



HELP A CHILD WITH LEUKEMIA

Please join us for an Emergency Fundraiser Event, hosted by the University Medical Clinic at Freiburg

Saturday, September 5th, from 7:00pm to 11:00pm
Address: 20 Shavtvelidze St., Tbilisi, Georgia

Free beer party! Great live music! Great live art! Proceeds to benefit leukemia patients who are in need of transportation to and from the hospital.



Levan G.
(Treatment car from the U.S.)

Levan M.
(Treatment car from the U.S.)

Bachuki
(Treatment car from the U.S.)

Three Georgian teens struggling with leukemia. Their lives can be saved if they have access to transportation to and from the hospital. Funds are needed for transportation to and from the hospital.

American Friends of Georgia, Inc. is U.S. based non-profit organization with 501(c)(3) status. Since 1994 AFG has been assisting medical emergency fund for Children Suffering with Leukemia and other diseases in Georgia.

The University Medical Clinic at Freiburg has a "twinning" program with the American Hospital. It has treated more than 20 of Georgian children to a fair minimum.

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A Step Toward Sustainability

American Friends of Georgia is training IDPs as hairdressers, business administrators, construction workers and other professions as part of an on-going project to help IDPs create a sustainable life after the conflict.

The programs, which provide a wide range of education, including English and computer courses for children and more advanced courses for adults, are designed for IDPs from several different settlements near Gori and the border with South Ossetia.

Continuing education courses and trainings are particularly important for IDPs since employment is scarce in the settlements and they will be forced to compete for jobs in urban areas. By educating women as beauticians and other practical skills, there is the hope they will be able to offer their services in the village settlements and provide for their families.

Currently there are 11 women in the cosmetology and beautician courses; 15 students in the business administration course; over 30 men received training in construction and over 80 children received English lessons. Other courses included applied arts, like ceramics, decorative gardening and cloisonné making (an art form used in making jewelry).

The courses have also helped the IDPs find new confidence in their ability to earn a living.

"I am really enjoying my apprenticeship with Hairdresser Training Course. Working with Larisa is great, because I can see what can be achieved when you work hard," Eka Otiashvili, a participant in the beautician course.

The project is primarily financed by a grant from the U.S. Embassy in Georgia. Funds to support vocational training of women were received by the Rapidan Foundation. Additional funds were received by the Clarence and Anne Dillon Dunwalke Trust. Additional contributions, however, would allow AFG to enlarge the size and types of courses available.



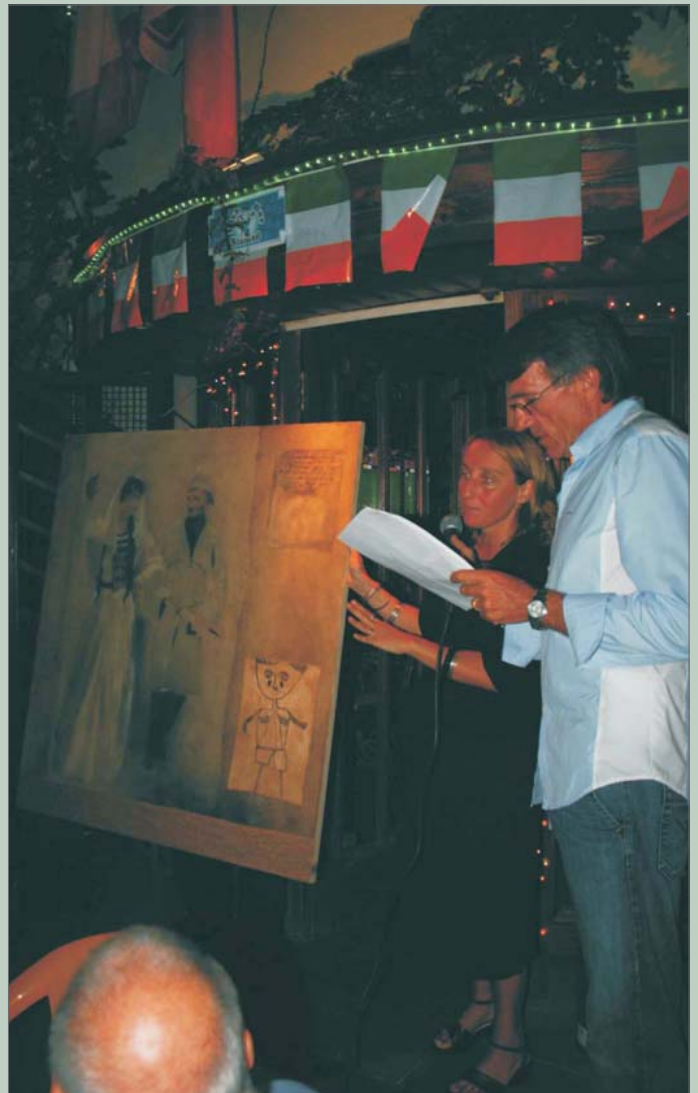


Emergency Fundraiser for Leukemia Patients

AFG raised funds to help three children receive radiation therapy at the Freiburg Clinic in Germany after local charity funds ran out.

The event in Tbilisi, organized by AFG Georgia and the Hanger Bar, raised money to send the children to Germany for treatment via an auction of donated artwork and crafts. Funds were also raised in the U.S. by a successful appeal via email from AFG and the Georgian Association. Funds were also contributed from the Emergency fund of President Saakashvili's Administration Office

These fundraisers helped Levan Gurgенidze, a 18 year old law student with Hodgkin's lymphoma, Levan Mqelashvili, a 17 year old with myeloid leukemia, and Bachuki Ioseliani, a 14 year old and Giorgi Jvarsheishvili, a 13 years old with myeloid leukemia. All four boys were treated in the Freiburg Clinic in Germany. The boys are in good condition. On going support for children with leukemia is still needed! Every year approximately 15 children require radiation therapy, which is not available in Georgia.





Remembering Alexander Klimchuk: A Photo Exhibit Memorial

The American Friends of Georgia, together with the Tbilisi State Art Academy, EurasiaNet.org, and the Klimchuk family, organized a week-long photo exhibit/memorial from August 7-14 to commemorate the death of a good man and talented photojournalist.



Klimchuk was killed at the on-set of the August 2008 war when he, together with colleagues from Tbilisi, traveled into the South Ossetian war zone as journalists. He was 27 years old.

He was the only Georgian photojournalist killed during the war, and one of the first media casualties of the military conflict.

During his short career as a photojournalist, he started a Georgian photo agency, and his work was published in several large international publications, including Newsweek, The New York Times, and Le Monde.



