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Dear TOUCH Sponsors and Donors,
Greetings! We continue to prepare for our departure next week to Ukraine. We have taken the necessary precautions to have testing before we leave, have our vaccination cards ready to go, and obtain the best masks, etc. We are grateful for the hotel, land travel and program arrangements being made by Vasya Chubar, Interim TOUCH Director, in Uzhhorod. We are very much looking forward to meeting with the Program Leaders and seeing the children.

NEW OPPORTUNITY TO SPONSOR A YOUTH

As you know, we now have only two programs with sponsored children - New Family Center and Pavlovo Farm Home and all of the children have sponsors. The Chaslivtsi Boarding School has closed and we felt it was important to sponsor the Rehabilitation Center for Children with Disabilities as a program, without individual children being sponsored. So many of you have patiently been waiting on a waiting list to sponsor.

But recently, we communicated with the principal at Public School #14, Oxana Legeza, and agreed upon a plan to sponsor the oldest class of students at this Roma school. We feel by selecting this class of students, The TOUCH Project will be recognizing the efforts of those young people who have stayed in school and set an example for the entire student body.

There are 18 youths in this class (mostly 15 and 16 year olds). Individuals on our waiting list were given priority to sponsor a young man or woman in this class. Now there are seven youth left who still need a sponsor. We are trying to make these assignments before we leave. If you already made a financial donation to TOUCH in 2020-2021, we will just apply that money to the \$40 that we give to each youth from their new sponsors. Here are the names and birthdates of those that need a sponsor (PS=Public School):

[PS-011 Zemfira, born 21 May 2007](#)

[PS-012 Artur, born 1 July 2007](#)

[PS-013 Amina, born 20 Nov 2005](#)

PS-014 Zoltan, born 20 Oct. 2006

PS-015 Maria, born 18 April 2005

PS-016 Oleksandr, born 12 Dec. 2006

PS-017 Ludmyla, born 3 Dec. 2006

PS-018 Livia, born 18 Aug. 2006

If you are interested in sponsoring one of these teenagers at Public School #14, please let us know as soon as possible. We don't have photos of them at this time, but we will be taking their pictures during our trip to Ukraine. The following year, your sponsorship would be transferred to a student in the next upcoming class. This is our first year to try something like this with a particular class of students, so we may have wrinkles to iron out, but we are excited about this unique sponsorship opportunity.

THERE'S TIME TO SEND A CARD TO UKRAINE FOR YOUR SPONSOR CHILD

If you would like us to carry a card over to your sponsored child when we travel to Ukraine, please drop it off at a silver metal box in the lobby of Corvallis Family Medicine (2400 NW Kings Blvd., Corvallis) or mail/text to:

Sabra Killen: rankil@aol.com, 360-834-1240, 3842 NW McIntosh Rd., Camas, WA 98607

Alice Rampton: alice.rampton@gmail.com, 541-231-6238, 5455 NW Crescent Valley Dr., Corvallis OR 97330

We will need to receive all cards or letters by Tuesday, September 14 at 5 pm. Due to limited space, we can only take a card or letter in an envelope comparable to a birthday card size. Please do not send manila envelopes or packages. If you wish to include a small amount of cash, that is fine. Make sure your return address is in the upper left-hand corner of the envelope and the child's full name and ID number are in the middle address section. Please seal the letter. See the list at the end of this update for spelling and ID number of all sponsored children.

PHOTOS OF UZHGOROD

Here is a link to some beautiful photos of Uzhhorod on Mayor Andryiv's Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/BohdanAndriyivPolitics/photos/pcb.1449191802122109/1449189988788957>

PUBLIC SCHOOL FENCE REPLACED IN TIME FOR SCHOOL

We have photos of the new fence that was replaced following a fire

behind Public School #14. The fence was paid for by Mike & Nancy Boom.

Stay safe and healthy! Thanks for your support. Please check the list of sponsors and donors below to ensure your name is included.
Sincerely, Alice Rampton, Co-Chair Sabra Killen,
Co-Chair

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