



“HELP FOR/THE CHILDREN” The International Children's Charity Foundation

OVERVIEW: *

- Malnutrition plays a role in more than 6 million deaths each year of children under five in developing countries
- Today 1.1 billion people remain without safe water and 2.4 billion are without adequate sanitation
- Over 100 million children of primary school age are not in school and many more receive poor quality education
- and the grim statistics continue...

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*Source: UNICEF - The State of the World's Children

ABOUT ICCF - "HELP FOR/THE CHILDREN":

The International Children's Charity Foundation (ICCF - "HELP FOR/THE CHILDREN") was founded in 1991, following a visit to Ukraine by one of ICCF's founders, Faina Leznik. Her personal observation of the tragedies, difficulties, and sufferings of the children victimized by the Chernobyl nuclear disaster served to spark a quest and determination to alleviate the misery suffered by the innocent victims -- the children -- of manmade and natural disasters. Consequently, our earlier activities have focused on Chernobyl.

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MISSION:

ICCF - HELP THE CHILDREN exists with a mission to "promote the welfare of children in need, including children with physical disabilities and/or life threatening diseases."

With our affiliates, associates, and colleagues in the United States and all over the world, HELP THE CHILDREN and ICCF has delivered over 50.5 millions of USD (near 105 containers) of humanitarian aid, medical equipment and supply throughout the world. 20,000 of vaccines was sent to Tajikistan to fight Typhoid epidemic. Together with "HEALING HANDS INTL." We are sending 11,000 lbs. of food to Zagreb, Croatia. And, many more Humanitarian Aid are being sent to alleviate the suffering of children worldwide.

As a result of our continued efforts, children in need see hope in what would otherwise be a bleak outlook for the future.

HISTORY:

Following a visit to Ukraine by Faina Leznik after the Chernobyl Nuclear Disaster, the International Children's Charity Foundation (ICCF - "HELP FOR/THE CHILDREN") was founded. With "THE CHILDREN OF



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CHERNOBYL," a program designed to help the children who were victimized by Chernobyl nuclear disaster, ICCF began its crusade to alleviate the suffering of children worldwide.

With ICCF and its "THE CHILDREN OF CHERNOBYL" program, terminally ill children and their doctors were brought from Ukraine to Los Angeles, California. In Los Angeles the children were able to get critical medical help from Dr. Robert Gayle, a Professor at the UCLA Medical Center. Furthermore, ICCF in Kiev was able to send eleven groups of approximately 500 children to Italy and France to receive medical treatment and rehabilitation therapy.

Nearly 40 tons of medicines, baby formula, clothing, and other humanitarian aid were distributed to several orphanages and pediatric hospitals, including Borzynskay School-Orphanage, Kiev Infant Orphanage, Gorenka School for Chernobyl Children, Kagarlek Delivery and Pediatric Hospital, Orphanage School #3, Kiev, Zgurovskay School-Orphanage, Volodarskay School-Orphanage for orphaned children, Vorzelskay Infant Orphanage, Clinical Institute-Problems of Pediatrics, and many others.

"THE CHILDREN OF CHERNOBYL," thus, became the first of many programs ICCF initiated and/or participated in. Since 1991, ICCF has been on a crusade to help the suffering of children throughout the world... and the struggle continues.

PROGRAMS - Chernobyl victims are not our sole concern:

In order to fulfill our contributors' and sponsors' wishes to help other children, we have created several new programs. We begin by working with organizations and other charity groups to find children, families with children, or programs where our direct help will be most effective. By doing so, we strive to make a positive difference in the lives, health, happiness, and welfare of children.

ICCF- "HELP FOR CHILDREN" has partnered with several other organizations in hopes to be more effective in what we are trying to accomplish. We help each organization by providing much needed furniture, clothing, toys, nonperishable food, etc. Some of the projects and organizations that we currently help include:

- Dolores Mission for battered women with children
- Children Hospital Los Angeles
- Union Rescue Mission
- Jeffrey Katz "Leukemia Foundation"
- "Ronald McDonald" House for a families with critically ill children
- St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- Kidsave International
- LA Transitional Center (battered women's with children shelter)

The children's special needs are related to:

- terminal/critical illnesses, AIDS
- emotional disturbances
- mental retardation and autism
- learning and language disabilities
- homelessness
- abuse
- abandonment and neglect



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FUNDING:

ICCF- "HELP FOR CHILDREN" has no large corporate sponsors. It is supported solely by the charitable donations of private citizens and other organizations. In addition, thus far our staff has donated most administrative costs. Our plan is to be able to continue donating our time and finances, thus enabling virtually all the funding to be devoted to helping the suffering children.

As a nonprofit public benefit corporation we have no direct affiliation with any other group or organization and have no preference or prejudices as to who receives the aid as long as it is distributed to the sick, poor and needy. "HELP FOR CHILDREN" has received worldwide recognition for its programs and services. Although we receive no state or federal funding, we are dedicated to providing assistance to struggling children whoever they are and wherever they may be.

After specific projects are formed, costs are calculated (medicine, food, supplies, and any other aid excluding any administrative costs). Only then is fundraising initiated. We always endeavor to enable our sponsors to know exactly how and where their support is being applied, and that it is being applied exclusively to HELP THE CHILDREN.

Our diversified range of projects allows contributors and sponsors a choice of where to apply their support.

Lend A Helping Hand:

Sixteen years after the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, the impact of the accident continues to produce dreadful poison. Furthermore, wars in Yugoslavia (Bosnia, Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia), terror in Chechnya and Middle East, Afghanistan and other hot points throughout the world has left more and more children struggling to survive on the streets of Belgrade, Baghdad, Kabul, Rio, Pakistan, Chechnya, Kosovo, Somalia and Sudan. As a consequence, the children are being abused, used as children soldiers, continuously poisoned by their environment, including their food and water. The children are alone, afraid, and in danger.

We cannot be indifferent to the many defenseless and suffering children. Spirits are low and they are without much hope, which is why our help is so desperately needed and so greatly appreciated. But for us to help, we would need your help. We accept not only financial donations, but especially medical equipment and supplies. Your donation will go to projects such as the "Afghanistan Food and Medical Aid Airlift (AFMAA)" to save and aid more than 1.2 millions refugees and for victims of the tuberculosis and cholera epidemic outbreak in Asia. Nutrients and especially baby food are immediately needed for children's hospitals and orphanages in Russia, Ukraine, Yugoslavia, India and Africa. Practically every thing is needed including furniture, nonperishable food, adult and children's clothes, toys for homeless children are also requested at the "LA Battered Women's With Children Shelter" and "Union Rescue Mission".

If you or someone you know would like to help, please contact us.



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