

MiraMed Institute



Annual Program Report 2007

Who we are

MiraMed Institute is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit public charity, registered with the U.S. government. The organization is also registered in Russia as a representative office of a nonprofit charity. MiraMed Institute is accredited by the United Nations with Special Consultative Status in the Economic and Social Council. MiraMed conducts programs in partnership with over 100 NGOs in 35 regions of Russia, the Former Soviet Union, the Baltics and Europe with an annual operating budget of 1.8 million USD.

Our Mission

To provide programs of social protection, education, training and self-sufficiency and advocacy for orphans, disadvantaged children and young adults in Russia; to provide direct humanitarian aid, medicine, food and supplies to orphanages in need; to educate and advocate for the elimination of sexual trafficking of girls and young women from Russia and the former Republics and to assist in their rescue, return and rehabilitation.

Our Programs in 2007

Counter-trafficking in the Former Soviet Union

- Trafficking prevention campaigns
- International rescues and repatriations of trafficking victims
- International toll-free, Russian language help-lines
- Police and government training and cooperation
- Coalition building between NGOs, government agencies and law enforcement
- Moscow Child Rescue Project – Working with police and shelters to rescue and assist child trafficking victims in Moscow
- Working with police and prosecutors to write curricula and textbooks on trafficking

Social competency training for at risk youth in the Former Soviet Union

- Life skills training to orphans in over 70 orphanages
- Survival guides for 10,000 street children and orphans in Moscow and St. Petersburg
- A monthly “We Can Do It!” child centered newspaper distributed to 3000 kids/month
- “Listening to Children” – training shelter and orphanage staff in a child centered approach to institutional care
- Publishing books on working with child victims of severe forms of abuse including prostitution
- Training programs for shelter staff and police in working with child victims of violence
- Prevention of abortion and abandonment – community support for single teen mother

HIV/AIDS preventive education

- Award winning NAVIGATOR program is the first recommended for Moscow schools
- “We Can Do It!” risk behavior prevention program reaches 2500 orphans this year
- “Secure the Future!” – a program for educating parents, teachers, psychologists and social workers on HIV and drug use prevention
- “You Have a Choice!” is a classroom drama chronicling the difficulties faced by teens living with HIV.

Tolerance education

- “Theater for a Change” performs classroom dramas for 10,000 teens each year on various issues of tolerance
- “Colors of Russia” – a volunteer program of concerned citizens working together paint over hate graffiti in their communities
- “Advocacy Coalition” – a multi-regional coalition of NGOs representing disenfranchised groups working together on common issues of at-risk populations.

MiraMed Institute 2007

December 1, 2007

Letter from Dr. Juliette M. Engel, Founding Director

Dear Colleagues, Supporters and Friends!

2007 has been a difficult year for non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in the Russian Federation. New registration and reporting laws mean that, when looking to continue working in Russia, expatriate staff have faced an unusual number of hurdles to obtaining visas and other necessary documentation. But the work we are doing is worth the hassle and the paperwork. Bureaucratic annoyances notwithstanding, Russian governmental support continues to grow alongside support for our projects in Central Asia. We are lucky to have a stable, well-motivated, and extremely competent staff, gleaming constant encouragement from the growth of our programs. Importantly, we have encountered a groundswell of support for our work in the host countries, and can be optimistic about the future of Miramed's work in Russia and the C.I.S.



Highlights of the year include:

- 1 International counter-trafficking conferences conducted in Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. Participants included high-level government officials, police officers, task forces, and regional NGOs.
- 2 The "Listening to Children" project was expanded to help at-risk children gain vital life skills and learn about their rights.
- 3 The bi-monthly "We Can Do It!" newspaper for orphans and children in care reached 3000 orphans in 15 Russian regions. The newspaper encourages participation from orphans and other children, with stories written by and about the children themselves.
- 4 A "We Can Do It" interactive website was designed. This acts as another forum through which at-risk children can express themselves and communicate with their peers, providing them with the opportunity to publish their thoughts, post creative work, and receive professional or legal advice online.
- 5 The Angel Coalition ran training sessions for more than 3000 Moscow police officers, teaching them how to deal with exploited and traumatized children.
- 6 Rehabilitation programs for trafficked children were initiated in 13 Moscow shelters and juvenile detention centers.
- 7 MiraMed published six textbooks on the methodology of working with exploited and traumatized children.
- 8 The City of Moscow assumed full funding responsibility for the 'Mothers and Babies' abandonment prevention centers in Moscow. Funding for research and the development of more centers was also approved.
- 9 The 'Theater for a Change' Social Action Theater was awarded a significant European Union grant, allowing it to continue its groundbreaking theatrical work in Russia and Estonia.

More on these exciting achievements can be found in the following pages. We hope that when reading through the report, you will come to share our pride in what MiraMed accomplished in 2007!

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support and the contributions that make all of this work possible!

Juliette M. Engel, MD

Moscow, December 1, 2007

Cover artwork
"Our Living Room"
by Yana, age 12,
an orphan.

Letter from Russia Country Director – Vladislav Suprunov

Dear Friends,

2007 was another year of challenges and triumphs for the NGO sector in Russia as a whole, and MiraMed in particular. Amidst the triumphs in terms of financial and moral support of the federal government for NGO activities, the challenges for foreign NGOs in Russia continued. Following the infamous NGO law of 2006, benefits previously available to foreign NGOs ceased to exist. This means that MiraMed will need to search for other avenues for inviting foreign employees, and do without other benefits. I am confident, however, that these challenges are not insurmountable.

Despite an increase in bureaucratic hassles, support for our work has never been higher in Russia. 2007 was officially declared the Year of the Child. Fittingly, the federal government became much more focused on addressing the problems of orphans. Building on President Putin's 2006 commitment to reduce the demand for orphanages, the Minister of Health announced in April 2007 plans to dissolve all orphanages within 6-7 years. This was matched with a call by Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev for Russians to become more open to foster parenting and adoption. Nonetheless, the number of children in orphans' institutions is scarcely decreasing.

The Russian government is approaching 2008, the Year of the Family, with an equally fitting initiative: the prevention of orphanhood through early intervention in at-risk families. In October 2007 Vladimir Putin approved the creation of a government foundation to address the needs of at-risk children and support early intervention programs.

There is also reason to believe that some progress will be seen on the counter-trafficking front after the March 2008 elections. Though critical, new counter-trafficking and victim protection legislation was stalled for all of 2007, in early 2008 the Duma finally resumed considering different drafts based on CIS member-states' legislation in an attempt to find the best fit for Russia and bring about a comprehensive domestic law. Among them is the draft legislation developed with the input of the Angel Coalition.

Financial support is also increasing on the part of the federal government: The Russian government has begun supporting projects run by NGOs from a broad spectrum of fields including human rights, the arts, education, health, children's issues, and support for socially vulnerable populations. In 2007, such support amounted to \$50 million dollars, up from \$19 million in 2006. That figure is expected to increase in 2008.

Working as we do in Russia, there will always be challenges along the road to overcome. But I believe that, with your support, and increasing support on the part of our government, we are well-positioned to meet those challenges.



Vladislav Suprunov

Moscow, December 1, 2007

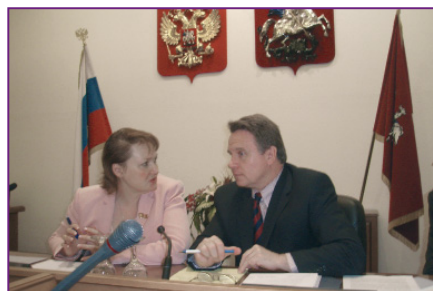
Congressman Christopher Smith visits MiraMed in Moscow

U.S. Representative Christopher Smith (NJ-04) lent his support to MiraMed, Women and Children First, and the Angel Coalition, paying a visit to Moscow in July 2007. Together with MiraMed staff, Congressman Smith attended a joint meeting of the Public Health and the Security Committee of the Moscow City Duma (Parliament). Here they discussed the development of a comprehensive federal law to counter human trafficking, also reviewing the model legislation, which has been drafted by the CIS Federation Council.

Congressman Smith, along with staffer Mark Milosch, visited the Mothers and Babies program in the Yuzhnoe Butovo region of Moscow. The Mothers and Babies program is an integral part of MiraMed's program of early intervention to prevent abandonment. Congressman Smith gained some first-hand experience of the program, meeting with the young mothers and their infants directly. Congressman Smith also met with senior officials of the Russian Orthodox Church to discuss the importance of the church's role in humanitarian issues such as countering human trafficking and preventing the abandonment of children to orphanages.



Congressman Christopher Smith (R-NJ) visits the Mothers and Babies (Stork) Center at Yuzhnoe Butovo with Dr. Juliette Engel, Father Maxim and friends.



Congressman Smith discusses trafficking with Moscow Duma Deputy Dr. Ludmila Stebankova in the Moscow City Parliament.

MiraMed Holiday Cards send a message of hope for Russia's children

Dozens of U.S. and Russian Companies sent a message of hope for Russia's children by sending out personalized holiday cards which feature children's paintings from MiraMed's orphanage project.

All of the cards are personalized with company logo and custom message inside. Once the card is purchased, it is unique to that company. On the back we print a short description of the artist, the orphanage where the child resides and how the purchase of the cards helps orphans throughout Russia.

Many companies purchase the original artwork drawn by the child artist for framing and presentation in their offices. It is the ideal way to say thank you to clients and customers while advertising a sense of caring for the community during the holiday season.

For more information on purchasing cards and to view MiraMed's online catalogue, please visit: www.miramedcards.org



MiraMed and "Theater for a Change" perform plays for 30,000 middle school students

In June 2007, MiraMed and partner Theater for a Change completed a three-year project in Russian middle schools designed to encourage tolerance by means of interactive live puppet theater. The project's three plays reached 30,000 students in three Russian cities - focusing on promoting tolerance towards ethnic minorities, persons living with HIV/AIDS, the disabled, and orphans.

Theater for a Change's work will continue in 2008 at an international level, with a European Union grant, which partners the Russian troop of puppeteers with an Estonian puppet masters to promote understanding between Russia and Estonia.



Listening to Children

In April 2007, Women and Children First hosted the first annual Voice of the Child conference in Moscow. Children living in orphanages in various Russian regions traveled to Moscow to present projects expressing their opinions and feelings about their lives to adults. Alexey Golovan, the Moscow Ombudsman for Children's Rights, was present, and facilitated discussion.

A highlight of the conference was the viewing of an inspirational film on everyday life in an orphanage, made by children with the help of a professional director. The Departments of Education, Social Protection and the Moscow Ombudsman for Children's Rights agreed to support the next Voice of the Child conference in 2008, and the World Childhood Foundation agreed to fund the program for two more years.

In November, groups of children and caretakers from orphanages competed to design the best mini-projects for a competition entitled "Successful graduates: secrets of resilience to prepare orphans for life" for the 2008 Voice of the Child conference. Seventeen groups submitted proposals and the nine winning groups received funding to carry out their projects in 2008. One winning team from the village of Chulman, Yakutia, proposed to contact successful orphanage graduates and arrange interviews with them. After conducting the interviews, the team members will organize a conference for children from their own orphanage and other orphanages in the region to discuss their findings. Together with the other winners, these children will be invited to present their project at the 2008 Voice of the Child conference.



Children from orphanages present their projects at the Voice of the Child conference



Young reporters from orphanage 72, Moscow

Angel Coalition trafficking helpline receives over 4000 calls

This year marked the fourth year of operation for the the Angel Coalition's toll-free international helpline for victims of human trafficking. The helpline continues to grow on earlier success, and despite continued challenges promoting the helpline in Russia and elsewhere, the Angel Coalition received over 4000 calls in 2007. The helpline is currently operating in Russia, the United States, Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, and, for the first time this year, in Switzerland.

Swiss embassy staff has been particularly active in promoting the helpline, and promotional brochures have been distributed by a number of NGOs in Switzerland, as well as through the Swiss Embassy and consulates in Russia. Thanks to this hard work and enthusiasm, the Swiss helpline received more calls per month than all of the other European countries combined.

The International Women's Club in Moscow sponsored a promotional campaign for the helpline from Fall 2007, to run through Spring 2008, that included billboards and posters in parts of the city frequented by at-risk groups and other potential victims of trafficking.

In 2008, the Angel Coalition will continue to focus on successfully promoting the helpline both in Russia and elsewhere. The helpline has proven an effective weapon in the prevention of human trafficking, as well as in victim assistance, and with help should continue to grow and build on its success.



Angel Coalition helpline advertisements run in newspapers in 2007.

Trafficking training conference in Siberia for government officials and police officers

In June 2007 the Angel Coalition, in cooperation with the MiraMed Institute and Kvinnoforum (Sweden) carried out training sessions for government officials and police officers in Barnaul, Siberia. The goal of the training was to inform officials about the reality of trafficking, and about successful methods for combating it. Together with Russian police officers, government officials, and NGOs, and Swedish counter-trafficking experts, participants discussed successful models of inter-agency cooperation to combat human trafficking.

Importantly, they examined proven methods of counter-trafficking, tested internationally by a number of agencies over the period of a decade.

The conference was an important step in Russia, marking the first time in Barnaul that government officials, law enforcement agencies, and NGOs have gathered to discuss the local trafficking problem and work on the development of more effective solutions to the problem. As a result of the conference a practical resolution, involving planned timelines of action, was adopted to raise awareness of trafficking throughout Barnaul, as well as to promote inter-agency cooperation on the issue.

The participating groups committed themselves to organizing larger and more effective public awareness campaigns, making use of favorable sentiment among local media outlets to reach at-risk groups, as well as adopting a more focused approach to enhancing inter-agency cooperation.



Angel Coalition and Kvinnoforum experts speak in Barnaul.



Swedish experts lead working group on developing a regional Plan of Action for Combating Human Trafficking

The Angel Coalition hosts a roundtable discussion on child trafficking prevention.

In April, the Angel Coalition, in conjunction with Women and Children First, hosted a roundtable discussion as part of the Moscow Child Rescue Project. The event brought together representatives from government agencies and NGOs combating the sexual exploitation of children for commercial purposes, in the hope of sharing ideas, proposals, and possible ways of stemming the exploitation of children.

Participants came from six different countries: Russia, the United States, Lithuania, Moldova, Ukraine, and Tajikistan. Many problems associated with combating the sexual exploitation of children were discussed, among them a number of current laws which hinder the prevention of child trafficking, as well as attempts to identify such crimes where they exist.

This roundtable event was the first time that groups of such relevance have gathered in Moscow specifically to discuss the problem of child trafficking. Notably, it was only after this event that the term "commercial sexual exploitation of children" began to be widely used in Moscow, increasing awareness of the problem.



Participants from ten different countries gather together to develop a trafficking victim protection protocol.

Consequently, participants adopted a resolution addressed to the Federal Duma (the Russian National Parliament), the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the General Prosecutor's Office, and the Government of the Russian Federation. The resolution called for greater coordination between relevant state agencies, as well as between agencies and NGOs; continual monitoring of the problem; and the passing of more effective legislation to prevent the victimization of children, as well as to protect the health and rights of survivors.

In 2008, participants will be continuing the work begun at this event. The Angel Coalition, with enthusiastic support from key governmental players, is planning to establish a working group to coordinate the work being done by different Moscow agencies and NGOs. This will increase the effectiveness of current work being done in governmental agencies and NGOs on preventing child trafficking, and providing victims with the protection and services they need.

Over 3000 law enforcement trained on working with trafficked children

In 2007, through the Moscow Child Rescue Project, the Angel Coalition trained over 3000 police psychologists and police officers on identifying and working with trafficked children.

Angel Coalition specialists have developed and held trainings on:

- Helping law enforcement more effectively work with victimized children.
- Helping psychologists who are frequently in contact with victimized children more effectively carry out rehabilitation activities.
- Identifying child trafficking victims in their work.

The Angel Coalition has been recently working closely with the Moscow Juvenile Detention Center, where nearly 100% of children have been psychologically traumatized. As part of this project, two rooms at the Center have been equipped for psychological therapy, and have been in use since the beginning of 2007. One room is a sensory room, with lights and sounds which have a calming effect. The other, a playroom, is outfitted with soft, safe play equipment and a one-way mirror which allows Angel Coalition specialists to conduct training sessions for law enforcement, in addition to facilitating diagnosis of psychological conditions. The Angel Coalition has noted a steady increase in individual initiative to participate in trainings on behalf of Detention Center staff, particularly male staff; and the rooms are used regularly in the daily work of the Detention Center.

Government, NGOs put theory into practice at Spring 2007 Protocol-Writing Conference

To conclude the first year of the Safe Return and Recovery II Project, the Angel Coalition brought together representatives from the governmental and non-governmental sectors for a protocol-writing conference in Moscow February 27-March 1, 2007. Representatives from Angel Coalition member NGOs flew in from all over Russia to attend the conference, in addition to counter-trafficking experts from Ukraine, Tajikistan, and Sweden. Federal government officials and law enforcement representing agencies engaged in counter-trafficking work were also present.

Over the course of three days, participants shared recent developments in their spheres, and discussed mechanisms for improving inter-agency and international cooperation in the field of counter-trafficking. In the afternoons, participants broke into groups and worked together to develop draft materials for assisting law enforcement in victim identification and a first draft of a victim protection protocol.

On the last day of the conference, participants had the opportunity to put the theory of inter-agency cooperation into practice. During the night, the Angel Coalition Trafficking Victim Assistance Center (TVAC) received a call from a trafficking victim on its helpline, giving TVAC staff the opportunity to discuss next steps with law enforcement, social workers, and international experts all in one place.

Tajikistan Protocol Writing Conference attracts attention throughout the Central Asian region

In November 2007, the Angel Coalition, in collaboration with MODAR of Tajikistan, hosted the summation protocol writing conference in Dushanbe, Tajikistan for the 2007 Safe Return and Recovery project. Counter-trafficking experts from Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan,



Juliette Engel, Evgeny Tsymbal, and Oleg Kouzbit listen to speakers at the Moscow Child Rescue Project roundtable.



Angel Coalition trainer Konstantin Komarov trains psychologists in the newly remodeled playroom at the Moscow Temporary Detention Center.



The newly remodeled sensory room at the Moscow Temporary Detention Center.



Angel Coalition Legal Advisor Afsona Kadyrova at the 2007 Protocol Writing Conference.



TVAC staff along with Kvinnoforum and Angel Coalition at the 2007 Protocol Writing Conference.



Oleg Kouzbit sums up the 2007 conference in Almaty.

Afghanistan, Iran, the United Arab Emirates, Turkey, and Russia-source, transit, and destination countries for trafficking-- came together to exchange experience, discuss problems, and develop a victim protection protocol and profiling card to be used by law enforcement in Tajikistan. The event was featured for three days in local and international media, giving experts a platform for informing the general population about trafficking and challenges in counter-trafficking. Following the event, Tajik law enforcement requested that printing of the developed identification cards be expedited, and they were put into use in Dushanbe before the New Year.

The Angel Coalition hosts conferences in Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan

In October 2007, the Angel Coalition hosted conferences for high-level government officials, law enforcement, and representatives from the non-commercial sector to discuss and formulate comprehensive counter-trafficking strategies and cross-sector, transnational cooperation in counter-trafficking.

The first conference was held October 25-26 in Bishkek. Despite the parliament having been dissolved by the president earlier in the week, and the associated political turmoil, several newly disbanded parliamentarians were present, including the former Deputy Head of Parliament. Other high-level officials included the Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs, representatives from the Migration Service, and a representative from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Many government officials commented that this was the first time they had been invited to such an event, and all participants were honest and open about the challenges yet to be overcome in order to suppress and prevent human trafficking in Kyrgyzstan. Recommendations developed as a result of discussions are to be brought directly to decision-makers as soon as a new parliament is elected.

Following the conference in Bishkek, a conference was held in Almaty, Kazakhstan. Representatives from international organizations and local and federal government structures were present. A resolution was formulated upon the conclusion of the conference and a working group was developed to refine the resolution and decide the right channels through which to submit the recommendations outlined in the resolution. This conference created a solid basis for beginning Angel Coalition's work in 2008, when 3 high-level conferences will be held in various regions of Kazakhstan.

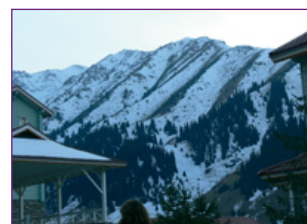
NAVIGATOR HIV prevention program receives widespread endorsement

Following the success of the NAVIGATOR pilot program in Moscow during the 2006-2007 academic year, the expert committee of the Institute of Psychology and Pedagogy officially recommended that the program be implemented in Moscow schools. The Moscow Department of Education has since begun distributing information on NAVIGATOR to Moscow schools. The program, designed to raise awareness amongst young people in order to prevent HIV/AIDS and drug abuse, has been praised for its contribution to efforts to combat these contemporary problems in Russian society. NAVIGATOR includes educational lessons for teenagers and supplementary training sessions for parents on how to encourage their children to lead a safe and healthy lifestyle.

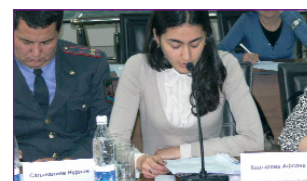
In June, representatives of 64 Moscow city vocational colleges attended a two-day seminar on the NAVIGATOR program. This training event was organized by Women and Children First in collaboration with established partners, the Moscow City Center for Prevention of HIV/AIDS and the Moscow Institute of Psychology and Pedagogy.

In September, the program was expanded to 12 schools and 19 vocational colleges; and the Moscow City Methodological Center, run by the Department of Education, helped to organize training seminars in additional schools and colleges throughout 2007 and for 2008. In Nizhny Novgorod, WCF launched a pilot NAVIGATOR program in four schools alongside the pilot "We Can Do It!" program in four orphanages. City authorities have expressed an interest in expanding these further in 2008.

In December, the NAVIGATOR program received a certificate of approval from the expert committee of the Moscow City University of Psychology and Education. With this recommendation, WCF will apply to the Moscow Department of Education to fund the wider dissemination of the NAVIGATOR program in order to reach more children.



The mountains overlooking Almaty, Kazakhstan where the Angel Coalition, in October 2007, held the first of a series of conferences to be held in Kazakhstan.



Afsona Kadyrova gives a presentation on Russian counter-trafficking legislation in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.



A Swedish police officer accepts a gift from a Kazakh police officer in Almaty.



Children put on a play to demonstrate the benefits of a healthy lifestyle.



Orphanage caretakers learn about encouraging safe and healthy behavior to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS and substance abuse amongst young people.

Step by Step eases transition from the orphanage to independent life

Women and Children First's Step by Step program, funded by the European Union, is designed to help young people leaving institutions successfully adapt to independent life. The program comprises social skills training for graduates and near-graduates from orphanages, and is implemented by WCF trained social workers, teachers and psychologists in orphanages, community centers and vocational colleges.

Thirty young people aged 15-23 are currently participating in program sessions held at four pilot institutions. Participants are either working or studying, and are either still living at an orphanage or independently.

In 2007, WCF held 10 working meetings and seminars with project leaders to discuss difficulties faced during transition from institutions, and to obtain feedback on training in social skills and social networking. Over 100 specialists from Moscow orphanages, vocational colleges, social service centers, and centers for assisting families and children participated in these sessions. Experts from our partner organization PI Research of the Netherlands held two training seminars for specialists from WCF and project leaders from participating institutions on working with orphans' social networks, developing social skills and a training for trainers workshop on how to teach these skills to other specialists.

Feedback from seminars is incorporated into methodological materials for psychologists and social pedagogues. Materials have also been developed for young people to guide them along the road to independence.



Han Spanjaard from PI Research, Netherlands conducts a training session for specialists from Women and Children First and program leaders from institutions participating in the project.



Each page of the Graduate's Diary is packed with useful information for young people.

We Can Do It! training program reaches more children in institutions

In July, the We Can Do It! program was endorsed by the Russian Ministry of Education as one of the best programs for preparing orphans for employment and independent life. Continued training for specialists has ensured that a growing, but stable network of orphanages now hold social competency lessons for teens aged 14-16 using the two-year "We Can Do It!" curriculum. By participating in these lessons, orphans and social orphans are able to increase their self-esteem and motivation and gain essential skills to prepare them for independent life.

In September, the program was expanded to Nizhny Novgorod, where four orphanages were established as pilot sites. Thanks to the success of the trainings and positive feedback from teachers involved, the Nizhny Novgorod Department of Education now wants to include more institutions in the "We Can Do It!" program - a key goal for the next academic year. Altogether, in 2007, 92 specialists were trained to teach the We Can Do It! program, reaching 1162 young people from 69 orphanages across Russia.

A pilot We Can Do It! for children aged 7-11 years, has been launched in Moscow and St. Petersburg. This new program is being funded by World Childhood Foundation and is being implemented in collaboration with the Moscow City Institute of Psychology and Education and the Moscow Humanitarian Pedagogical Institute. Once methods for working with this younger age group have been developed, we will be able to share them with all the orphanages in the growing We Can Do It! network.



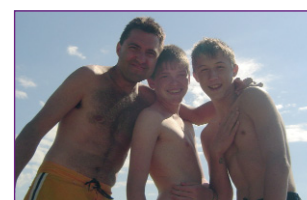
A We Can Do It! for Young Children lesson in progress



Specialists participating in a program training seminar

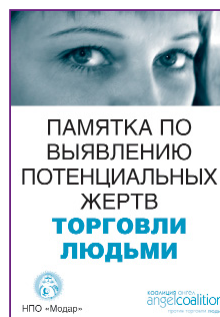
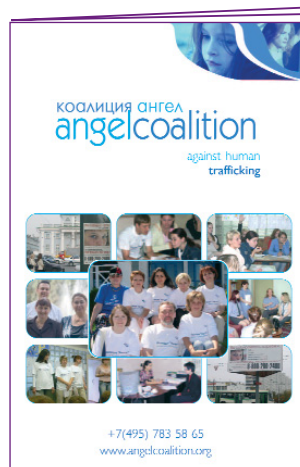
Summer volunteer program has a successful year in Kostroma

In June 2007, MiraMed brought four volunteers from the United States to Russia to spend a month living and working in a Kostroma orphanage along the scenic Volga River. Together, the volunteers and children had fun playing sports, doing arts and crafts, cooking, reading, and swimming in the river. The month was unforgettable for both volunteers and children, as lifelong friendships were forged, and important life lessons were shared and learned.



Two children with Jody, one of MiraMed's summer volunteers.

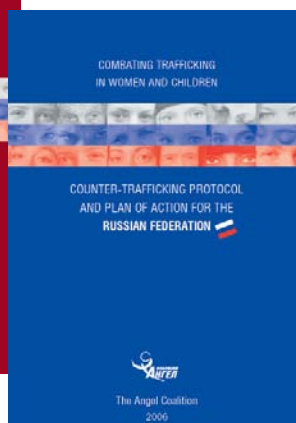
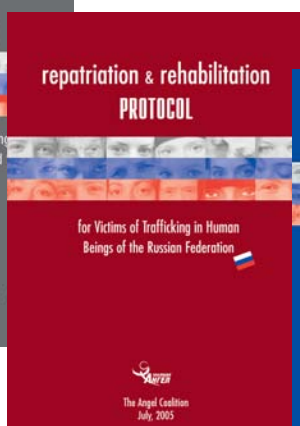
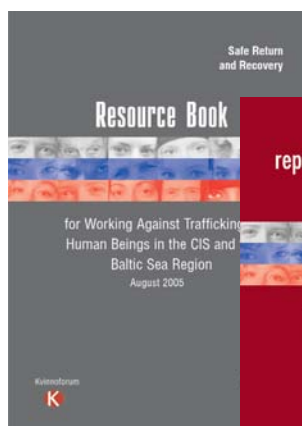
Samples of MiraMed's 2007 publications



Profiling card for law enforcement to assist in identification of trafficking victims

Angel Coalition informational brochure for NGO and government partners

Materials from the Angel Coalition's Moscow Child Rescue Project



Counter-trafficking resource books including "Repatriation, Rehabilitation Protocol for Trafficking Victims" and "Counter-trafficking Protocol and Plan of Action for the Russian Federation"



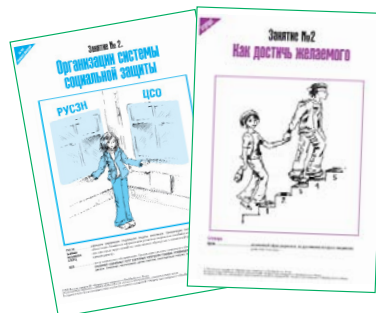
Orphan art which is turned into beautiful holiday cards remains MiraMed's primary fundraiser for supporting orphanage programs. To view the cards and shop the catalogue, go to <http://www.miramedcards.org>



"We Can Do It!" Materials



The "We Can Do It!" newspaper written by and about orphans is licensed in Moscow and distributed to 3000 orphans each month by the city administration.



"We Can Do It!" Workbooks form the basis for lessons on social competency being taught in orphanages throughout Russia.



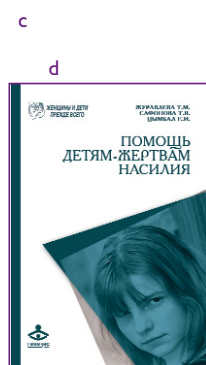
A guide to using films to develop children's social competency skills and film library accompanies the "We Can Do It!" program.

Materials for both experts and young people from the Step by Step Program for providing support to children aging out of orphanages.



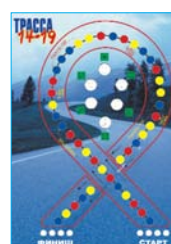
- a) Step by Step: The Graduates Diary. A colorful guide to independent life for orphanage graduates
- b) Step by Step, Individual Counselling for orphanage graduates. A guide for social workers, care givers and psychologists.
- c) How to form contacts and personal support networks, for orphanage graduates. A guide for social workers, care givers, teachers and psychologists

Books for specialists working with traumatized and at-risk children and teenagers.



- a) Help to Children in Crisis: A guide for psychologists based on case studies presented during supervision sessions with a child psychotherapist.
- b) Prevention of drug addiction amongst children and teenagers. A book for specialists working with children with dependency issues
- c) Psychological trauma amongst teenagers with behavioural problems. A guide to working with at risk children and teenagers for specialists within the juvenile justice system, teachers, social workers and care givers
- d) Help for victims of child cruelty. A guide for specialists on child protection and rehabilitation

Resources for Women and Children First's award-winning Navigator Program for preventing HIV/AIDS



Interactive board, game, teachers guide, work books for kids and information leaflets for parents, book for psychologists, teachers, and care givers working in children's homes

The Moscow Child Rescue Project – Working with traumatized children



Psychologists at orphanages and shelters are trained by experts in using sand trays to help young children communicate through play.



A newly-equipped therapy play room



Children who have suffered abuse feel safe in the friendly environment of a specially designed play room.

As part of the Moscow Child Rescue Project, which provides rehabilitation assistance for child trafficking victims in Moscow, in 2007 68 caretakers and psychologists from city-run shelters attended training sessions on trauma, child development, and attachment issues to learn more about the needs of traumatized children and how to provide appropriate care. Psychologists were trained in using play therapy as a means of diagnosis and communication.

With support from the Moscow State University of Psychology and Education, the project has been incorporated into the Education Project, a Russian government program that will extend newly developed therapeutic models to rehabilitation work with orphans and social orphans in state institutions.

The Moscow Department for Public Social Protection has agreed to hold joint meetings, supervisory sessions, and seminars in the coming year. WCF staff met with directors of orphanages and shelters that are potential sites for new therapeutic playrooms with the aim of expanding the project to orphanages.

Seven fully-equipped play rooms have been set up in shelters and orphanages. These play rooms serve as a safe space where traumatized children can express themselves safely and receive therapy in comfortable, unthreatening surroundings.

Each site has a supervisor who holds regular consultations with specialists on difficult cases and directly oversees sessions with the children.

New government funding for “Stork” Motherhood Centers

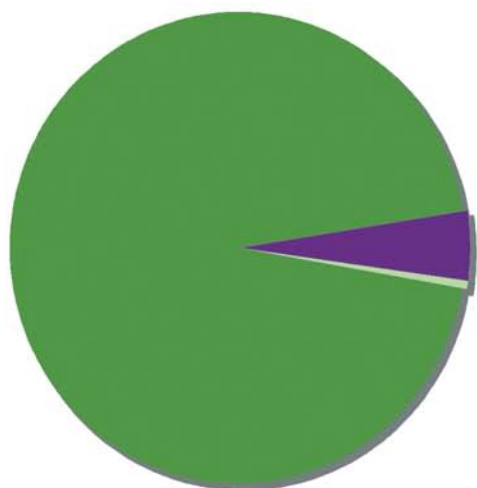
The “Stork” Motherhood Project (formerly Mothers and Babies) aims to prevent infant abandonment by supporting at-risk families - particularly young single mothers - and by working with the authorities to develop a system to combat this problem. Four centers in Moscow are currently implementing the project where young parents receive individual and group training and psychological support. Family social events are held regularly. The centers, which were formerly funded by grants from the World Childhood Foundation, have received Russian government funding to continue and expand their activities. Women and Children First has now reached an agreement with the Department of Social Protection of the Southern District to provide equipment and supplies for lessons in physical culture and job training.

In November 2007 MiraMed held a meeting with the newly formed Department of Youth Policy to discuss the development of multagency early intervention programs with a new social work component. The Department of Youth Policy has been mandated to develop interagency services to prevent abandonment and neglect of children in Moscow and has agreed to fund Women and Children First in 2008 to conduct research into the needs of families and conduct capacity building training for child welfare workers.



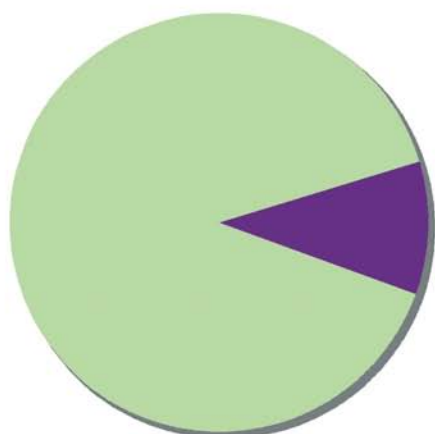
Expenses and Revenue

(Totals reflect activity of MiraMed, Women and Children First and Angel Coalition)



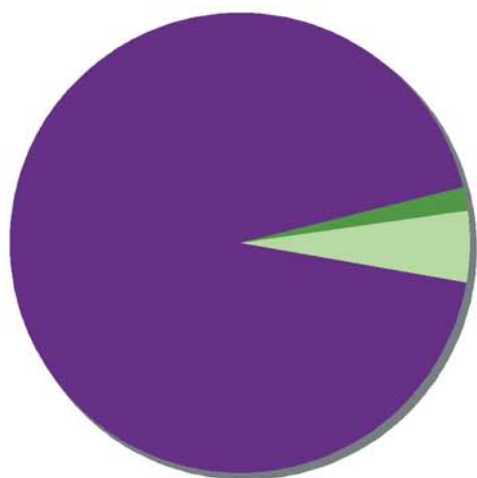
Total Expenses in 2007: \$2,093,426

— Program expense: \$1,985,018	95%
— Management and general: \$96,636	4.5%
— Fundraising: \$11,772	.5%



Total Revenue in 2007: \$2,398,141

— Private support: \$2,151,944	90%
(including \$86,582 from holiday card fundraising)	
— Federal government support: \$246,197	10%



Private Support in 2007: \$2,151,944

— Foundations: \$2,009,101	93%
— Individuals: \$37,543	2%
— Corporations and other: \$105,300	5%

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