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Dear Friends of Children,

As Children's Medical Care Foundation (CMCF) celebrates another year of improving the quality of health care provided to children in Poland, Ukraine and Eastern Europe, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for helping make it possible, and share with you some recent successes, as well our vision for how best to carry forward our mission in this, our 32nd year.

20th Year Celebration of the Lviv Program in Ukraine

An exciting historical event occurred at the 20th Year Anniversary celebration in Lviv, Ukraine. On March 15, 2013, Andriy Sadovyy, Mayor of Lviv, and the President of CMCF signed the first "Declaration on Cooperation Agreement" expanding our "International Building of Medical Bridges" partnership of providing financial support for Ukrainian doctors to train in Polish Centers of Excellence.

A majority of Ukrainian Fellows receive their training at several Polish Medical Centers of Excellence. Situated throughout Poland, these centers are both geographically more accessible and afford greater language flexibility to participating physicians. Further, these centers represent the realization of our founder's dream of a self-replicating medical education cycle that, over time, changes the health delivery system from the inside out. I am proud to report that to date, over 70 Ukrainian doctors and their patients have benefitted from these key knowledge and skill building opportunities.

First Pediatric Emergency and Trauma Center in Ukraine

CMCF's Board of Trustees and Directors recently approved funding for an agreement, between Lviv City Children's Clinical Hospital, CMCF and Karpel Consulting, to provide technical support in the initial planning phase of the first and only Pediatric Emergency and Trauma Center in Ukraine. Once completed, this center will serve as a model for the rest of the country.

This ambitious collaboration arose out of a more than fifteen-year partnership between our two institutions, which began with the funding of Ukraine fellowships at Polish Centers of Excellence. Today, Lviv City Children's Clinical Hospital is regarded as the top Children's Hospital in Western Ukraine, and viewed by those in the profession as having the nation's best-trained physicians. The CMCF cycle of excellence continues!

7th Congress of the International Pediatric Transplant Association

Professor Piotr Kalicinski, a past CMCF stipendist, long-term strategic ally, and current Chair of the International Pediatric Transplant Association, organized the 7th Congress of the IPTA, held on July 13-16, 2013 in Warsaw.

Along with being hailed as the most important congress highlighting recent advances in clinical and basic science related to pediatric transplantation ever to be held in Poland, it is an example of new and different ways we are disseminating medical knowledge and best practices. CMCF is excited to have sponsored the attendance and active participation of 12 Pediatric Specialists from Ukraine, Belarus and Lithuania.

Diffusing Global Medical Knowledge In Poland and Ukraine / Measuring Impact

CMCF's Board members worked with Natalia Romuzga, a Polish American graduate student at the School of Community and Global Health at Claremont Graduate University to facilitate access to key administrators in hospitals throughout Poland and Ukraine for the purpose of conducting a qualitative analysis of Children's Medical Care Foundation's effectiveness over the decades. Ms. Romuzga assessed how historical, cultural and economic factors in these two countries have both helped and, at times, hindered CMCF's efforts at implementing improvements to how health care is delivered.

The data collected suggest that CMCF-sponsored training has, indeed, resulted in knowledge diffusion that has led to positive health outcomes for infants and children in both Poland and Ukraine. A study of this kind that looks at both successes and limitations, will serve us well as an organization as we map out future plans. We look forward to sharing an executive summary of the study with you in the first quarter of 2014.

CMCF Board Looks To The Future

The Board of Directors has approved funding for a complete redesign of the foundation's website, to be unveiled in the first quarter of 2014. The aim is for the finished site to be every bit as interactive, user friendly and informative as any you'll find on the web. A story as unique and powerful as ours deserves to be shared with the widest possible audience using the latest tools and techniques.

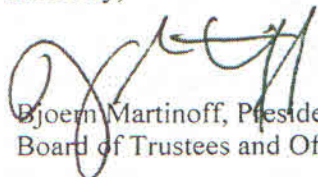
Visitors to the site will soon be able to make secure online donations, check out current and upcoming events, learn about new and existing programs, and even give us feedback. As importantly, aspiring fellows will soon be able to submit their applications electronically, streamlining significantly the administrative process and reducing associated costs.

What excites me most, perhaps, as we welcome in a new year-and new technologies here at home, is the wave of new energy and enthusiasm our recent review has engendered. I can't help but be excited at the potential of these new tools to better communicate our mission of elevating medical standards in participating countries.

I ask for your continued financial support as we boldly embrace these new tools in support of our ongoing efforts to train doctors to provide the highest quality of medical care to the children most in need.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and Officers, we send you our best wishes for a joyous holiday season filled with many blessings, good health and bountiful prosperity.

Sincerely,



Bjoern Martinoff, President
Board of Trustees and Officers