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Message from the President

As we approach the end of 2013, I have been reflecting on the impact that we have made on the lives of the neediest in Moldova as a result of the generosity of many of you. I have been asked by many Moldovans to express their sincerest thanks for the contributions you have made to the work of Wings of Hope International (WHI).

During my visit to Moldova this year, I received the title of Honorary Citizen of the town of Cobani. This is the town where I grew up and where the majority of WHI's projects have been implemented over the past five years. I was the youngest person to receive this honor and was selected for the work we have been doing through WHI. I would like to let you know that I accepted this honor on behalf of each of you who have contributed to the work of WHI and have made each of the projects possible.

This newsletter contains information about our latest projects. Students in one of the school buildings will have running water, ninety families in the village received food packages to improve their diets, and the health center received new equipment.

On behalf of many Moldovans whose lives have been touched during the past year, I would like to express my sincerest thanks to you who have generously contributed financially to the work of WHI in the past year. I hope that you will continue to support us in our endeavors to improve the lives of the neediest Moldovans in the future.

With hope for the Moldovan people,

Alec Zama, WHI Board President

Health Center to Improve Patients' Services

The Health Center in the village of Cobani offers a variety of medical services to about 5000 patients from five surrounding villages. As with the majority of healthcare establishments in Moldova, the health center has encountered many difficulties in providing quality services to its patients during the past 20 years. Limited government funding and limited ability to pay by the patients has led many healthcare establishments to deliver substandard care. That's where WHI has come to play an important role in the improvement of the delivery of healthcare in the village of Cobani.



New furniture for health care center



For the past five years, WHI has purchased a variety of medical equipment that has helped the health center to improve the delivery of quantity and quality of care.

During the summer of 2013, WHI purchased new furniture and modern medical equipment for the laboratory. Thanks to the implementation of this project, the patients from five villages will receive all laboratory tests at the health center. This way the patients won't have to travel to other healthcare establishments in other towns for laboratory work as they had to do it in the past.

As a result of purchasing new equipment and making other improvements, Cobani Health Center was evaluated and accredited by the National Center for Evaluation and Accreditation in Healthcare to provide healthcare services and received the accreditation certificate. The equipment and furniture in the laboratory that was purchased with funds from Wings of Hope International, was certified by the Ministry of Health and meets all required standards. The patients are extremely pleased with the new lab furniture and equipment.

Grand View University Students Contribute to WHI's Mission

During the past year, Grand View University students contributed to furthering the mission of WHI. Campus Fellowship organized the Hope Week event in the fall of 2013 and all the funds were given to improve the lives of the needy in Moldova. In addition, the students in the Project Management course participated in two fundraising events that raised funds for WHI. The funds raised by these students will be used to improve the educational conditions of the schools in Moldova. We would like to express our sincere thanks to these students for using their personal time to organize and implement these fundraising events.



Cobani Schools Have Better Conditions

In the summer of 2013, WHI contributed to the improvement of the conditions of the Cobani High School. For the first time in the history of Cobani schools, students will have access to running drinking water. WHI contributed to the purchasing of all the required supplies and materials to bring running water into one of the school buildings. This way students will have an improvement in the hygiene of students where they will have both cold and hot water to wash their hands. The students, teachers and the maintenance personnel are extremely thankful for the new improvements to the school.

Previous "Plumbing"



New Plumbing



WHI Goals for 2014

WHI will continue to improve the lives of the most needy in Moldova in 2014. We will focus on improving educational opportunities for children, improve access to quality healthcare and assist the elderly. Here are the fundraising goals for the upcoming year:

Children projects - \$5,500
Healthcare projects - \$3,500
Elderly projects - \$2,500

Please join us in achieving these goals and remember, your WHI contribution is tax-deductible!



Please check our website at www.whintl.org for more pictures, testimonials and plans for 2014.

Continued Support of the Elderly

During the summer of 2013 WHI continued to support the elderly and other needy with food packages. 90 families of elderly, sick and families with low incomes received food packages that included rice, wheat meal, wheat flour, corn flour, buckwheat, sugar, and vegetable oil.

To the following categories of needy Moldovans:
Elderly who don't have any relatives – 50 people
Disabled from childhood and disabled children – 10 people
Disabled of 1st Group – 30 people

Contents of food package:

- 1 kg – Corn Meal
- 1 kg – Wheat Meal
- 1 kg – Buckwheat
- 1 kg – Rice
- 1 kg – Pasta
- 2 kg – Wheat Flour
- 1 liter – Sunflower Oil

Volunteers from Switzerland and Moldova painted the fences, gates, windows and doors for 12 elderly families. The expenses for paint and painting supplies were covered by WHI.



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