

A little help—a big difference



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Letter from the founder

Dear readers and supporters,



It's the time of the year when we summarize our past and plan our future.

Looking back and reviewing each of our steps I can say that 2010 was very successful and prolific for Support for Kids Organization Inc.

We are not even 2 years old, but we are very proud of our achievements and the job that has been done in such a short period of existence of our organization is quite remarkable and encouraging to move forward.

We are very fortunate having you as our friends and supporters and none of our accomplishments would have been possible without you, without your continued support and trust.

This is the perfect time to thank you and wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with happiness, love and prosperity.

Thanks as always and have a wonderful Holiday Season!

Sincerely,
Ani Mdivani-Morrow



Year End Summary for 2010

In January 2010, I went to Georgia to register Support For Kids Organization Inc. in order to receive the future humanitarian shipments without custom's fees. This legal issue which turned to a tragic-comical saga was colorfully described in January/February 2010 issue of my newsletter (the back issues of the newsletters can be found on our website www.supportforkids.org under Newsletters — Back Issues). Even though, it was a very traumatic experience, at least the goal has been achieved and Support For Kids Organization Inc. has officially set foot on a Georgian soil which was a necessary step in order to continue our mission.



On this trip I carried with me 2 huge boxes filled with 50 fleece sweaters, denim jackets and hats. They have been distributed to Aspindza and Digomi orphanages. The later also received 35 beds that were ordered after our first fundraiser and have been delivered for Christmas 2009.

Prior to this trip we had a dilemma of shipping 26 boxes of goods (boots, shoes and jeans) to Georgia. All these good were also purchased as a result of our first fundraiser. During my January visit I made contact with the Head of the Department with Donors of the Child Protection Agency who organized the overseas part of this shipment (from New Jersey to Georgia). Upon my return to the States, with this help combined with the huge support of FedEx (transportation from Ramona to New Jersey) we finally were able to ship these boxes to the kids. Even though it seems like that the whole process took forever, including the clearing the customs, all the goods were finally delivered to the kids in 7 orphanages.



During 2010, Support for Kids Organization Inc funded tuition in 2 subjects for one kid from Digomi orphanage—Roba, who is now a proud student of one of the most prestigious colleges in the country. We want to wish him all the best.

As you already know, the kids reaching age 18 have to leave the orphanages and it's the biggest problem since in most cases they don't have any place to go. One of my dear friends, made an incredible offer – support one such kid of the duration of the college years. I interviewed several potential candidates and only towards the end of my trip I found my selection in Kojori orphanage. He is an 18 year old boy who passed the entry exams to Tbilisi University without any tutors or help. His name is Levan Chakhaia. After selecting him as our candidate for this scholarship, he signed an agreement that his grades should be no less than B. The reports will be given regularly by his college and our Georgian manager. The stipend amount was set to \$100 per month. I put my friend's funds for 1 year in the bank. In a very short period of time, I managed to find Levan a decent room and supply him with all basic necessities. The rest is up to him and I hope that I made the right choice and he will be a super student.

In June 2010, a group of volunteer doctors led by my friend Dr. Tamara Rukhadze launched the first program called the “Teddy-Bear Project” to perform health check-up for the orphanage kids. With your help as always, we intend to support this very important project.

Year End Summary for 2010 *(continued)*

During my recent trip (September/October) I crisscrossed all of Georgia to deliver the goods to the kids in the remote areas of the country. All goods – 400 pairs of boots, joggers and shoes, 200 pairs of jeans, 200 mittens and hats and 60 backpacks in addition to 50 sweaters, denim jackets and another 65 pairs of shoes delivered earlier, have been evenly distributed to 7 orphanages. In addition to the goods delivered, the



Telavi orphanage got another present from us.

Support for Kids Organization Inc funded the replacement of water supply pipes. This project should be completed by Christmas.

I had several meetings with the Child Protection Agency, 2 Deputy Ministers of Health, a meeting with the Minister of



Internally Displaced People from the Occupied Territories, one TV and one radio interview - a debate with the Deputy Minister of Education to raise some important issues facing these kids. I also needed their support for our future projects.

Future Plans

In the previous newsletter we presented a preliminary budget based on the things we were trying to accomplish in the near future. Some of the proposed plans included remodeling of certain orphanages. But on my recent trip to Georgia during the meetings with several government officials I found out about some reforms of child care system of Georgia which will drastically change our plans.

The major intended change is transforming the existing orphanages to a small group homes. Unfortunately, it's still unclear how or when the government is planning to implement this reform, but the fact is that during this transition period in most cases the kids will remain in these run down buildings without basic necessities. Until it's clear when and where these kids will end up, we don't want to be involved in any remodeling processes. We will coordinate our future plans with these reforms.

Every department I visited expressed willingness to cooperate with our organization and as a first step in this direction Support For Kids Organization Inc expressed a desire to initiate the first conference on "Future of Disadvantage Kids and Orphans". We hope that this conference will take place in the beginning of January and it's very important to us to have a clear picture and better understanding on how and where to direct our involvement after these reforms.

In meanwhile, we will continue to provide the basic help to the kids with clothing, shoes, school supplies, etc. We don't want them to feel abandoned during this transformation period. I hope you feel as involved with these kids as we do because you are with funds and the heart to continue. For certain we can't do it alone!



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FUNDRAISER RESULTS

Once again I want to thank each and every one of you who attended our second annual fundraiser on November 7th 2010. I hope that it was not disappointing - the same gorgeous view, the same gourmet food, Dallas Woodring the same



great auctioneer, good art, the same fun prizes for the opportunity drawings and my less emotional presentation / report.

Even though we did not meet guaranteed room requirement of 100 people, we were very close - 91 guests (52 last year).

Thanks to our supporters who brought their friends - Nancy Rau and Sharron Rowley had a full house, Nino Kiria gathered most of the

Georgians of San Diego County, a special thanks to the group of Georgian – Americans from Los Angeles led by Marina Lomtadze and Father Ioane whose presence blessed our event and our cause. Thanks to Katrina Benfer and Presidents Lions Club. Of course Mark Allen and the entire crew from Ramona. Thank you all.



We raised \$6325 in total (\$9000 last year). Broken down by categories: \$4695 from the live and silent auctions, \$900 –from the brunch tickets and \$730 from the sale of the opportunity drawing tickets. Total gifts' value donated by businesses was \$4000.

I would like to thank all our sponsors who donated for our event- Disneyland, San Diego Zoo, Sea World, Ladeki Group, SD Wine, Global Laser, Pala Casino, H&M Landing, Six Flags, Smith Optics, Costco, El Torito, San Diego Harbor Excursion, PRP Wine, Xanthus Realty, Magnia Bene, Original Pancake House, Reidy Golf, Ralph's, Islands Restaurant, Hornblower Cruises, ABC Chanel 10 News, San Diego Chargers, Chris Hodge, Star Marine Service, Prescott Insurance, Tom Ham's Lighthouse and Artloft.com. Special thanks to Jenna McClooney who donated a beautiful necklace and a gourd vase. Both pieces were made by her and were a big hit. Thank you Jenna.

I want to mention one guest in particular - a journalist from Georgia, Maia Kapanadze. On my recent trip she traveled with me to Mestia orphanage where I was delivering part of our shipment. I guess that visit had a certain impact on her. As a coincidence, she happened to be in San Diego during the fundraiser. After our event she wrote a quite remarkable article which has been published already in the newspaper she works for. Thank you Maia for absolutely wonderful work and your highly professional overview of our mission to help and support these beautiful kids that you witnessed first hand.

