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# Support for Kids Organization, Inc

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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.

We are very fortunate having you as our friends and supporters as none of our accomplishments would have been possible 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



In 2012 another shipment full of warm clothes, jackets, sweaters and laptop computers was sent to Georgia which were distributed to the kids in need.

This year we started a project "Skills for Life" which we are trying to accomplish together with one small Georgian organization "Life Chance". This project is designed to train the kids who had to leave a Small Group Homes or a Foster Care in a variety of skills - Vocational Education - skills that they can use in the future and be prepared for independent life.

Since 2011 Organization "Life Chance" is preparing about 25 socially unprotected kids every year in their established enterprises in 2 directions. They are **Auto- Life** for auto mechanics and **Re- Life** – for the restaurant service. The duration of the study is 12 month and consists of theory, practical training and foreign languages.

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# Fundraiser Results

I want to thank each and every one of you who attended our 4th annual fundraiser on October 21st 2012. Even though we were a little short from 120 guaranteed attendees (we had 80 guests) we are very grateful to all our loyal supporters who brought their friends and helped during the event.

Especially I would like to mention Sharron Rowley who brought 10 her friends, Nancy Rau and a group of 20 Georgian – Americans from Los Angeles.

A very special thanks to Carl DeMaio and Nick Popaditch for their inspiring speeches.

I would like to thank all our sponsors - Manchester Grand Hyatt, Pala Casino, Viejas, Stone Brewing Bistro and Gardens, Anthony's Fish Grotto, Splash of Passion, Hornblower, San Diego Zoo, Sea World, Six Flags, Costco, Original Pancake House, San Diego Wine Co, Carol Morrow [Smith Optics] and Carl Gilman for his beautiful stag horn plant (platy cerium). A very special thanks to Vern Blanchard who donated 5 computers. Total gifts' value donated by them was over \$4000.



Thanks to all our helpers - especially to our wonderful auctioneer Dallas Woodring, Marina and Mike Asakawa, Carol Morrow, Kitty Johnson, Marilee Hoch, Rene Olson, Barbara Nix, Nino Kapanadze, Ketty, Mari, Robin and once again Sharron Rowley. Thank you all.

**We raised \$9,537 in total before expenses\* (around \$ 4,000) compared to \$11,800 last year.**

Broken down by categories: \$5,137 from the live and silent auctions, \$4,000 – from the brunch tickets and \$460 from the sale of the opportunity drawing tickets.

We really hope that you had a good time, enjoyed the food and unlimited drinks, maybe not so much my presentation (apparently the slide show was not visible because of the light) but still, you were there for the kids who really need your support. Thanks again.



# Year End Summary *(continued from page 1)*

In June 2012, we gladly fulfilled the request to supply kids with 12 uniforms for the Auto-Life and brand new computers for both – Auto-Life and Re-Life.



*During my English class in Re-Life*

During my recent visit I was with the kids most of the time. Since Re-Life trains the kids in a restaurant service, knowledge of some English is absolutely necessary. That’s why, almost every day, I was rushing to Re-Life to give some English lessons to the kids.



Just a few days before my departure, the City government stopped financing the transportation expense for the kids who are receiving the vocational training mentioned above. Most of the kids have to travel from outside the city from their SGH or foster homes. The government promised to take care of this particular expense, but did not keep their promise. The project was about to close for this very reason. We are talking about \$1.75 per day (roundtrip) per kid. It’s about \$38.50 per kid per month or \$577.50 per month for 15 kids. It was devastating news – breaking a promise to the kids who are so eager to learn and be an equal member of a society.



I dealt with these kids for almost a month and saw their transformation. Just a few months ago 2 kids from this program were on the streets. One of them even was known as a *face* of Tbilisi “street kids”. Today, he is the most motivated and the hardest working kid in the group.



I couldn’t let the program die and shatter the hopes of these kids for a better future and we paid this amount - \$577.50 for 1 month of their transportation. Hopefully we can support this program until the Government steps in and some positive changes will be made in childcare system.

We are trying to help and support this project - “Skills for Life” in any way we can because this is what we are for – we are helping kids to stand on their own feet, be independent and ready for future life.





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## GLDANI CRISIS CENTER

Tbilisi Crisis Center, also referred as Gldani center is a home for the kids who are left behind Small Group Homes or Foster care, or even after “official” reunification with their biological parents ended up on the streets.

It was my first visit there and I was completely shocked. The worst part was not the deteriorating building, which I used to see visiting other



orphanages, no, it was the social environment they are living in. The government (in this particular case, Child Care Agency) put 5-6 year old innocent kids with extremely dangerous grownups. The name “Crisis center” refers to it. To keep the little ones in such an unhealthy and dangerous environment is an absolute crime.

Our first priority is the separation of the young children (about 20 of them) from the rest residents of the Gldani Crisis Center and provide for them more safe living environment. Unfortunately this task requires the Government involvement and is associated with significant expenses.



To some of you I'm sure this seems like too little to late but some of the things we have done in the past have influenced the government agencies to make changes that have helped the kids so a little help from us provided enough time to make a big difference and we hope that will be true with the new government.

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