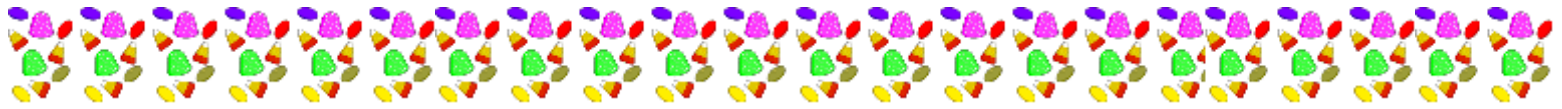


"Sweet Dreams"



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2nd Annual Russian Dream A Success

On November 11, 2000 Diema's Dream held our second "Russian Dream." The event was held at Hampton Court Palace. Over 180 guests bid for 163 items of fine art and treasures. Again this year we are grateful to **Mark Stacey** from **Sotheby's**. He is an excellent auctioneer and has a wonderful sense of entertainment. Thank you again Mark...you do realize we hope to do this every year!



Thank you Mark for a wonderful job!

There were 29 items this year in the live auction. Items ranged from exquisite hand carved and painted Santas, wonderful porcelain dolls in the opulent costume of the "Tsarinas", a 50 year old exquisitely restored Icon depicting St. George slaying the dragon during Ivan the Terrible's reign, and an antique samovar. There were 6 large oil paintings in the live auction. Three were very kindly donated by our good friend and wonderful painter, **Uri Kricklovensky** who was, along with his wife Anna, able to join us for the auction. Thank you Uri and Anna for all the kindness and support you have shown to Diema's Dream and the disabled children of Russia.

Sponsor sought for Eric and his Grandparents

Eric's mother gave him up when he was born. Her child had been born with Downs Syndrome. She told her parents and friends that she gave birth to a dead baby. Several years later she married and moved to Canada. She did not tell her husband about Eric but before leaving she told her parents the real truth. Eric's grandparents started searching for him in the orphanages of Moscow. When they found him, they were horrified by his condition. But they visited once a week and each time brought him food. Galina Mogilevsky writes, "Meanwhile our group (Charity House Project) started working there, and the old people saw that we loved Eric and they were impressed by the fact that unfamiliar people loved their grandson and treated him as he was a normal human being. But most of all they were struck by Eric's progress. He learned to sit, crawl, hold a toy, and laugh. They decided to take Eric home. Now they do their best for him, they stint themselves in everything so that Eric can have what he needs."





Uri and his wife Anna

In addition to the live auction items there were also 134 silent auction items. These items included watercolors, etchings and smaller oil paintings. Beautiful lacquer boxes, painted eggs and 2 Catherine the Great tea sets were also for auction. Russian Gzhel and crystal items were included in the auctioned items.



It was a lovely evening, wonderful food, beautiful & unique items for purchase and most of all for a very worthy cause in support of the Charity House Program. Leonid and Galina Mogilevsky, directors and founders of the Charity House Program were also able to attend this year's event. **British Airways** made it possible for us to bring over our Russian guests by offering us a special reduced rate. Thank you **Daniel Burkard, Julia Cook and Olga** at **British Airways** for your support!



Eric Before

Eric Today

Diema's Dream is looking for sponsors for Eric and his grandparents. They have done a very brave thing in Russia and we want to be able to ease their burden. They are pensioners and what the government gives them is below the poverty level. Just \$50 a month would make it easier to care for Eric. Please contact us if you are interested in sponsoring Eric and his grandparents. As with our other family that has been sponsored you will receive a letter along with photographs during your sponsorship. Again, Galina writes, "At present Eric, who is about 8 can walk, ride a tricycle, use his potty, he has learned a lot of things. Grandpa said that Eric was their meaning of life and that they were so grateful to us for teaching them how to love these children."

Update on Alyosha Dubrovnic

2 different families are sponsoring Lisa and Alyosha, each for half of 2001. Lisa's husband, Alexi, worked with Leonid in the Charity House program. Alexi and Lisa decided to adopt Alyosha, a bright boy confined to a wheelchair. 6 months later, Alexi was killed from a fall in the forest where he had been cutting greenery to decorate the orphanage for Christmas. Lisa was devastated and overcome with grief. She had no income and did not know if she would be allowed to keep Alyosha. With help from their sponsors, although still grieving for Alexi, they are doing well.

Galina writes of Alyosha, who as a result of his sponsors at the age of 12 just started his education. "Alyosha's progress is good, and all of us are pleased. Yesterday Lisa complained that he was careless when he wrote in his workbooks. I said to her: "Lisa, did you notice what you were complaining of? Could you imagine a year ago that Alyosha would learn according to regular school curriculum, that he would write, read, and learn by

Leonid addressed the gathering with the help of **Vadim Nikitin**, a student at **the American Community School** in Cobham, Surrey. **Denis Motova** also of **ACS** translated for Uri and Anna. Thank you **Vadim and Dennis** for a wonderful job of translating!

Leonid spoke of the beginning of their program where by saving just one child's life, Natasha, gave them the conviction and the courage to save everyone of the 60 children at one particular orphanage from death. And now they have 150 children like Natasha!

heart the multiplication table? And all this would happen with the boy who had been lying on his back among "idiots" for the biggest part of his life? Lisa answered: "You know, I forget about it so often, I should always remember it to prevent myself from getting angry at trifles like untidy workbooks."

Goals for 2001

Leonid and Galina have worked over the past 5 years just to improve the lives of the 150 disabled children in the program's care. Now they are embarking on an even more ambitious journey. They have brought in physical therapists and special education teachers in a small pilot program that will show just how "educable" these children currently labeled as "uneducable" are. In Russia, children labeled as "uneducable" have no rights to medical or rehabilitation treatment or to education.

So. It is this year that the Charity House program will begin to document their results and begin the fight for the rights of these children.

- q The right to decent living conditions,
- q The right to healthy foods,
- q The right to medical treatment and therapeutic programs,
- q The right to education,
- q The right to know kindness from caregivers

And finally ...

- q The right to stay with their families instead of being placed in institutions where they are uniformly denied these rights.

As you consider your charitable contributions for this next year, please keep Diema's Dream in mind!

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