



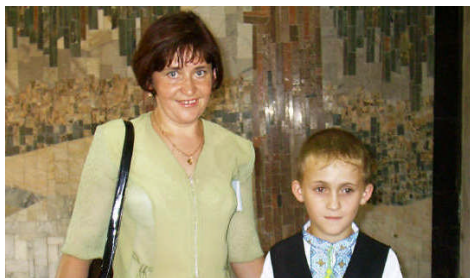
The Ukrainian Gift of Life, Inc. (UGoL) mission is to help children in Ukraine with congenital heart defects and to foster self-sufficiency of Ukraine in the area of pediatric cardiology. UGoL maintains four programs to fulfill its mission and current organization goals...

Operation CHILD CARDIO CARE

incorporates two programs that identify children requiring surgery and UGOL Advisors determine whether the surgery can be performed in Ukraine or if the child should be brought to the US for surgery.

❖ Operation CHILD CARDIO CARE US

(OpCCCareUS) meets needs of children whose surgeries cannot be performed in Ukraine. Since 1997, UGOL has brought 95 children to America for surgeries. Surgeries have been performed through an alliance with the Rotary District 7490 Gift of Life Program.



June 2003: Healthy 10 year-old Michael and mother join gathering of UGoL families and friends in Lviv, Ukraine... Michael was the first child brought to the US for surgery in June, 1997. His mother Maria's tear filled eyes glistened with joy and gratitude as she said, ***"You cannot imagine how it feels to see your child running with other children, breathing effortlessly and having a hearty appetite - and you cannot imagine how thankful we parents are for this opportunity."***



4 year old Chrystyna Salo's surgery was sponsored by the Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League in 2003. The youth organization raised the \$1000 needed to cover the cost of consumables used in surgeries like Olena's that are performed in Ukraine.

❖ Operation CHILD CARDIO CARE

Ukraine (OpCCCareUA) meets needs of children whose surgeries can be performed in Ukraine but whose families cannot afford cost of surgery. Since 2000, 173 children have been sponsored.

- UGoL finds sponsors for specific children whose surgeries can be performed in Ukraine but whose families cannot afford surgery cost.
- Children and their families benefit while medical professionals have increased opportunities to utilize their skills.
- UGoL encourages a one-on-one relationship between sponsor and child's family through letters and pictures.
- OpCCCareUA is administered by UGoL Program Director Stephanie Andre in alliance with CARDIO Foundation and Dr. Mykola Konyk.

❖ Opportunities for **CARDIO Observation & Training (OpCOT)**

fosters projects to provide skill and technology enhancement for medical professionals in Ukraine.

- Training for anesthesiologist and pediatric cardiologist recently provided by Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) with logistics direction provided by UGOL Program Director, Theodore Kurman.
- Text translation and distribution of a leading diagnostic tool to 800 clinics throughout Ukraine funded by members of Ukrainian American Medical Association
- Medical Library developed at Lviv Hospital

"The UGoL training program helped to enrich my knowledge and practical skills and I will now share this experience with my colleagues. On behalf of all doctors and children of Ukraine, I would like to say thank you very much for the great work you do," reported cardiologist, Dr. Olha Kuryliak, upon completion of training at CHOP in Mar 2003

❖ Operation **CARDIO Useable and Relevant**

Equipment & Supplies (OpCURES) includes UGoL projects to maintain and improve pediatric cardiac care:

- Refurbishment of pediatric cardiac intensive care unit (PICU) at Lviv Surgical Center
- Online communication and diagnostics
- Sourcing of equipment and supplies
- Nutritional supplementation

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