



**CHILDREN OF CHORNOBYL**  
Relief and Development Fund

## **Children of Chernobyl Relief and Development Fund “Closing its Doors” After 22 Years**

The Children of Chernobyl Relief and Development Fund is announcing the closing of its doors on February 14, 2012 – exactly 22 years, to the day, since the organization began with its first medical airlift – thus, concluding its humanitarian mission and medical programs in Ukraine.

When the first airlift landed in Kyiv on Valentine’s Day, February 14, 1990, CCRDF began its determined journey to bring hope to the children who were confronting the effects of the world’s worst nuclear disaster. Each year the magnitude of the relief efforts grew, further reinforcing the Foundation’s focus on providing life-saving programs for Ukraine’s youngest patients.

The Children of Chernobyl Relief and Development Fund’s achievements are unprecedented and unmatched in Ukraine. Countless lives have been saved in its 22 year history of infusing partner hospitals with state-of-the-art equipment, supplies and medications, and supplementing the aid by organizing medical conferences, training doctors, and translating, printing, and distributing textbooks in the disciplines of neonatology, perinatology, pediatric oncology, and infant cardiology and cardiac surgery.

The advanced technology, medical education exchanges, and distribution of vital medicine stimulated other organizations, foundations, philanthropists, businesses, and Ukraine’s government to take an active approach to improving the healthcare system in Ukraine. This is one of the most important legacies CCRDF leaves behind.

It is impossible to speak of the Children of Chernobyl Relief and Development Fund’s tremendous impact without mentioning the support of tens of thousands of donors from the United States, Canada, Ukraine, and other countries who believe in the Foundation’s mission. To all of you, “*thank you*” – *your* generosity has given hope to an entire generation of Ukrainians.

Before the Fund closes its doors, the last gift to the children will be a **comprehensive telemedicine program to bring Ukraine’s healthcare into the 21<sup>st</sup> century** by providing cutting-edge medical technology which will facilitate real-time visual-consultations with doctors in the global network.