

How you can support Friends of the Belarussian Children's Hospice (UK)

- I wish to make a donation and enclose a cheque for: £50 £100 £150 £250
Other £..... made payable to Friends of the Belarussian Children's Hospice (UK)
- I wish to make a regular donation by standing order and request a form
- I wish to leave a donation in my will and would like more information
- I would like to organise a fund-raising event

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Gift Aid Declaration

I want Friends of the Belarussian Children's Hospice (UK) to treat

* The enclosed donation of £ as a giftaid donation

* All donations that I make from the date of this declaration until I notify you otherwise as gift aid donations

* delete as appropriate

Remember to notify us if you no longer pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax equal to the tax we reclaim on your donations

You can cancel this declaration at any time by notifying us

Date.....

Please return this or a copy of this form to Treasurer, FoBCH(UK), 47 Copperkins Lane, Amersham, HP6 5QP

What your donation pays for at the Belarussian Children's Hospice

- £4,461 annual salary of one doctor
- £2,920 annual salary of one fulltime palliative care nurse
- £1,622 annual salary of on call nurse
- £2,400 pays for the bereavement counselling programme for one year
- £4,473 pays for one year's diesel fuel for the Hospice minibus
- £4,000 runs the summer holiday project from June to early Sept
- £1000 pays for a year's special treatment for a Chernobyl baby
- £243 one month's salary for a child psychologist at the day centre
- £186 one month's salary for a half-time doctor
- £162 one month's salary for a health visitor
- £90 pays for a 10 day holiday at the Hospice's summer project for one terminally or chronically ill child

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When my life is finally measured in months, weeks, days, hours...
I want to live free of pain, indignity and loneliness

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Friends of the Belarussian Children's Hospice (UK) supports the first children's hospice and palliative care centre in Belarus

The trustees of 'Friends' have supported this project since 1999. Our chairman has a seat on the Advisory Board of the Belarussian Children's Hospice (BCH) which gives us opportunity to influence strategic planning, management and financial decisions at BCH.

Chernobyl still affects the children of Belarus

Belarus was heavily irradiated during the Chernobyl disaster. Children irradiated then are now adults and are having babies with serious health problems. The Hospice enables these babies and children to be cared for at home instead of going into institutions without parental care. There is a waiting list.

How the Belarussian Children's Hospice has grown

Since it was founded in 1994, the BCH has spun off three smaller children's hospices throughout Belarus and trains palliative care workers throughout the country.



Larisa is a hospice respite carer. She is looking after Dasha for a few hours while her mother has a well-earned break from caring for her daughter round the clock.

Care at Home and Vera's House

'Friends' supports the Hospice's home care and in-patient programmes which provide palliative care for chronically and terminally ill children and support for their siblings and parents. Each family has a doctor, nurse and health visitor assigned to them and all medication is provided free of charge. The Hospice runs a day centre where children can meet each other, have fun and learn to express their feelings and anxieties through creative activities with support and understanding. There is also a multi-sensory room, physiotherapy, an outside play area and minibus transport to and from the day centre. Family support groups meet here. The hospice has recently set up an out-of-hours service.

Respite Care in the Countryside

The summer project, set in beautiful countryside, is a haven where groups of chronically and terminally ill children or sibling groups can spend a holiday with the support of Hospice staff. The site is suitable for children with mobility problems and has many facilities for play and having fun. In many cases it is the only opportunity that the children have to spend time out of doors in the sunshine. Stork House, opened in 2007, provides purpose built accommodation for families with sick or disabled children.



In-patient rooms for respite care, convalescence and end of life care



Ilya, with his mother, brother and sister, stayed at Vera's House for respite care. Since having meningitis, Ilya cannot walk or do anything for himself. In their small flat in Minsk, there is nowhere for the children to play outside and no-one with whom to leave Ilya for even a short dash to the shops.

The Belarussian Children's Hospice relies on donations from its UK supporters

The Hospice is gradually developing support among businesses and individuals in Belarus. These now provide 13% of its income. 'Friends' is currently the largest funder of the Hospice. In 2009 and 2010 'Friends' will be responsible for the Hospice's entire salary bill – a total of **£62,000 per annum**. We will also seek funding to finance the Hospice's care programmes and continue to help to develop support within Belarus for the hospice movement.

Please help us by filling in the form overleaf.

'Friends' are all volunteers. If you would like to offer practical help or join us on a visit to the Hospice please contact us.