



2006 Children's Project to Moldova

October 19 – 29

Join Physicians With Heart – a project of the American Academy of Family Physicians, the AAFP Foundation and Heart to Heart International, as we reach out to serve needy children in Moldova.

This year's Children's Project will benefit three organizations in Moldova – the Cupkui Orphanage, Stella's House, and the Boarding School for Handicapped Children.

Due to restrictions by the Moldovan government, most items for these organizations will need to be purchased in country. Therefore, cash contributions are a priority in order to fulfill the needs identified to serve these children.



Cupkui Orphanage

Located in a remote village an hour and a half away from Chisinau, the Cupkui Orphanage serves 69 children – 36 boys and 33 girls. The children are there for several reasons – some are orphans, some abandoned, some come from homes where parents are mentally ill, and others come from single parent homes. The food is sparse and fruits and meat are rarely included in the children's diet, as these items are quite expensive.

Priority needs for Cupkui Orphanage include:

- school supplies
- socks and underwear
- hygiene supplies
- musical instruments

Cash donations are needed, as all items will be purchased in country due to restrictions by the Moldovan government.

Stella's House

At the age of sixteen, girls in most orphanages in Moldova are given a bus ticket and \$40 to be sent back to the village of their birth. The Cupkui Orphanage houses nine girls that will need to leave by June 1 of this year.

Stella's House will provide a safe haven for these young girls, away from the predators who are waiting to prey upon their innocence the moment of their release. The Children's Project will help to set up this home and provide furnishings, clothing, food, bedding

and other necessities. Funds are needed in order to keep Stella's House operational. A donation of just \$100 will support one girl for a month.



Boarding School for Handicapped Children

Located in Hynchesht, 45 minutes outside Chisinau, is the Boarding School for Handicapped Children, currently serving 166 children ages 6-18 years. The 60 girls and 106 boys have physical disabilities from conditions such as polio and birth trauma.

The Children's Project will provide quilts, hats, mittens and school supplies. All school supplies will be purchased in country due

to restrictions by the Moldovan government, so cash donations are needed.

How you can help?

To support the 2006 Moldova Children's Project, please make checks payable to: AAFP Foundation International Fund – Children's Project

Donations should be mailed to:

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