

Medical Report from the Municipal Orphanage in Chisinau, January 31, 2003

Dear Mr. Levine,

The economy of our country is in recession and this is reflected in all the areas of activities. A negative impact is being felt especially by the state sponsored institutions and facilities. Given this situation, each institution is searching for generous private sponsors hoping to solve multiple well-defined problems.

Similar to other institutions CMSC was also able to maintain to a great extent the basic health related standards (both medical and epidemiological) due to your financial support for the ongoing major problems. The improvement of these aspects is due to the intense and successful long-standing cooperation between CMSC and you, expressed in the 1000\$ monthly donation for food and medications.

We can report that your contribution significantly improved the daily nutrition for the 105 children, by providing the necessary food products for their physical and psychological development: daily fresh juices, different fruits including citruses, meat and animal products (beef, chicken, fish, eggs, milk products, butter), sweets, white and wheat bread.

Due to these nutritional improvements we obtained the following results for the year 2002 compared with 2001:

- Decreased in the number of children with anemia (from 80 to 70) out of which for the group children less than 1 year old from 56 to 40.
- Decrease in the number of children below the required anthropometrical development for their age (from 32 to 24 children).

Regarding the results of prophylactic measures and the treatment rendered, the following results were obtained:

- Decrease in the number of acute bronchitis (from 94 to 68 children). For children less than 1 year old the decrease was from 45 to 25.
- Significant decrease in the number of pneumonias (from 26 to 1).
- Decrease in the number of allergic dermatitis (from 25 to 16).
- Decrease in the acute gastroenteritis episodes (from 22 to 4).

The overall morbidity was reduced from 715 cases to 575 cases changing the health coefficient from 6.85 to 5.59.

The current difficult winter conditions has challenged us with big health problems for our children (e.g. episodes of flu, upper respiratory infection and pneumonia leading to significant complications) by increasing the need for administration of multiple antibiotics and intensifying prophylactic measures that become impossible to achieve since the monthly allocation proved to be insufficient. Therefore, we kindly request increasing the monthly financial contribution.

Finally, we can say that all our achievements were exclusively due to your financial assistance, for which the entire group from CMSC and especially the director of CMSC and the medical personnel are grateful and are expressing their most sincere thanks hoping that your support will continue.

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