



“And whoever welcomes a little child like this, receives me.” - Matthew 18:5

“In you alone, the orphans find compassion.” - Hosea 14:4

God's Waiting Children Winter 2011 Hosting Program

Please read through the next few pages to learn all the details of hosting a child and view photos and bios (word for word from the orphanage director) of the waiting children.

Hosting Details

God's Waiting Children, Inc. is bringing a group of Ukrainian orphans to California for a cultural exchange experience during the winter of 2011. The children will stay with pre-approved host families. The hosting experience is similar to having a foreign exchange student where the family will welcome a Ukrainian child into their home for a few weeks. The children will come with insurance coverage. This is NOT an adoption program, though we can help you adopt a child if you decide to pursue that.

Why do we bring the kids to the US?

This hosting program was designed to give the children the experience of a lifetime and a much needed break from the orphanage setting over their holidays. (Christmas in Ukraine is on Jan. 7th). The goal of bringing them here to the U.S. is to instill hope in these children and inspire them to stay in school and persevere, knowing there are opportunities in this world for him or her. It will also let the children know that a family here in the United States cares about them. For some of these children, this hosting experience will be the first time they have experienced a "normal" family life. The host families are encouraged to stay in contact with the child they host once the child returns to Ukraine via letters, phone calls, and care packages.

What is the cost to host or sponsor a child?

Host families will pay the travel expenses for the child they host. Each family will complete an application, pass a fingerprint background check, have a quick home visit by a social worker (approximately \$200). Families with a recent or current home study, or families who have hosted/adopted through God's Waiting Children in the past may be able to waive this requirement. When a family decides to host and selects a child, they pay the first \$1,000. This covers the cost of the child's passport, insurance, travel expenses for facilitator to gather the documents needed, medical exam, background check, US visa, travel to Kyiv from orphanage, cost to prepare and translate travel documents, and transportation from Kyiv back to orphanage. A second donation is made at the time the tickets are purchased. The families divide the cost of the escort. The average cost of tickets is about \$1,200. **The total cost to host a child is estimated to be approximately \$2,200.**

Is the expense a tax write-off?

Yes, the monies paid into God's Waiting Children are tax deductible. We are a registered 501 c3 in the state of California. Donors are sent a tax receipt prior to the end of the fiscal year.

What dates will the children be here?

We think the group will arrive on Dec. 27 and leave somewhere around Jan. 15th. We'll know the exact dates as soon as the tickets are purchased.

Is this an adoption program?

Host families DO NOT have to have any intentions of adopting a child. This hosting program is not an adoption program. Host families play a big role in building awareness of international adoption by introducing their host child to family, friends, coworkers, and their church congregation through normal activities while the child is with the family. If the host family decides to pursue an adoption in Ukraine, the family may request to adopt the child they hosted. Our purpose is to give these children a fabulous holiday experience surrounded by love and attention and the knowledge that a family in the US loves him or her. It is also our hope that meeting these fabulous children will help many people to overcome the stigma about older children in orphanages and open many hearts to adopting orphans in the future.

How do we communicate with the child?

The children speak primarily Russian and Ukrainian languages, but will likely know some English. Surprisingly, communication during a hosting experience is usually not a problem. The children are very intelligent and they learn very quickly. Host families will be given brief language guides and tips for communicating. There will also be local translators available by phone 24 hours per day.

How do we prepare for the hosting experience?

God's Waiting Children, Inc. will help prepare the host families for their experience and facilitate all of the details. We will provide a training manual and a telephone conference training prior to the kids arriving. Host families can also rely on other families who have hosted previously to assist them if desired.

Contact Us

Hosting a Ukrainian orphan is a true blessing for everyone involved. Please join our mission to help these kids – pray for them, sponsor a child, or host a child! For more information please contact Laurel Boylan at (559) 316-4823 or (866) 468-3089 or laurel@godswaitingchildren.com.

Please look at the children's pictures and bios attached. Pray for each child and pray about what your role in helping these children is meant to be. By the way, each bio is written by the orphanage director. We have not edited this so you can read the exact words of the child's caregivers, grammatical errors and all!

Anna **age 10**



This is a brilliant kid! She is not only pretty but also wise beyond her years. Her attitude to life is not as most kids have - this girlie is very smart and quick. Ann has an impulsive temper, she is very active, emotional, fidgety. Ann is very critical to herself - she wants to be perfect, that is why works very hard for it. The girl is a frequent participant in school performances, she is a good painter. Ann is a true leader among her friends. She is dreaming of a trip to California!!!

Anna B. **age 10**

Anna is a good student, diligent and hard-working and attentive. Anna likes to visits the school library, reading, preparing for lessons. She recites a poem well. Anna enjoys painting, going to school of arts, draws well. Eager to learn more. To teachers and adults Anna shows respect. By nature she is kind and polite. Friendly with all classmates and has many friends. (BTW, those bows are big in Ukraine. All the little girls wear them). She is beautiful.



Dima

Age 9



This is a sweet 9-year-old boy from Ukraine. He is not a simple one. Even at his small age, the boy is very smart and has an adult attitude to life. The little cutie is always smiling, he has elated mood for all 24 hours a day. Dima is a calm kid, he never argues with his friends, that is why everybody from the smallest to the biggest likes him a lot. The boy is gifted - he can be a part of school theatre, can play for a school soccer team, also outdoor games are a great admiration of him. Dima likes painting, drawing and making little things from paper (origami).

Denis

Age 7

This cute smiling little person is a 1st grade pupil - a gold treasure for everybody who gets to know him. These naive big eyes will not leave anybody indifferent! He is a hard-working student and has a great desire and eagerness to learn everything new. In just six months he has learned to read. He is very diligent. He perceives and understands the school program quite well as learning has become quite a pleasure for him. He expresses his thoughts clearly and correctly, answers all the questions given.

The boy is a persistent one, he is self-reliant in everyday life and sharp. When given work to do, he is responsible, organized and disciplined. He is always in a good mood, but he can be very sympathetic and susceptible to everything from time to time.

Denis is dreaming to have a small pet turtle when he finally has a home.



SISTERS Ira and Tonya
You may host just one or both.

Ira
Age 9



This is an active, really easy-going kid. She is very positive and open to the others. Her best features are honesty and generosity. Ira is a hard-working person, ready to help the teachers and her peers, a diligent student, always eager to learn. She has a well-developed logical thinking and a tenacious memory. Ira is a real leader, she likes to be in the center of everybody's attention. Her hobbies are making appliques, painting and drawing. Ira and Tonya are sisters.

Tonya
Age 11

A sweet Ukrainian. She is a gift for everybody who surrounds her. A very open person. She is quite quiet and calm, never arguing or moaning. Tonya likes cleaning the mess and helping the teachers about the school. She is a thrifty girl. She has her own opinion on every issue and is never afraid to express it. Her hobby is needlework. Tonya and Ira are sisters.





Vova Age 13

This boy is an example to all the others - his behavior is perfect, his marks are high, his appearance is always pretty, his clothes are clean... Vova is also a responsible pupil. He has quick mind and tenacious memory. Vova is a calm guy, he listens to advice which adults give him, being open and easy-going helps him in making friends with other kids. The guy is very supportive to the teachers. He takes an active part in public school life. Vova's hobbies are sports - football and volleyball. **(He has been hosted twice by a family in CA who DESPERATELY wants to find him a permanent family. They'd be happy to talk to you about him.)**

Yuri and Yaroslav Age 8 & 10

These lucky boys are
being adopted!!!





Karina

Age 9

The main and the greatest feature of her character is diligence and very respectful kid. The girl is really helpful, she is so great that the teachers even trust her to look after younger kids. Karina is a serious one when working or following the instructions given to her. She is quick-witted, has a tenacious memory and a bright mind. She is thorough, her hobbies are acrobatics and rhythmic gymnastics.

Anastasia

Age 11

You will not find more generous and kind child, as Nastya. She is so tender, that cannot hurt any of her friends. She is also very easy-going and sociable person. Sympathy is another good feature of her. She is eager to discover new facts, that is why she mostly likes communicating with elder children, who can give her some new facts and tell about new happenings etc. Her tender temper is always in need of care and attention. Her hobbies are dancing and writing poems. She also likes fish aquariums. She is dreaming of the opportunity to come to America.

