

March 4, 2011

Dear Ms. Fordenbacher and Interested Parties,

A letter you posted to the Life 2 Orphans website in regard to His Kids, Too! has been brought to my attention. As the Executive Director of His Kids, Too!, I wish to clarify our work at the Torez facility in Torez Ukraine.

I can appreciate that you have had a positive experience at the facility in Torez. Our experience has also been positive. However, that does not negate the 900+ photos we have taken while at the facility since 2004 depicting the conditions of the facility and the children/adults who reside there. I know what I have seen. Numerous His Kids Too! volunteers know what they have observed and experienced, too.

It is very true that you have “no direct knowledge as to the level of support provided by the charity His Kids Too.” Because of this, it seems inappropriate for you to comment on what you think we have done there. We, as well as our donors, have an accounting record of every expenditure made by His Kids Too! for the Torez facility. I would be more than happy to present to you, and to any or all of your donors, how the Torez facility has benefitted from \$73,940 in support that we have provided from 2004 through January 2011. This is more than a “scant” amount.

I offer this in response to the following incorrect statement which is posted on your website: “Photos of sick children were being published by His Kids Too for fundraising, and yet the orphanage has received scant benefit. Director Vasyakin notified His Kids Too that they were no longer welcome at the orphanage. It was after this that His Kids Too provided unfavorable information to the journalist for the article.” We have never published photos of sick children to raise funds. It was only after the article that we set up a fund just for this facility, and that was at the request of donors. I have no problem assuring our donors that their donations will be used to serve those in the orphanage, but no cash money will be given directly to this or any facility. That is the way His Kids Too! operates. It is my responsibility, and the responsibility of the Board of HKT, to make operating decisions that are best for His Kids Too! We have determined that we are not being responsible to donors if we blindly entrust money to the orphanage director. Instead, we provide well-supervised direct aid for the residents.

Your statement that His Kids Too! provided “unfavorable information” for The Times article is also untrue. The journalists saw for themselves. They were there, feeding the children. On that day, the director did not interact with us until our visit was over, and he demanded the camera. Alexander did not want photos of the starving children published, but the photographer refused to give him his \$5K camera. Our visit was over when the director and I spoke; the translator, a journalist and the assistant director also participated in the conversation.

How the journalists handled their investigation and how the information they collected was reported was their decision. With respect to being interviewed for the story, I had no input

on the story, photos or anything else. Daniel Foggo told me that he spoke to Tina K., Anna R. and that he called you but got an answering machine, leaving message, so you were contacted regarding this story.

In response to your statement that: "It is our understanding that there have been attacks directed towards the orphanage/Director Vasyakin and that their relationship has been strained for some time," I offer this explanation. We have not attacked the orphanage or the Director in any way, and our relationship is not, nor has it ever been, strained. As far as I'm concerned, our relationship is fine. I do not aspire to be his friend; we are there to serve the children, not socialize. His Kids Too! has approached him over and over concerning the conditions of the facility and children. We have offered assistance too many times to count. He only wanted money and usually refused to discuss the condition of the children. We continue to remember the hundreds of children/adults in that facility and will never allow any personal differences to stand in the way of helping them.

The 'Operation – Save Maxim' page of your website states, '...he needs an operation to help him walk.' Maxim was assessed several years ago, as the Director and Dr. Yuri will verify. Several graphic photos were taken from several angles and reviewed by two US doctors. They regretfully concur that this child will never walk on his legs. In addition, his prolapsed rectum is a problem that must be resolved. When our physicians agreed to perform the surgery to help Maxim; both the doctor and the director would not sign the documents for the free surgery that was offered here in the States. We have not been successful in finding any Ukrainian surgeon to perform the very delicate surgery that is needed for the rectum problem. To mislead potential donors into thinking that they will be making donations to help Maxim walk across any room is a travesty. I can provide you and the donors with the contact information of the surgeons who offered to help him. Actually, I spoke to one of them again the morning of February 27; he reiterated to me that there is no way Maxim will walk using his existing legs since they are not connected to the spinal cord.

I am not sure if you are aware that we found homes for Maxim and two other boys at Torez but neither the doctor nor the director would sign off on the adoption. Such a shame since all three were adoptable. Tragically, one boy has since died. Maxim and the other boy are still there. That didn't deter His Kids Too! from continuing our work, in the name of the Lord and Savior whom we serve, to help the children and adults at Torez. Our concern is and always will be for the children/adults in that facility.

I respectfully ask you to correct the false statements you have made about His Kids Too! concerning our assistance to Torez. I strongly encourage you to inform your volunteers in the U.S. and abroad of the misstatements that have been made with respect to His Kids Too!.

I wish you all the best and much success with your work in Ukraine. There really is plenty of need to go around. This letter is being sent to His Kids Too! board members along with several people on your website as well as legal counsel for His Kids, Too! Now that I have provided you with the other side of the story, I trust that you will correct the misleading and

untruthful statements on your website regarding His Kids Too! and its director in an effort to clear up any misconceptions concerning this well-established charity.

Sincerely,

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Founder/Director His Kids Too!

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