



WISH LIST 2008

AT KITEZH

Upgrade Foster Family Houses

Renovate bathroom, kitchen & second floor	£5,000
Replace old windows & doors in family houses	£10,000
Beds, cupboards, coat stands	£1,500
Furniture for Tamara's house (8 children)	£1,500

Refurbish Community Centre Kitchen

Industrial dishwasher	£3,000
Large oven	£2,500
Industrial electric food processor	£250
Large refrigerator & freezer	£3,000
Washing machine	£400

Education

Create an Indoor Sports/Dance Studio	£3,500
Create English Classroom & Library	£1,000
Create Kindergarten	£2,500
Carpentry Workshop for vocational skills training	
Tools & equipment	£3,500
Timber drier	£1,500

Village Improvements

New Church Roof	£3,200
Asphalt the road & install outdoor lighting	£2,000
Lawnmower	£1,000
Winter Greenhouse	£3,500
New Banya floor	£2,500
Tractor	£12,000

Educational trips and summer holidays	£2,500
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Children's Dental care	£1,000
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Pilot consultancy service for other foster parents	£2,000
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Summer Respite Camps for 50 orphans	£3,500
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Future project

Education Centre with theatre, sport, arts & crafts facilities	£150,000
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AT ORION

Building

One more new foster family house	£20,000
Six Small log houses for volunteers, each at	£6,000
Heated Greenhouse for winter use	£3,500
Carpentry workshop for vocational skills training	
Workshop Building	£20,000
Tools, saws, workbenches	£3,500
Cement mixer	£300

School Equipment

Computer room	£2,500
Science laboratory	£1,500
Photocopier	£750
Classroom furniture	£500
English text books	£250
Book & video library	£500
Play therapy equipment and toys	£250
Art therapy equipment	£250
Sports, martial arts & dance equipment	£1,000
Whiteboards	£900

Family Homes

Furnish new family house	£2,500
Domestic appliances for all families	
washing machine x 4 @ £150	£600
vacuum cleaner x 4 @ £125	£500
Industrial dishwasher for communal kitchen	£3,000

Village Development

Plant fruit trees and bushes	£500
Asphalt the road & install outdoor lighting	£2,000
Tractor	£12,000
New minibus	£10,000

Prepare and train 2 new teachers	£5,000
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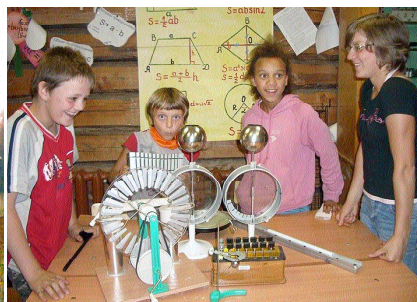
Support and train 2 new foster families	£5,000
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Future project

Extend Education Centre: sports hall & swimming pool	£200,000
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new house at Orion



new science equipment



new look Pyramid House at Kitezh



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Our project to 'Expand the impact of the Kitezh Community for Orphans model on therapeutic education in Russia', funded by the Big Lottery Fund UK, is in its third and final year, and draws to a close in June 2008. This year the impact of the Kitezh therapeutic model has increased significantly amongst childcare practitioners in Russia and abroad, fulfilling and surpassing all our expectations. We are delighted with the success of this project.

The year ended on a high point with a conference held by Kitezh members in Moscow and at Orion for 150 government and non-government childcare practitioners: psychologists, educators, directors of children's homes and rehabilitation centres from various regions of Russia. It became evident that Kitezh is well qualified to offer advice and assistance to other organisations and to individual foster families. As a result of the conference Kitezh-Orion members have been invited to run teaching seminars in several orphanages and NGOs working with fostering. Kitezh is also preparing a residential training for foster parents and their children. The long term goal to become a training ground and practical resource for foster family care for orphans is coming to fruition.

The project has provided the valuable means to increase the professionalism of the energetic team of Kitezh-Orion parents and teachers with training and exposure to other organisations in Russia and abroad: Art Therapy training with Beverley A'Court at Kitezh and in St Petersburg, David Dean's therapeutic education consultancy followed by a New and Best Practice Study Tour in Britain, courses at the Findhorn Community in Scotland and the Center for Purposeful Living in the USA, trainings in HIV/AIDS and Gestalt therapy, and teacher training in Russian as a Foreign Language.

Dmitry Morozov's "Handbook for Parents of Children of the New Generation" is proving popular. An English version is being edited for publication in the UK and USA next year.

Kitezh Centre has become established within the foreign community in Moscow and has received substantial funding for Kitezh and Orion from British companies working in Russia. Funding from Russian companies is gradually growing as a result of the increased awareness of the excellence of Kitezh's work with children. The Russian government's support for foster children and teachers has stabilised and currently covers 40% of running costs for both communities.

In addition to project funding, Ecologia Youth Trust received £61,100 in donations for Kitezh-Orion this year including a generous ongoing grant from the Bearr Trust and Baker Botts law firm in Moscow to support Kitezh students in their higher education.

Orion, the second children's village, is well established and growing steadily. A new house was built this year for one more foster family who joined the other three families and seven children. The construction of the Education Centre and communal dining hall is completed and work on finishing the interior has begun. The 'home' community Kitezh is staffed by a stable and dedicated group of 20 adults who have thirty children in their care. They are actively seeking new families and children. This year the family homes were extended and upgraded to improve living conditions. Educational facilities were improved, including an exciting new science laboratory, computer room and library. The carpentry workshop was transformed from a poor shed into a well equipped workshop. Communications and internet access also improved with the advent of large satellite discs in front of the Pyramid House. Fourteen young Kitezh 'graduates' are studying successfully in Moscow and Kaluga, six of whom are still supported by Kitezh. Fifty children from orphanages took part in summer camps, and two joined Kitezh families.

Our Volunteer programme continues to be popular. This year we sent 25 British and American volunteers to Kitezh and Orion including Andrew Aikman, volunteering for a second year, who has developed the carpentry workshop for vocational skills training for the children. In 2008 we are offering a new Russian Language Course for foreign students at Orion.

Ecologia Youth Trust continues to raise funds to develop the Kitezh Children's Community Network in Russia. This will be particularly important in the coming year as the Big Lottery Fund project comes to an end. As always, we are grateful to our donors and volunteers for their generosity.

New Project in Thailand

In 2007 Ecologia Youth Trust won a Big Lottery Fund grant to develop an exciting new project in Thailand, that will empower Burmese migrant workers and their children to re-establish their lives after the Tsunami disaster. This project is in line with Ecologia's commitment to support disadvantaged children all over the world. Kitezh has much to offer those working to rehabilitate children after traumatic experiences, and we are pleased to make the connection between the two countries. Sergey Khlopenov from Kitezh will visit Moo Ban Dek in Thailand, a residential school for street children that has much in common with Kitezh. We will know the outcome of our funding application for this project in January 2008 and look forward to a positive outcome that will allow us to expand to another country to share our experience.

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