



## CWUHA continues delivering smiles 20 years on

On its 20th Anniversary Year, CWU Humanitarian Aid (CWUHA) will be undertaking some of its most ambitious projects to date including:

### Activity Centre for Disabled Children

This project is our biggest undertaking in 15 years, focusing on assisting disabled children by renovating and transforming a rundown school in Moldova into an activity centre.



The new centre will provide an early intervention unit for children with physical disabilities aged from 0-5, as well as facilities for disabled teenagers to learn how to become independent. With an on-site rehabilitation centre catering to a wide-range of needs and conditions, the facility will also act as a central point for wheelchair distribution in the region. In addition to providing crucial services to disabled children in the area, it is also hoped that the new centre will uplift the local community through job creation.

This project will improve the quality of life for many disabled children and their families who don't have access to the help and support they need. This facility will not only provide medical assistance, but it will also provide a safe area where children with disabilities will be able to learn as they play.

### Convoys to Moldova

In 2015 CWUHA will be running two missions to Moldova, the poorest country in Europe. Fifteen vehicles loaned from Royal Mail and BT will be delivering direct to vulnerable families, schools and hospitals. The convoy will be transporting items such as; clothing, bedding, beds, cots, prams, toys, sanitary towels, cleaning materials and life saving medical equipment.



### School in Africa

More work will be done on improving the CWUHA supported school in Tanzania, East Africa by building new class rooms and renovating old ones. The consequence of this will be an increase in admissions in 2015.



We have also given a commitment this year to fund salary costs for 2 teachers and the education of 50+ children. This will mean these children will receive 1 hot meal each day, 2 fresh eggs each week, fresh water and school uniforms with shoes. As many of these children walk long distances to attend school, the shoes will be most welcome.

## Holiday to Remember

And finally, CWUHA will once again in 2015 give a number of children from Lithuania a 'Holiday to Remember'.

Children who attend a day care centre in Vilnius, Lithuania run by 'Save the Children' will be flown over to the UK in March to spend a week visiting Thorpe Park, Longleat Safari Park, London Eye with sightseeing to name just a few fun things we have planned for them.

CWUHA first visited the day care centre in 2007, which is used to help local children with social skills, education, counselling, and in most cases giving the children much needed nutrition. The only food some of these children received is from the day care centre. If these Day Care Centres were not in place it is extremely likely that most of the children who attend them would end up in institutions or worse still, just left to their own devices, and who knows what would have happened to them then?



Over the years CWUHA has witnessed many of the children leaving the centre to enter into full time education either at college or university. Without the support of Save the Children, the CWUHA and other volunteers this would never have happened.

## Not just abroad



Though the majority of CWUHA's work is focused on other countries, the charity has raised and donated thousands of pounds to many good causes in the UK, including hospices, a holiday home for children with life-threatening illnesses and has also helped fund specialised operations and equipment for children in the UK.

To find out more about CWUHA and the important work they do and how you can get involved, please visit us at: [CWUHA.org](http://CWUHA.org)

If you wish to donate to CWUHA and the above projects, please send a cheque to:

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