

Rehabilitation Center for Ukrainian children «Kids should smile»

1. Relevance and justification of the necessity of the project

Every day, more and more Ukrainian children experience the horrors of this war and are protected from the Russian aggression. Children wake up from explosions and gunshots. Kindergartens, schools, maternity homes, shelters, where relatives seek shelter, are turning into targets.

The war in Ukraine, like all wars, is a crisis in the field of child protection and children's rights. In February, when the war began, the usual training stopped.

Hundreds of schools (according to UNICEF, every sixth school in Eastern Ukraine) were damaged by heavy artillery.

Children from regions where hostilities are active do not have access to education, communication with peers, and a normal childhood.

2. The purpose and goals of the project

The goals of the project are to create the rehabilitation center in a safe European country, where groups of children will receive psychological help, rest, make new friends, and an educational program for 2 weeks.

3. Project activities

- ✚ Enrollment of 30 children in an open transparent way, who from February 24, 2022 are currently in the war zone.
- ✚ Organization and control of the educational program, sports activities, proper nutrition
- ✚ Involvement of specialized specialists (psychologists, doctors)
- ✚ Organization of the transfer of children from Ukraine to the center.
- ✚ Coverage of the project with the support of Rotary in mass media and social networks
- ✚ Establishment of new types of interaction with Rotary Clubs of other countries

4. Project resources

- ✚ Centers in Europe by the sea (summer) or in the forest (winter) that are ready to receive children from Ukraine.
- ✚ Currently, an accommodation option has been found in Greece, on the Halkidiki peninsula - EllinCamp (center with five-course meal, sports grounds, own territory)
- ✚ A program of psychological support for children and after-school program has been developed
- ✚ Support of local Rotary Clubs

5. Project budget

- ✚ Bus transportation - 220 euros per person
- ✚ Accommodation in the center - 400 euros per person
- ✚ Excursions, master classes, entertainment, tourist trips - 120 euros per person
- ✚ Registration of documents - 30 euros per person
- ✚ The total amount (for 30 children for 2 weeks) is 23,100 euros

6. Expected results of implementation of project goals

- ✚ Recovery and psychological rehabilitation of 30 children from the war zone
- ✚ Development of new extracurricular programs
- ✚ Restoration of children's social ties, creation of international relations of the youth of Ukraine
- ✚ Joint activities of Rotary Clubs of different countries and Rotary Clubs of Ukraine
- ✚ Involvement of donors for further implementation of the project and rehabilitation of other children

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