary feeling when person makes a good deed to children who deprived of parental warmth.

Total: 500 EUR.

Within the framework of the project «*The Cup of Hospitallers*» the representatives of HOSPITALLER ORDER OF SAINT JOHN OF JERUSALEM the Knights of Malta organized International sports tournament called «The Hospitaller Cup».

Sports competitions at the regional level, are held for 365 boarding houses in Ukraine (schedule is approved in the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine) in such kinds of sport:

- football,
- ping-pong,
- checkers,
- chess,
- darts.



Zonal tournaments will be held in April - May, finale - in June in Korosten town. The aim of the event is an active rehabilitation of children living in orphanages through the promotion of these different sports and integration with society. Football competitions are held according to the rules of FIFA, competition in other sports are held under the supervision of representatives of the federations. The budget of the project: 50 000 EUR.



Within the framework of the project «*The day of smiles*» the representatives of HOSPITALLER ORDER OF SAINT JOHN OF JERUSALEM the Knights of Malta visited the boarding schools for children with special needs in the territory of Kiev.



The event was held in the boarding schools № 4 и 11 for children with vision problems and consisted of cognitive lessons: drawing, developing physical education, a master-class of aqua makeup and hairdressing, singing and instructive-lectures. Each child received gifts from the organizers. Also gifts were awarded to schools.

The purpose of such event was an informal communication with children having special needs, as well as to mobilize

society to problems of orphans. Total: 2500 EUR.





Within the framework of the project «*The warm heart*» the representatives of HOSPITALLER ORDER OF SAINT JOHN OF JERUSALEM the Knights of Malta purchased warm outerwear and in 2014 will be distributed among geriatric boarding houses.

Total: 9400 EUR.

