



Maxim, June 2011
 after receiving cleft palate surgery

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A new start for Maxim!

Thanks to the efforts of our Russian-speaking volunteer Liudmila Nossova and Rotary member Valentine Najdanov of the Kemerovo Rotary Club for their persistence in arranging for Maxim's surgery at the Novosibirsk Smile Train clinic on May 31, 2011.

"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless but because they're priceless."

- Sherry Anderson



Age 18 months at Baby House #1 in Kemerovo, Sept.2006



Age 4 at Baby House #1 in Kemerovo



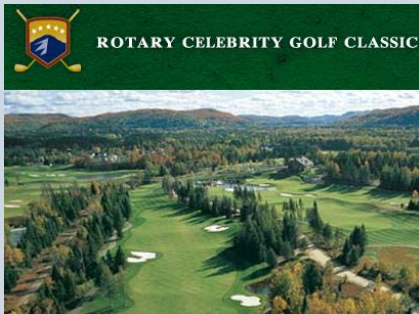
Age 6, weighing 30 lbs at Myski Home for the Disabled, March 2011

In 2006, Helping Orphans founder Colleen Moore noticed a little boy in her son's group suffering from cleft palate while she was in Kemerovo on her first adoption trip. Although she contacted Operation Smile and attempted to arrange for treatment at that time, the offer was declined. Through the perseverance and persistence of Helping Orphans volunteers Maxim was admitted to surgery on May 31. Now more than four years later, Maxim, who had been on a liquid diet since his transfer to Myski Home for the Disabled, is back on solid foods and we are hopeful that he will make a strong recovery. Our next challenge is to ensure that he receives all the post operative care that he requires and to help other children like him who are living with correctible health issues in the orphanage system.



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8th Annual Rotary Celebrity Golf Classic held at Le Maitre golf course

Mont Tremblant Rotary Celebrity Golf Classic

On June 26th and 27th golfers gathered at the prestigious Le Maitre golf course to take part in the 8th Annual Celebrity Golf Classic hosted by Pierre McGuire and the Mont Tremblant Rotary Club.

Helping Orphans was selected as a designated beneficiary of the tournament proceeds this year. We are working with the Tremblant Rotary Club to apply for a Rotary International matching grant in order to provide much needed medical equipment and supplies to the Myski Home for the Disabled.

For more information about the tournament and how to participate next year please visit their website: <http://www.rotarycelebritygolf.ca/>

"Rotary International members in Russia provide the local leadership and contacts to ensure that private aid makes it to its proper destination.

That is the focus of Russian Rotary members - helping Russians to help themselves.

Russia is making the difficult transition to a market economy, and....

we are breaking the mental barrier that says it's the government's responsibility to provide. We need to rebuild the economy one community at a time. "

Andrei Danilenko, vice-president Rotary Club of Moscow, Russia

Vladimir Donskoi, member Rotary Club of Irkutsk, Russia

Orphanage Assistance

This spring Helping Orphans and Adoption Horizons jointly funded the construction of a playground for an orphanage in Kizil, near Chelyabinsk, to replace the existing unsafe equipment. The project was overseen by one of our new agents in Russia, Irina Eltsova. The construction is now complete and the outdoor play equipment provides fun and exercise to improve the development and health of the children living in this orphanage.

We recently received three large donations of \$2,000 each from adoptive parents and extended family of Russian adoptees. We have been able to put these generous donations to good use with the purchase of baby soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, and diapers in Volgograd and baby cribs in Birobidjan. We are preparing for another purchase of essential items for Baby Home #1 in Khabarovsk very soon.

Our Orphanage Assistance program is delivered through our agents in Russia and travelling family volunteers. Thanks to the families that helped with the purchase of these items! If you are interested in helping us on your next trip to Russia or if you know of a family that can help out, please contact marie@helpingorphans.ca.



New play structure for Kizil orphanage.

Welcome to our newest volunteers!

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Our mission is to improve the lives of Russia's orphaned children by providing medical aid, vaccines, and other essentials for healthy development.

We have been very fortunate to find two new Russian-speaking volunteers to help us with our programs. Liudmila Nossova helped facilitate discussions with our Kemerovo-based contacts and was instrumental in arranging for Maxim's surgery.

Luba Julien started life as an orphan with cleft palate in Ukraine and now lives in the Ottawa area with her husband and two children. She is assisting our efforts to locate other orphans in need of cleft palate and other corrective facial surgeries.

Meg Ogden and Mark Hovorka have also joined us from the CHOC family of adoptive parents. They brought their son Andrei home from Moscow last year. We look forward to reaching out to the CHOC community with their help to gain support from adoptive families who want to give back to their kids' communities and help make a difference in the lives of Russian orphans.

If you have time or expertise to give and a passion for our cause we would love to talk to you about joining our team. Please contact us by email at: info@helpingorphans.ca

Remember that you can designate your United Way campaign donation to Helping Orphans.

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