

November, 2009 - Adoption Awareness Month

In connection with November's designation as Adoption Awareness Month in the United States, US Embassy Kyiv Consul General Kathleen Hennessey, Visa Chief John Gregg, and Liliya Khlebnikova, Adoptions Expert, traveled recently to Orphanage #4 in Kharkiv to promote awareness of intercountry adoptions. During their visit, they toured the main orphanage, met with members of the Mayor's International Relations Department staff, and visited a local foster family accompanied by regional and Local Ministry of Education and SDA Officials. Topics of discussion during the visit to Kharkiv included the dramatic recent increase in foster home placements in Ukraine and the efforts of the Ukrainian government to promote greater public awareness of adoptions and foster care.

Caption 1: CG Kathleen Hennessey takes a photo of the children's activities at the orphanage. Left to right: CG Kathleen Hennessey (with camera), Visa Chief John Gregg, and Adoption Assistant Lilya Khlebnikova.

Caption 2: Embassy officers tour the children's activity center.



