



UKRAINIAN NATIONAL WOMEN'S LEAGUE of AMERICA, INC.

PARTNERING WITH

DOCTORS COLLABORATING TO HELP CHILDREN, INC.

UNWLA and DCtoHC announce their collaboration to upgrade the quality of care of pediatric burn victims at Hospital #8 in Lviv, Ukraine and the immediate geographic region. This will be accomplished by supplementing the unit with medical equipment and supplies and by raising the physicians' level of current burn care continuing education and latest methodology -- in order to better serve these patients.

The Ukrainian National Women's League of America, Inc. is the largest and oldest Ukrainian women's organization in the United States. It works independently as a charitable and cultural organization and has been granted 501 (C) (3) tax-exempt status by the IRS. The UNWLA was established in 1925 and unites women of Ukrainian descent as well as those who are active in the Ukrainian communities of the United States. Its mission is to preserve its cultural heritage, to provide assistance to Ukrainians within and outside the U.S., to support the Ukrainian Museum in N.Y. and to participate in the Ukrainian, American and international women's movement. Marianna Zajac was elected its President in 2008 and she and her National Board are committed to this project and collaboration.

Doctors Collaborating to Help Children, Inc. is a 501 (C) (3) non-profit corporation dedicated to improving medical care for children throughout the world through advancements in medical education and training thereby improving their lives. Dr. Gennadiy Fuzaylov (physician who was involved in the care of Nasty Ovchar from Ukraine in 2005 and for whom UNWLA held an active fundraiser) and Dr. Daniel N Driscoll are the driving forces behind this organization and have assisted ten Ukrainian patients by organizing their care at Shriner's Hospital. Dr. Gennadiy Fuzaylov and Dr. Driscoll are physicians at Massachusetts General Hospital and at Shriner's Children's Hospital in Boston.

Shriner's Children Hospital is a health care system of twenty two hospitals dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing free pediatric specialty care, innovative research, and outstanding teaching programs for medical professionals. Children up to age 18 with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate are eligible for care and receive all services in a family-centered environment, regardless of the patients' ability to pay. Boston is one of the world's leading centers for pediatric burn care. Shriner's inpatient and outpatient units are designed to allow children to recover in a safe, fun and friendly environment where family comes first. Because it is situated right across the street from Massachusetts General Hospital, it is able to share world-class doctors and researchers who are committed to continuously advancing burn care and treatment for children from all over the

world. Shriner's has sponsored and allowed this newly formed partnership to hold an Outreach Clinic, for the first time ever, in eastern Europe, this year, in Lviv. (please see below)

How did UNWLA become involved in this initiative?

Former President of Ukraine, Viktor Yushchenko (after meeting Dr Fuzaylov in Boston in 2005), invited Dr Fuzaylov to assess the burn care system in Ukraine. As such, Dr Fuzaylov traveled to Ukraine and, during his many encounters, met the Director of the Burn Care Unit of Hospital #8 in Lviv – Dr. Vasyl Savchyn. Upon visiting Dr. Savchyn's burn unit, he was struck by the lack of many basics at the facility but was also highly impressed by the dedication and talent of Dr. Savchyn. Upon returning to Boston, he began seeking support from the Ukrainian diaspora for an ambitious project to assist in the upgrade of Dr. Savchyn's unit. His search eventually lead him to the UNWLA. With an 86 year history of social welfare work, the Executive Board voted that this was an opportunity to truly make a difference and to be able to utilize the UNWLA Mary Beck Chernobyl Fund monies in an accountable and most transparent way. ! UNWLA's honorary member, Mary Beck, established, through her will, a UNWLA Chernobyl Fund in 2007. Since it has been 25 years since this nuclear accident and it is difficult to identify direct victims of Chernobyl, it was decided, after consulting with legal counsel and our CPA, that these monies would be well spent and in the spirit of Mary Beck if used as a source for the improvement of this pediatric burn unit.

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