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Presidents Message

We are busy this spring with several projects:

Planning for Touch Delegation 11 and Aid to Uzhhorod 6 (ATU6) are both in full swing with weekend work parties at the Rampton's, the collection of clothing and school supplies for the students of Uzhhorod by Corvallis students, and donations of money for medical equipment from many sources including a large donation by The Carpatho-Rusyn Society toward the purchase two ultrasound instruments and donation of a used mammography unit from Hologic.

Carla Francis has been busy with the Abuse Coalition with meetings with committee members and organizing the upcoming delegation visit projected for May. Four delegates from various organizations in Uzhhorod will come over and meet and interact with counterparts in our area to deal with issues of abuse.

You can support all this good work in a couple of ways:

Buy a flower basket! This is our one big fundraiser this year and Bob Stebbins is again buying beautiful hanging flower baskets from Peoria Gardens and offering them at quite a reasonable price to the community. Please spread the word and decorate your home with these lovely flowers.

Become a member if you haven't already. Mary Dean Snelling has been working on the membership process, bringing it up to date and contacting members and thanking them for great support over the years!

Thank you again for all your support, please join us in welcoming our delegation on May 15, 4:00 at the Arts Center, and have a great spring!

Ken Trueba

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Sister Cities Week
May 8 - 14

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Humanitarian Aid Project Prepares for Shipment

Aid to Uzhhorod-6 is the sixth shipment of humanitarian aid from the Corvallis-Uzhhorod Sister Cities Association to Uzhhorod, Ukraine. The shipment has been approved by the United States Department of State's Office of the Coordinator for U.S. Assistance to Europe and Eurasia under the Small and Medium Transportation Program. The U.S. State Department has contracted with Counterpart International who is overseeing the shipment. Medical equipment and boxes of humanitarian aid are being packed, inventoried, crated, and palletized. They will eventually be transported in a 40 foot container to Ukraine. Items in the shipment include:

- 1 mammography unit
- 7 exam tables and stools
- 2 ultrasound machines
- 1 EKG machine
- Boxes of ostomy supplies
- 16 folding chairs (for health education classes)
- X-ray view boxes
- Colonoscope and sigmoidoscope
- 2 file cabinets
- Physical therapy table
- Rehabilitation equipment
- Several wheelchairs, walkers, canes, bedside commodes
- Bone densitometer
- Stethoscopes, otoscopes
- Boxes of syringes, needles, gauze and bandages
- 1 new dental operatory chair donated by AIDEC
- Over 100 boxes of clothing for children in The TOUCH Project (going to the Chaslivtsi Orphanage, Rehabilitation Center for Children with Disabilities, Pavlovo Farm Home, New Family Center, and Public School #14)
- Over 100 pairs of shoes donated by Footwise for children in The TOUCH Project
- Boxes of schools supplies for The TOUCH Project
- Boxes of hygiene supplies for The TOUCH Project

Most of the medical equipment will be used to expand a Family Practice clinic in Uzhhorod. The \$25,000 dental chair, which was secured by Bill Paul as a gift from AIDEC, will be sent to the Dental School at Uzhhorod National University.

99% of the items in the shipment are donated from various locations including Good Samaritan Regional Hospital, Hologic Imaging, Footwise

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Shoe store, church groups, local schools, Medical Teams International, and individuals. Students from Crescent Valley High School, Corvallis High School and Wilson Elementary in Corvallis gathered school supplies, hygiene items, and gently used clothing.

A great group of about 15-20 volunteers have gathered on one Saturday each month for the last 5 months to pack and inventory all donations that have come in from the various sources.



Mark Rampton supervising donation storage

One item that involved fundraising was an ultrasound machine. Letters were sent to physicians and \$6000 was raised to purchase a new portable ultrasound machine. Those individuals who contributed toward the purchase of this machine include:

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| Bob and Michelle Babbel | Corvallis, Oregon |
| Kevin and Mary Baker | Hilo, Hawaii |
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In addition, The Carpatho-Rusyn Society of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania contributed \$3,700 toward one ultrasound machine and \$9000 toward the purchase of an additional machine.

If you would like to assist with the loading of these items into the 40 foot container, please email Mark or Alice Rampton, ATU-6 Shipment Co-Chairs at ramptonfam@proaxis.com . Tentative loading is set for sometime in May.

More on ATU-6



Students of Trudi Caster's Leadership Class at Corvallis High School collected over a pick-up load of clothing and athletic wear for ATU6.

The student group, headed by Jacob Southard, also included Joseph Badege, Sally Peck, Matthew Gingerich, Tylyn Holzapfel, Caitlin Yacas, Josh Trevisiol, Isaac Shepard, Luciano Dolcini-Catania, and J.T. Nickel.



Fifteen large big bags of clothing that were collected by members of the Leadership Class at Crescent Valley High School. Special thank you to: Riley Denson, Hannah McCarty, Danielle Hite, Maile Mahelona, Lauren Wickwire, Sally Pape, Hilary Armatas, and Michael Crowder and their Leadership Class Advisor, Sheila Fowler.



Students of Wilson Elementary School also collected school supplies and some clothing for ATU6. Fifth grade students made signs and set up a collection point. Thank you especially to the fifth graders in Mrs. Meyers' and Mr. Bryan's classes.



We thank all the students who gave their time and effort to help people of our Sister City of Uzhhorod.

Flower Baskets

As spring approaches, it is flower basket ordering time again!



During the weeks preceding Mother's Day each spring, Peoria Gardens provides an array of beautiful 20-inch hanging flower baskets to CUSCA at cost, which we then sell throughout the community as a fundraiser. Our flower basket sales program is a major fund raising activity for the programs of the Corvallis-Uzhhorod Sister Cities Association. Last year we sold 300 baskets and raised over \$3,000. Flowers can be pre-ordered or purchased at the Spring Garden Sale in Central Park on Sunday, May 1st.



Begonias

To pre-order, please go to the CUSCA website:
<http://sistercities.corvallis.or.us/uzhhorod-news/flower-basket-fund-raiser>,
complete the form, and mail it (along with your check made out to
CUSCA Flower Baskets) to:

Bob Stebbins
1525 SW Brooklane Drive
Corvallis, OR 97330

This year pre-ordered baskets, labeled with customers names and
addresses, will be held at the Stebbins residence, or can be picked up at the
Spring Garden Sale in Central Park on Sunday, May 1st.

Thank you for your continued support of CUSCA programs.

Bob Stebbins, Chair
Flower Basket Sales Committee

It's Membership Renewal Time

We want you to know that membership contributions to the Corvallis
Uzhhorod Sister Cities Association are separate from donations to
TOUCH. The TOUCH project is under the umbrella of CUSCA.
Membership donations to CUSCA support other activities and projects
with our Ukrainian Sister City.

Your membership contributions to CUSCA have made a wide variety of
projects possible over the last 20 years - from arts and music to medical
and dental. Youth exchanges, mayoral exchanges, and many others have
also been supported by membership contributions.

Recently the 2010 Corvallis Art Center summer program was supported by CUSCA. CUSCA brought two instructors from Uzhhorod to Corvallis to teach Corvallis children Ukrainian crafts and dances. We hope you had the opportunity to see the elementary school students perform Ukrainian dances on stage during daVinci Days.

Currently plans are underway to bring a delegation of four persons from Uzhhorod to Corvallis in May. CUSCA will provide the funding to bring three professionals representing regional, city government, and an NGO who are involved with preventing abuse and trauma to children. TOUCH will provide funding for the fourth person. We will notify you of events where you will have the opportunity to meet the delegates.

If you haven't already done so, please consider becoming a member of CUSCA to help bring these delegates to Corvallis.

There are now two ways to join CUSCA:

1. Complete the form at the end of this newsletter and mail it to CUSCA with your check, OR
2. Go to <http://www.sistercities.corvallis.or.us/uzhhorod/uzhhorod-member> and pay with PayPal with a credit card online. (You do not have to be registered with PayPal.)

2011 Membership Renewals and New Members

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| Thomas and Donna Allen | Ron and Ann Marek |
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Bardon and Lupe Maginnis

Sue Trautwein
Cliff and Jo Anne Trow
Ken and Carol Trueba
Marc Vomocil
Tom and Mariol Wogaman
Chris and Betty Zauner

If you have any membership questions, please contact Mary Dean Snelling at snellmd@peak.org

Abuse Coalition

The CUSCA Child Abuse Coalition has met several times since the beginning of this year. The focus of the Committee's discussion has been on methods to provide our Sister City with support and assistance in the prevention of child abuse and neglect. It was decided to invite a delegation of child caring professionals who work directly with children who have suffered some form of trauma violence.

After much research done on the part of the Committee, and in particular, Vita Rosoha, it was decided to invite three delegates from the Region and City of Uzhhorod as well as Zita Bartori (who is the president of the Sister City Association in Uzhhorod). Two of these delegates work in the Department of Youth and Family (Regional and City). The third delegate is a social worker and head administrator of the Coalition of Violence Prevention. We feel confident that these delegates will be able work with us in a collaborative manner in sharing information and taking the next steps towards achieving positive change and prevention of violence in the lives of children and families. An official letter of invitation for these delegates is being processed and we are awaiting confirmation from the respective governments that they will be able to travel to Oregon.

The current plan is to have the delegates visit Oregon in May. It is hoped that we will be able to make arrangements to visit with officials from the Dept. of Child Welfare, Trillium Family Services (Farm Home), CASA, Benton County Sheriffs and City Police, Benton County Court, Good Samaritan Hospital, CRDV, Women's shelter, PEP, and other organizations as time allows. Of course, we would also like to leave enough time for them to visit our beautiful countryside and meet with members of the Corvallis-Uzhhorod Sister Cities Association.

Sister Cities Week

Sister Cities Week is May 8 - 14 this year. We are planning a reception, which will be held on Sunday, May 15th, from 4-6pm at the Corvallis Arts Center. The delegates from Uzhhorod will be there, so please feel welcome to come and take advantage of the opportunity to talk to them.

TOUCH

The **TOUCH** Project (Take One Ukrainian Child's Hand) is wrapping up its annual renewal process. Thanks to many generous individuals, 251 children in the program now have sponsors:

Chaslivtsi Orphanage- 71 children sponsored

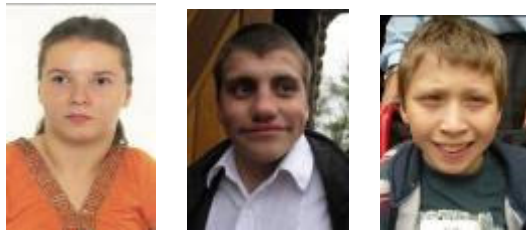
Pavlovo Farm Home – 13 youth sponsored

Rehabilitation Center for Children with Disabilities- 66 youth sponsored

New Family Center- 101 children sponsored

In addition, over 80 children at Public School #14 benefit from general donations.

There are only three youth who currently do not have a sponsor. All three participate at the Rehabilitation Center for Children with Disabilities. Here are their photos:



To protect their privacy, names and information about each child will not be shown in this online newsletter. If you are interested in sponsoring one of these children, please contact **TOUCH** Co-Chairs, Alice Rampton (ramptonfam@proaxis.com) or Sabra Killen (rankil@live.com). The annual cost of sponsorship is \$75 per year.

\$31,000 has been raised through donations and sponsorships during this renewal process. These funds will be hand carried over in September 2011 by the eleventh **TOUCH** delegation. The money will be used for various projects and needs of the children.

Some of the projects for this coming year include:

1. Purchasing new computers for the New Family Center
2. Establishing a library at Public School #14
3. Providing 4-5 youth with educational scholarships for university or technical training
4. Supporting the candle making workshops at the Rehabilitation Center
5. Providing clothing, hygiene supplies, and school supplies in a shipment to Ukraine
6. Supporting five Summer Camp programs
7. Providing backpacks with clothing and hygiene items for Chaslivtsi

Orphanage graduates

- 8. Supporting expenses for Zita Bathori-Tartsi, our **TOUCH** Director in Ukraine, to travel to Oregon as part of a delegation learning more about how to prevent emotional, physical and sexual abuse

Membership Reminder

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**Corvallis-Uzhhorod Sister Cities Association
P.O. Box 176, Corvallis, Oregon 97339**

2011 Membership Registration and Renewal --- Renewal Date January 1

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Please make checks payable to C-USCA and mail to address above.

Thank you.

I'm interested in volunteering in the following areas: (please check all that apply)

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