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International Pediatric Program
Medical Books & Journals

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Dear Friends of Children,

For over 33 years, **Children's Medical Care Foundation (CMCF)** has supported specialized training to pediatricians primarily from Poland, Ukraine and the Baltics. With your generous financial support, the care of infants and children in these countries has improved dramatically. We thank you for being our goodwill partner.

During the same period, CMCF has cultivated a 20-year fellowship partnership program with **Lviv City Children's Clinical Hospital**, a 420-bed children's hospital located in Lviv, Ukraine. These pediatricians serving the seriously ill infants and childrens are now considered the best trained physicians in all of Ukraine -- a remarkable achievement, due in very large part to your past generosity.

Today, though, this very same children's hospital is facing catastrophic circumstances beyond it's control. All of us know that the horrendous and deadly war being waged in Eastern Ukraine is being felt in every corner of that country. It shows no mercy for the children and their families.

This deadly war has also taken a drastic toll on our partner, the **Lviv City Children's Clinical Hospital**. **"THE MEDICAL SUPPLY SHELVES ARE EMPTY"**. Pediatricians are facing horrendous pediatric emergencies that are compounded by the constant shortages of basic supplies not readily available.

We are asking for your urgent help as our **Friends of Children**. Give today - your gift matters! **Your contribution will save lives**. Take a moment to help these poor infants and children who don't understand the war conflict, who can't help but be their beautiful innocent selves.

The Foundation has moved into the new social media era, first with its revamped website - www.cmcf.org. Now you can make your donation electronically. The second new exciting effort is our crowdfunding campaign through Crowdrise.com. We ask your help to involve your family members and friends to donate money and/or create a fundraising team (it's surprising easy and fun to set-up) at:

www.crowdrise.com/CriticalMedicalSupplies/fundraiser/childrensmedicalcare

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The Board of Trustees and Directors and I want to personally thank you for your support. May the peace and goodwill in this season remain with you and your loved ones throughout the coming year.

Warm regards,



Bjoern Martinoff, President, Board of Trustees and Directors

Medical Supplies list includes, but is not limited to:

- Sterile Gloves
- IV catheters 26G, 24G (venflon, neoflon)
- Central lines 1 Fr, 2 Fr (Premicath, nutriline)
- Gastric tubes 6, 8, 10 Fr
- Suction tubes 6, 8, 10 Fr
- Sterile swaddling clothes
- Single use syringes 1,0 2,0 5,0 10,0 20,0 50,0
- Endotracheal tubes and sterile guides for them
- One or two laryngoscopes
- Sterile adhesive tapes (steri strips, tegaderm)
- Different solutions for children's skin before procedures (punction, spinal tap etc.) with iodine and without iodine)

To learn more about Ukraine and other CMCF pediatric programs, visit our new website www.cmcf.org.



CHILDREN'S MEDICAL CARE FOUNDATION 2014 ACTIVITIES

Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland Award

Bjoern Martinoff, long-time president of the Children's Medical Care Foundation (CMCF), was awarded the **Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland** in a ceremony held at the Royal Castle in Warsaw on October 23, 2014. Bestowed by President of Poland, Bronisław Komorowski, and presented by the Ambassador of Poland to France, Tomasz Orłowski, the **Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland** is the highest of all civilian honors, and recognizes contributions to international cooperation and/or cooperation between Poland and other countries. The honor recognized Mr. Martinoff's three decades of dedication to the cause of improving Polish pediatric care—nearly two decades of which at the helm of the organization.

CMCF sponsors and arranges training visits for promising Polish pediatricians at leading medical institutions around the world, who then share their newly acquired knowledge with colleagues throughout Poland. This program has been expanded to other countries with Poland playing a key role in training CMCF Fellows from Ukraine and the Baltics. This 33-year collaboration, has also involved joint research and the underwriting of subscriptions of medical journals and textbooks, that has been remarkably successful in reducing infant mortality in Poland and raising the overall level of infant care there.

The event was organized by Professor Dr. hab. Maria K. Borszewska-Kornacka, President of the Polish Neonatal Society, who praised Mr. Martinoff and CMCF for their enormous contribution to the cause of improving pediatric care. In attendance at the castle were dignitaries and department heads from medical institutions from all over Poland and Ukraine, representing numerous medical specialties, many of whom benefited from CMCF-sponsored training earlier in their medical careers.

New Website

In 2014, the foundation undertook a complete overhaul and modernization of its website. Visitors to www.cmcf.org can now:

- Read about pediatric programs, published research projects and conferences;
- Peruse by country, Fellows' training experiences and reports;
- Donate securely to support CMCF's ongoing mission, with options for spreading payments over time, legacy giving, and other methods of giving.

CMCF sponsored Fellowships for doctors from Ukraine and other countries to attend these important conferences to continue our mission of “Building International Medical Bridges”.

21st Symposium of the Polish Neonatal Society October 24-25, 2014 - Warsaw

On October 24th & 25th, 2014, the Polish Neonatal Society hosted a two-day conference to afford the opportunity for specialists in newborn care from the United States and Europe to share research findings and compare clinical notes. Chairing the event was the Polish Neonatal Society President-and former CMCF Fellow, Professor. dr hab. med. Maria Catherine Borszewska-Kornacka. Professor Kornacka heads the Department of Neonatology and Neonatal Intensive Care at the Medical University of Warsaw and co-chairs the CMCF's Pediatric Program Selection Committee.

Among the invited speakers were two CMCF Board Members. Professor Michael P. Sherman, a world-renowned expert on infections in preterm infants, coordinates CMCF's transatlantic research collaborations. Professor Smeeta Sardesai, head of the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at University of Southern California (USC) Medical Center, First Vice-president of CMCF, and co-chairs Polish Pediatric Program Selection Committee.

15th Annual Congress of Polish Association of Pediatric Surgeons September 18-20 - Gdansk

The Polish Association of Pediatric Surgeons (PAPS) held its Annual Polish Congress bringing together pediatric surgeons to share knowledge and latest learnings. Professor Piotr Czauderna, current PAPS President, former CMCF Fellow, organized the Congress. Former CMCF Fellow Professor Czeslaw Stoba, Medical University of Gdansk and Professor Alan Langnas, Chair of Surgery and Chief of the Transplant Center at the University of Nebraska Medical Center gave presentation. Professor Langnas is also immediate past President of the American Society of Transplant Surgeons.

Lviv City Children's Clinical Hospital

California Association to Aid Ukraine and CMCF have agreed to launch future fundraising efforts to support the realization of the “Pediatric Emergency and Trauma Center” at the Lviv City Children's Clinical Hospital (LCCCH). A spring fundraising event in 2015 is being planned and will be announced on our website.

**All of us are very grateful for your support.
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