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Bring Joy to a Child in Belarus this Christmas!



When you are desperately searching for ideas for presents for friends and family this Christmas, please think about including some Gift Cards which would benefit the children of Belarus.

For children in the Cancer Hospital in Minsk a Christmas present provides a bright spot during their long and stressful treatment. For **£10** you will receive a Gift Card to send to a friend this Christmas and one of the children in the hospital will be delighted to receive a present. **£200**

would buy medicines which might be life saving for a child needing a bone marrow transplant and **£400** would provide a health boosting



holiday in Britain next year for a child who has successfully completed their treatment, and is in remission.

These children came to the High Peak this summer.

£5 would purchase a gift for a child staying at the Mayflower Respite Care Centre in Gomel and **£15** could buy a Christmas present for one of the families in the care of our Home Hospice team.

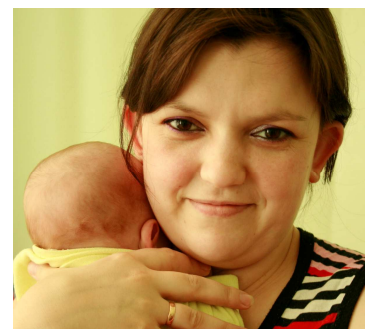
You could support children living in an orphanage with a Box of Craft Materials for **£20** or sponsor the salary of an extra carer or teacher for one month for **£75**.

£30 would buy a baby pack for a new mum, helping a family to cope with a disabled child or with difficult social circumstances. We have a wonderful



early intervention worker in Rogachev and the local polyclinic refer new parents to her for help and advice, so she is always in touch with families in need of support.

Every summer we take young people with disabilities for a holiday at a sanatorium. We have a great team of volunteers who go out and make sure they have a wonderful holiday. You could sponsor an unforgettable two week holiday for one of these young people for **£100**.





Recuperative Holidays Summer 2015

Almost all our visiting children this summer were in remission from cancer. Some were as young as five and came with their mums, to Glossop and Endon & Stoke on Trent. The oldest group of teenagers, also going to Endon & Stoke, spent half their holiday at Cicely Haughton School. Other groups came to Liverpool, Gloucester, Stafford and Solihull, where this group of teenagers spent a fortnight at Springfield School in Knowle.



Children with diabetes came to Buxton & Longnor and children from poor families in Gomel stayed in Leeds. All the children enjoyed a fun packed holiday and went home with memories to treasure.



Many of our groups celebrated our 20th Anniversary during the summer.

This was the Glossop Group who brought together the visiting young children and their mums, current host families, those who have hosted in the past, including the very first year, and other supporters of our charity.

Volunteering in Belarus

Seventeen year old Georgina Salt was one of the youngest volunteers we have ever sent to the Holiday Camp in Belarus. But she fitted in straight away, was a natural with the children and we hope she will go again. Many of our volunteers go out to Belarus year after year and they enjoy the experience almost as much as the disabled children and



young people, for whom they provide a stimulating and exciting holiday.

We have another group of volunteers who go to Zhuravichi Orphanage and Vikov Institution to work with the children and the young adults who do not get the chance of a holiday. Their visit is always eagerly awaited by all the young people.



They also include regular volunteers like Lynne Murphy, for whom two weeks in Belarus in the summer has become an important part of her life and first timers like Brian Hardwick.

Brian discovered CCP through a chance meeting with volunteers and is now one of our keenest supporters, already making plans for his trip next summer, and possibly even sooner!



Autism and Mental Health Project

Children at the Psychiatric Hospital in Gomel take part in an enjoyable play therapy session. But most of these children should not be in hospital at all. Some of them are autistic; some have behavioural problems either because of their disability or because of the difficult circumstances in their lives; very few have serious mental health issues.

We hope to be able to initiate changes so that less children enter the hospital in the future. We have Consultant Paediatricians from Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust going out to Gomel to assess the situation and then they will help to organise a visit to the UK for the Chief Doctor and representatives of the Health and Education Departments in Gomel Region.



Simon Saxton, who has delivered many trainings in restorative justice will carry out training in the hospital and in schools and orphanages in coping with challenging behaviour. And early next year Jacqui Wheble, from Pictor School, will visit Belarus to give training in teaching children on the autistic spectrum.



Foster Care Programme

We have had a very successful initiative over the last year, finding foster families for children with special needs. 86 children have been moved from institutions into families who were given support to help their children settle into family life. This has been funded by the US Embassy in Minsk.

Most of these children have quite mild disabilities and we very much hope to be able to continue and develop the programme so that children such as these three living in Rechitsa Boarding Home can be found families. Also to train foster families who can take babies so we can prevent

children who are healthy or have mild disabilities being sent to the Baby Home in Gomel. We are in discussion with UNICEF in Minsk about how best to progress this project.

Great Fund raisers!

Nigel Boulton, a Trustee of CCP, took part with colleagues from Harold H Leese in Stoke, in the Screwball Rally across Europe in September with James Bond and Addams Family themed cars! It was a great experience, although the Bond car needed some help to get home! They have raised over £19,000 to be divided between CCP and the Donna Louise Hospice. Congratulations to all!



Russell and Matthew Kirk, Simon Saxton and a group of friends from North Yorkshire all did a parachute jump for us in June. Russell and Matt organised a number of other fundraisers and then planned to ride out to Belarus by Motorbike to do some work at an orphanage. Sadly they had technical problems with a bike so never made it, but they raised us a brilliant £4,000 to support Rodni Kut and training programmes in Belarus.

We are very grateful to Action for Disability who have given us a wonderful grant once again to help fund both the projects described above and to give ongoing support to our family home at Klimovka.

Christmas Cards and Gifts



We have a beautiful new Christmas card painted by Natasha Tananushka who came for a holiday with our Solihull group this summer.

We will also have a pack of 8 cards of four different designs, painted by children with cancer, or young people with disabilities.

This year we have our colourful and attractive wall calendars again.



Order Christmas Cards and Gift Cards on-line from www.chernobyl-children.org.uk
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- 8 Mixed Christmas Cards **£3.50** 6 Winter Scene cards **£3.00** Wall Calendar **£3.50**
- Christmas Gift for Child at the Mayflower Centre **£5** Gift for Child at the Cancer Hospital **£10**
- Gift for a Hospice family **£15** Art & Craft Materials **£20** Baby pack for new mum **£30**
- Month's salary for a Carer in an Orphanage **£75** Holiday for a disabled young person **£100**
- Life saving medicine for a child with cancer **£200**
- Holiday in the UK for child in remission from cancer **£400** I would like to make a donation to CCP(UK)
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