

Organisation: Children of Chernobyl – for Survival

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On April 26, 1986 one of the most nuclear catastrophes befell in the humankind history - the Chernobyl Nuclear Accident. On December 15, 2000 this nuclear monster was, at last, shut. Meanwhile, the harm it brought remains. And the most suffering from it are the children. To help them is our common point of honour. So, let's offer them a hand of hope and good.

**The President, International Found "Children of Chornobyl for Survival"
Mrs. Liudmyla Zakrevska**

In February 1992 the initiative group of Ukrainian women who have been evacuated, along with families from the Chernobyl zone, created the Foundation «Children of Chernobyl - for survival». The new organisation set a goal:

- * to provide all possible assistance to orphans and children who have undergone radiation;
- * to financially support families with seriously ill children; restore the health of children evacuated from Chernobyl zone in ecologically clean regions.

Today, the International Charitable Fund “Children of Chernobyl – for Survival” brings together over 15 thousand children. The Foundation has branches in 14 regions of Ukraine. Spanish and Italian rehabilitation and psychological care centers for children of Chernobyl have been created in Kiev. With the support of business partners from Japan and Italy, the Foundation could provide financial support to dozens of children who needed prolonged treatment or surgery. Thousands of Chernobyl children have improved their health in Ukraine, Spain, France, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Australia, USA, Belgium, Britain, Portugal and other countries.



Children from the International Fund “Children of Chernobyl - for survival” are known not only in Ukraine but also abroad - in Spain, Italy and Croatia. Particularly warm relationship binds the Foundation with the Spanish International Fund "Image of Christ" - says the head of the Ukrainian Foundation Ludmila Zakrevska. Every summer the Chernobyl Children rest on the Mediterranean coast at the Villa of pastor benefactor Don Diego Suarez Mora, who heads the Spanish Foundation. And this year the winners of children's art festival "Pisenny sad", dedicated to the 18-anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster, were awarded a trip to Spain.

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-The idea of the festival originated in Spain - confessed Lyudmila Zakrevska - The Spaniards are very fond of listening to Ukrainian song of our children.

- So let's try to popularize our Ukrainian song in the world. Firstly let's organize a festival for children of Chernobyl in Ukraine, and then show our talents in Spain - invited Lyudmila - Don Diego promised to help. And now the first round winners on the opening day of concert sing in front of the Spanish public. Such a warm reception, open admiration abroad, our children are not even expected, and therefore acted with particular enthusiasm. It seemed as concerts and meetings didn't tire them at all and children had whole lot of impressions after this trip! – says Lyudmila Zakrevska

The “Children of Chernobyl –for survival” Foundation organizes countless events for Children who suffer from Chernobyl. The latest events are:

- **“Chernobyl chose us”**



April 21 in Art and Culture Center SBU took place a charity event "Chernobyl chose us" on the occasion of 24th anniversary of Chernobyl disaster, organized by the International Fund “Chernobyl Children for Survival”. Over four hundred children who have been invited to this charity event received gifts from the sponsors - the companies «Nestle», «Stevia-san" and "Alenka".

The culmination of the action was a wonderful concert featuring students of the national university of culture and the arts and children's groups from the capital of Ukraine.

- **“New Year Greetings from King Drozdoborod”**



On the eve of the New Year of 2010 four hundred children attended the holiday tree in the Young Academic Theater, which presented the International Charitable Fund "Children of Chernobyl - for survival".

Highlight of the holiday was a great performance of the play "capricious love of Drozdoborod" based on tales of the Brothers Grimm. For dessert, all the kids were handed sweet presents.

- **Christmas tree with Kai and Gerda**



International Charitable Fund "Children of Chernobyl for survival" presented kids New Year's celebration, which was held on 28 December 2009 in Kyiv City Palace of Children and Youth.

Kids loved dancing around a magical Christmas tree together with Did Moroz. Young viewers plunged into the maelstrom of enchanting tales based on Andersen's "Snow Queen", which was accompanied by young dancers, jugglers, acrobats and trapeze artists.

After the performance each child received a sweet gift from the abbot of St. Vladimir's Cathedral Father Boris Tabachek.