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## Presidents Message

Hello Members,

Again, this has been a busy year with lots of good works for Uzhhorod and our relations with them.

Our TOUCH Co-Chairs saw a need in Uzhhorod for a new bus at the Rehabilitation Center for Children with Disabilities. The \$56,705 price tag

for the bus with a wheel chair lift would have slowed many down, but the Rotary Club of Corvallis-Morning led the fundraising effort and we are now awaiting word from the Rotary Foundation if the funds will be matched!

Our big fundraiser for the year, with the beautiful flower baskets and organized by Bob Stebbins, will happen on May 6<sup>th</sup> at Central Park. Be sure to get your order in!

An opportunity to get together and have a great Bogrash dinner will be on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at the 1<sup>st</sup> Methodist Church during Sister Cities Week. Bring a friend and introduce them to what Sister Cities has been up to.

We will also be hosting a Mayoral delegation during the first part of June when the Mayor of Uzhhorod and several of his delegation will meet with Mayor Manning and the city council.

Have a great spring, thank you for your support, it is much appreciated and goes to building peace and understanding in the world, person to person.

Again, Thank you!!

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## NEW BUS FOR THE REHABILITATION CENTER

Thanks to the fundraising efforts of the Rotary Club of Corvallis Morning, children with disabilities in Uzhhorod are one giant step closer to having a new bus.

This Medical-Social Rehabilitation Center for Children with Disabilities in Uzhhorod is approximately 12 years old. It has served as a haven for children and young adults with disabilities in Ukraine. It is a model for other communities in Ukraine.

Before the center was created, children with disabilities were kept at home. They were not given opportunities to attend school or be employed. With grants and exchanges between Corvallis, and Uzhhorod, the Rehabilitation Center was created. During this last decade, many changes in opportunities for individuals with disabilities have occurred due to the advocacy of the Center. Therapy and socialization are offered at the Center which also provides educational opportunities for the children. Workshops have been initiated to give work opportunities to youth in the areas of sewing, embroidery, gardening, and candle making. One milestone was achieved when the first child from the Center was mainstreamed into the public schools. Now there are approximately 20 children with disabilities attending a public school. One of these youth went on to attend the University and is majoring in Journalism. She attends classes in her wheelchair which would've been unheard of just a few years ago.

But even with the many successes, transportation for these children and young adults has been difficult. The Rehabilitation Center is located in 5 facilities in Uzhhorod. In one building, the children receive therapy, socialization and play. In two other buildings, they participate in their embroidery and candle making workshops. At another location, they have classrooms and music lessons. Plus, the public schools are in other locations. A consolidated location would be much more ideal, but the Center takes whatever facilities they receive from the city government. Many of the children require daily transport between these various sites. To provide the transportation, the Rehabilitation Center rents a bus from the city government for \$900 per month. Here is a photo of the bus which they currently rent:

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In the meeting with the Director and Vice Director, it became quite apparent that one of the great needs of the Center was to have their own bus to transport the children. The current bus is in very poor shape and is not accessible for children in wheelchairs or with other physical disabilities which make it hard to get on and off the bus. In addition, \$900 each month is basically going into a “black hole” toward the renting expenses and this money could be used to develop programs and provide therapy options for the children if the Center has their own transportation.

With that in mind, The **TOUCH** Project approached Carla Francis at the Rotary Club Corvallis Morning about raising \$57,000 to purchase a new 24 passenger bus for the Center. This bus would be manufactured in Kyiv, Ukraine and would come equipped with wheelchair accessibility.





The Rotary Club Corvallis Morning agreed to sponsor the project and explained that \$13,530 would need to be raised locally to be matched at the District level of Rotary. All of the Corvallis Rotary Clubs, the Bandon Rotary, Myrtlewood Rotary, Medford Rotary, Uzhhorod Skala Rotary, Cropper Medical of Ashland, and many sponsors and donors in The **TOUCH** Project contributed to the Rotary effort and the money was raised and matched at the district level for a total of over \$25,000. Thanks to the sponsorship of the Rotary Club Corvallis Morning, the project has now moved forward to the Rotary Foundation level in an appeal for matching funds. If the funds raised are matched, there will be over \$57,000 allocated for the purchase of this new bus.



We are excited about the prospects of a new bus for the children and young adults who utilize the Rehabilitation Center in Uzhhorod. Here are a few photos of the wonderful kids in The **TOUCH** Project who attend the Rehab Center and will benefit greatly from this new bus:



These individuals appreciate the opportunity to grow and learn in a safe and nurturing environment. The new bus for the Rehabilitation Center in Uzhhorod will help open doors of learning for these youth. Monies saved from current rental fees will be used to expand and develop the program so that more children will be found in the public schools in Uzhhorod and participating in the work force. We are very grateful for the Rotary Club Corvallis Morning for sponsoring and fundraising for this project. Cross your fingers that the dollars raised and matched to date will be matched at the Rotary Foundation level.



## 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 6<sup>th</sup>.



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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 6<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for your continued support of CUSCA programs.

Bob Stebbins, Chair  
Flower Basket Sales Committee

## News on the Family Medical Clinic in Uzhhorod

Here is a letter we received from Paul and Natalie, who work at the Family Medical Clinic in Uzhhorod:

Dear friends,

We are glad to inform everybody who can be concerned that we've started fund raising and succeeded to collect some money for what we've already **BROKEN THE WALL AND PUT THE NEW DOOR AND ALSO SEPARATED OUR NEW CLINIC PLACE FROM THE PHARMACY WITH THE NEWLY BUILD WALL!!!**

That's really symbolic (like a wall in Berlin :)) - we've broken the wall for expanding our clinic by our hands! Our patient helped us as a volunteer!

Now our equipment from US is stored there and we are collecting funds for the future restoration of the new diagnostic and physiotherapy department of our FM practice.

We hope it will work soon.

We still hope for any help from the City Hall but we are doing our best what we can.

We hope because we need the new place and our patients need it too!

We'd be grateful for any assistance in this question. We'd be glad if you could attract people who can contribute.

Attached are some pictures of the restoration too.

Warm regards,

Paul and Natalie



## TOUCH Project Update

All children in The TOUCH Project are currently sponsored thanks to the generosity and support of nearly 300 sponsors and donors.

The twelfth delegation to travel to Ukraine with The TOUCH Project is being formed. This delegation trip will occur around September 12-24. If you are interested in being part of this delegation, please email TOUCH Project Co-chairs, Sabra Killen at [rankil@live.net](mailto:rankil@live.net) or Alice Rampton at [ramptonfam@proaxis.com](mailto:ramptonfam@proaxis.com).

### Mayor's Delegation from Uzhhorod

The newly re-elected mayor of Uzhhorod will be bringing a delegation to Corvallis in early June. The delegation will include mayor Viktor Pohorelov, his spouse (Lyubov Pohorelova), the chief of police (Ivan Tsoka), chief prosecutor (Ivan Shtefanyuk), a city councilor (Anatoliy Synyshyn), city council secretary (Viktor Shchaedey), and the interpreter, Kateryna Bizilya.

### Sister Cities Week: May 13 - 19

CUSCA will be hosting a Bogrash dinner on Friday night, the 18<sup>th</sup> of May, in the 1<sup>st</sup> Methodist Church in Corvallis, as part of Sister Cities Week. Watch for more details.

### Saturday Market

The Corvallis Sister Cities Association, both Uzhhorod and Gondor, will be hosting a booth at the Corvallis Saturday Market on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Please stop by and say hi.

### Membership Reminder

Please note 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.



## Online membership form:

<http://sistercities.corvallis.or.us/uzhhorod/uzhhorod-member>

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2012 Membership Registration and Renewal --- Renewal Date January 1

Family        \$30  
Individual    \$15  
Youth         \$10  
Friend        \$50  
Sustaining   \$75  
Patron        \$100 or more

(Please check e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. mail \_\_\_\_\_ )

Sponsor a child in Ukraine \$75.00

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<i>Please make checks payable to C-USCA Mail check and this form to the address above Thank you</i>	

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

\_\_\_\_ Host visitor events

**Serve on a project or committee:**

\_\_\_\_ Provide home stays for visitors

\_\_\_\_ Public Relations

\_\_\_\_ Provide transportation for visitors

\_\_\_\_ Fundraising

\_\_\_\_ Write grants

\_\_\_\_ Delegation

\_\_\_\_ Translate Ukrainian or Russian

\_\_\_\_ Hospitality

\_\_\_\_ Help with annual flower basket sale

\_\_\_\_ Serve as a board member



## 2012 Members of CUSCA

Thank you to all current members of the Corvallis-Uzhhorod Sister Cities Association. Your membership contributes to exchanges and programs with our fellow citizens in Uzhhorod, Ukraine. All current members are listed below. If your name is not here, please consider becoming a member by completing the membership form found in this newsletter.

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