



Bright Connections International

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Bright Connections is a non-profit organization formed to show Russian orphans a brighter side of life. Bright Connections improves the quality of life and the success rate of Russian orphans while working to expand cultural knowledge of Russia and Eastern Europe in the United States

Brighten an orphan's life today

What we do

Bright Connections has three main programs:

Direct help to the orphanages

BK works with the orphanage directors and staff to understand and prioritize what the orphanages need to give aid in the form of school supplies and direct donations allocated for the specific uses discussed with staff.

E-pal program

Schools, classes, or individual children (with the consent of their parents) can sign up to be an E-pal with a child at one of the orphanages BK works with in Russia. Children can learn more about a different culture and language and become friends with someone on the other side of the world.

Mentor program (in development)

In collaboration with the orphanage staff Bright Connections is working on developing a program for orphans who are old enough to leave the orphanage and need guidance in what career and education to pursue. This program will also work to keep young adults in contact with the orphanage they grew up in, which will in turn benefit the next generation of children living at the orphanage.



Photo: Children from one of the orphanages.



Orphanages Bright Connections works with and what their major needs are:

Orphanage #1 (Belaya Kholuntisa)

There are 105 children total living there including three completely blind kids and 36 invalids. The orphanage recently got new sheets and bedding with special money that was granted by the government, but would really like to replace the crumbling doors and even get furniture and some other items for the “playroom” that now sits empty.

Orphanage #2 (Orchievsky)

This is the fastest growing orphanage. It now has a total of 101 and continues to grow. The children would really like to have school supplies. The building is in need of repairs, and they would really benefit from having even a few computers for the children to use so that they can become more familiar with how they work and not fall too behind the students that have the advantage of computer access.

Orphanage #3 (Sanchursky)

This orphanage is in a remote part of the Kirov region and is very far away from any city –big or small. The orphanage is one of the few buildings in the town center. This orphanage has the least amount of kids (47), and is surviving day to day. The kids have no warm blankets, no computer access, and very few clothes. The kids are dreaming about some sports equipment.

Photo: Kids from orphanage #2



Photo: Kids greeting their teacher at the classroom.

Get involved

There are many ways to help Bright Connections. Just a few are:

Donate - every dollar donated means more warm clothes, school supplies and sport equipment for kids living in orphanages in the Kirov region (Russia).

Follow us on Face book and Twitter @brightthought, check our website and sign up for our newsletter.

Spread the word about us.

Volunteer – BK can always use your enthusiasm and help, contact us info@brightconnectionsinternational.org

Organize your own fundraiser – contact us for ideas.



Photo: A big “family”- kids and staff in one of orphanages

Do you know that 40% of Russian orphans become criminals, another 40% become alcoholics and drug addicts, 10% commit suicide, and only 10% or less manage to lead normal life (Note: *Russian Government statistics (2004)*). Help Bright Connections to reverse these numbers. Russian orphans deserve to have a brighter future.