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Letter from the founder

Dear readers and supporters,

Welcome to the second issue of our quarterly newsletter of 2012.

Even though we do not communicate with you as often as before, we are continuing to work on our projects almost daily.

We have some good news and also an important announcement to share with you in this issue.

Once again, we are so fortunate to have you as our friends and supporters. Thanks as always .

Sincerely,

Ani Mdivani-Morrow

After a long and exhausting search for a location for our 4th Annual Fundraiser we finally made our selection. Last year I was not very pleased with the room and

The Date is Set

that was the main reason I was trying to find something better. Unfortunately, everything we looked at was very expensive which meant that we had to increase the price for the tickets and that was not an option. We decided to go back to Ranch Events. This time they offered us a spacious room with high beam ceilings, with a sound system and of course, with a magnificent view.

So please mark your calendar for **October 21st, 2012** . This is an event you don't want to miss. We hope to see you all there.

Annual Fundraiser

Let's help the kids who ask for very little & truly appreciate your support

Please join us for
Champagne Brunch

October 21,
2012
Noon - 4 pm



Marina Village—Seaside Room
1970 Quivira Way (Mission Bay)
San Diego, CA 92109

Tickets are \$50 each *www.supportforkids.org* 858-2797339

Auto-Life

In a previous newsletter, I mentioned our project that I called “Skills for Life”. The project is designed to train the kids in a variety of skills - car mechanics, nurses, hairdressers, waitresses, public relations, etc.



We are cooperating with the organization ‘Life Chance’ who has already started a similar project with an auto shop. A few months ago they asked us to supply their kids with uniforms for this auto shop which we gladly agreed to fulfill. At this moment there are only 6 trainees and they expect 6 more in this fall.



We ordered 12 uniforms showed on these pictures and “Life Chance” added our logo on them. Apparently the kids are very happy to have a professional appearance and also they are very thankful .

Hopefully the number of trainees will expand in the near future and some other sub-projects within “Skills for Life” will be done for other professions as well.



Shipping Dilemma

I guess I have not learned the lesson not to buy bulky, heavy or hard to ship items for the kids. But every time I see something good at reasonable price I just can’t help myself and I already have 3 huge boxes filled with winter coats, hooded jackets, shirts and other clothes. On top of these, the kids desperately need computers to complete training, study or just simply be current with modern world. Mike bought 4 laptops for them and one more was donated.

So far, everything is piled up in our spare bedroom. I still have not asked my friend from New York who took care of our shipment last year but even if he agrees to help us again I may not be able to ship these computers because of custom’s restrictions. I might end up carrying everything with me in September when I return to Georgia.

Little Farmers

I think these pictures speak for themselves. These kids are having so much fun working on that little field, growing their own fruits and vegetables. The land they are cultivating is located in the suburbs of the city on the territory of Tbilisi Crisis Center for the Kids.



The organization 'Life Chance' provided some farming equipment and they have asked us to supply this little farm with seedlings of various fruit trees. We are happy to be part of this project and I hope nobody will accuse us of child labor. We will try to do everything to make them happy and support this project.

Even though we did not sign the government contract to manage and be a service provider for the Small Group Homes, we have never refused to help their little residents. We are continuing our mission to improve the lives of these kids - whether it be daily necessities, living conditions, education, vocational training, arts, sports or recreation. We have provided some clothes and coats already and will do more as needed.

Happy Birthday Levan!

So far I managed to send just one laptop with my friend Natia from Los Angeles who left for Georgia just a week ago. She had to hand carry it! It's not a favor you can ask even of your close friends. But this particular one she carried is for our scholarship recipient – Levan, who is an outstanding student and amazing boy. We thought it would be a great birthday present for him. He deserves it.





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Georgia up-close : A very brief History of Georgian Independence

Much of Georgia's territory was fought over by Persian, Roman, Byzantine, Arab, Mongol, and Turkish armies from at least the 1st century B.C. through the 18th century. The zenith of Georgia's power as an independent kingdom came in the 11th and 12th centuries, during the reigns of King David the Builder and Queen Tamara, who still rank among the most celebrated of all Georgian rulers. In 1783 the king of Kartli (in eastern Georgia) signed with the Russians the Treaty of Georgievsk, by which Russia agreed to take the kingdom as its protectorate. In 1801, the Russian empire began the piecemeal process of unifying and annexing Georgian territory, and for most of the next two centuries (1801-1991) Georgia was ruled by Russia from St. Petersburg and Moscow.

Exposed to modern European ideas of nationalism under Russian tutelage, Georgians began calling for greater Georgian independence. In the wake of the collapse of tsarist rule when Bolsheviks took over and war with the Turks, the first Republic of Georgia was established on **May 26, 1918**. The country enjoyed a brief period of independence under the Menshevik president, Noe Zhordania. However, in March 1921, the Russian Red Army re-occupied the country, and Georgia became a republic of the Soviet Union.

In the postwar period, Georgia was perceived as one of the wealthiest and most privileged of Soviet republics, and many Russians treated the country's Black Sea coast as a kind of Soviet Riviera.

On April 9, 1991, the Supreme Council of the Republic of Georgia declared independence from the U.S.S.R. This day is marked as one of the most tragic days in Georgian history - this time Soviet army used their military power against a peaceful demonstration.



As a kid in a high school I remember how we secretly were celebrating May 26, and how all of us were dreaming to regain the independence of our country from Russia for once and for all. Because of the tragedy on April 9th, and the fact that the formation of Georgia as a Republic happened on May 26th 1918, it was decided to mark that very day as Georgian Independence Day.



Almost 20 years later [from 1991], Moscow is still trying to manipulate and interfere with Georgian independence, but this is a topic of a separate chapter and I will not discuss it in this issue. Let's just hope that a new generation will never again experience the totalitarian rule, occupation and wars and will proudly carry on our flags and preserve the independence of Georgia forever and ever.