

# MiraMed Institute



## Annual Program Report 2008



## 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 Non-Governmental Organizations in 35 regions of Russia, the former Soviet Union, the Baltic states and Europe with an annual operating budget of 1.8 million USD.

## Our Mission

To provide programs of social protection, education, training for self-sufficiency and advocacy for 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 Soviet Republics, and to assist in their rescue, return, and rehabilitation.

## Our Programs in 2008

### **Counter- trafficking in the former Soviet Union**

- Trafficking prevention campaigns
- International rescues and repatriations of trafficking victims
- 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 victims of trafficking in Moscow

### **Social Competency training for at-risk youth in the former Soviet Union**

- Life Skills training for orphans in over 70 orphanages
- Survival guides for 10,000 street children and orphans in Moscow and St. Petersburg
- A bimonthly “We Can Do It!” child-centered newspaper distributed to 3000 children
- “Listening to Children” project – training shelter and orphanage staff in a child-centered approach to institutional care
- Publishing books on how to work with children who have suffered severe forms of abuse, including prostitution
- Training programs for shelter staff and police about how to work with child-victims of violence
- Prevention of abortion and abandonment – community support for single teen mothers

### **HIV/AIDS preventive education**

- Award-winning NAVIGATOR program is the first recommended for Moscow schools
- “We Can Do It!” risk-behavior prevention program reached 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**

- “Colors of Russia” – a volunteer program of concerned citizens working together to 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 population





**D**ear Friends,

2008 was, without doubt, a challenging year. On the organizational front, the move to Washington and restructuring after our merger with Firefly were difficult enough but added to that, the Russian crack-down on human rights organizations, police raids on our building, the Georgian – Russian War, the bankruptcy of foundations in the US and Sweden and then the global economic crisis added to the stress.

At the same time, we met and exceeded all of our projected program goals. In fact, to look at the program results alone, no one would know the internal difficulties, hard work and sacrifices that have been made to keep MiraMed and its filial Russian NGOs – Women and Children First and Angel Coalition – funded, registered and running.

Unfortunately, sacrifices had to be made as sources of unrestricted funding diminished and that meant closing the US office. Operationally, we have returned to the way that we operated from 1998 through 2007 with financial operations run primarily from Moscow by our three person financial staff. This worked for us for many years and has passed several audits and inspections including by the US Embassy and the State Department. I don't believe it is the best and we will open a Washington DC office again as soon as we have funding for it.

As financial tightening measures, MiraMed staff is taking a 50% pay cut in 2009 to keep the organization running. I am proud of our staff here for being willing to make the commitment. Russia has been through financial crises several times in recent history and a key lesson learned is that infrastructure must be preserved in order for organizations, businesses and governments to recover. That is one of the reasons why Russia never dissolved into chaos during the series of financial depressions that have traumatized this country – they simply kept working.

On the positive side, our Russian organizations are receiving increasing financial grants from the City of Moscow (\$200,000 in 2008) and the European Union (\$800,000 in 2009-2010). Russian businesses bought \$60,000 in holiday cards in 2008 and have shown interest in donating services; although direct giving has gone on hold because of the crisis.

Politically, we are in an extremely interesting position as Moscow waits to hear what the Obama Administration policy toward Russia will be. Reading Hillary Clinton's statements suggest that although relations may not completely thaw, they will improve for a number of reasons. In the meantime, Russia continues to expand its influence in the world and I sit here in my office and look at the Kremlin which looks still and quiet under a blanket of snow; but I know that they are extremely busy.

I have no doubt that we will continue in our role as advocates for the rights of at risk children and families and Russia's leading advocates against human trafficking in 2009. In addition, we are primary players in the Russian fight against the spread of HIV/AIDS.

So 2008 is over. We move on to 2009 with many, many miles and good works behind us and a positive attitude to the future.

Juliette M. Engel, MD



## Introducing Some of Our Key Personnel



**Gulchehra M. Mirzoeva:** Director of Trafficking Victim Assistance Center (TVAC) of the Angel Coalition, Moscow, joins the TVAC staff from her prior work as founder and director of Tajikistan's counter-trafficking NGO, MODAR. As director of MODAR, she was one of the first in Tajikistan to work on human trafficking, women's rights and prevention of violence against women and children. She is known widely for her human rights activism in Central Asia and creative approaches to the growing problem of human trafficking. As Director of the TVAC, Gulchehra coordinates project activities and supervises the work of the TVAC staff. She spends her time designing and supervising new projects, preparing program reports and working with international NGOs, intergovernmental organizations and governments.



**Natalia V. Vladimirova:** Since 2004 Natalia has worked as Director of MiraMed's Russian NGO partner for children's programs, "Women and Children First." In this capacity she has written several books on the psychology of orphanhood and developed quality standards for residential institutions and for Moscow social services centers, as well as authoring six highly successful programs for the psychological support and social adaptation of at-risk youth in Moscow and the regions. A trained child psychotherapist, Natalia is a senior fellow of the Moscow Institute of Psychology and Education Research Centre for the Prevention of Social/Psychological Problems Related to Neglect and Orphanhood. Previously Natalia worked as deputy director of a centre for psychological, pedagogical, medical and social assistance to children and teens.



**Shonda Werry:** Shonda interned at MiraMed in Moscow in 2002 while studying Russian at Moscow State University and joined the MiraMed staff in Washington, DC in April 2008. Shonda speaks fluent Russian and received a degree in International Studies from the University of Chicago in 2004. She spent the subsequent four years working on Capitol Hill, and now brings her experience as a federal grant writer to the Washington office. As Program Specialist, Shonda divides her time between Washington, DC and Russia, where she helps to coordinate projects related to human trafficking and child abandonment prevention.



**Luis Lizarazo:** Luis joined the MiraMed team in January 2008 following the merger with Firefly Children's Network. Since this time Luis has worked hard to advance MiraMed's mission in the U.S. Prior to beginning his career, Luis volunteered in Yekaterinburg where he promoted the development of civil society by organizing seminars and conferences that supported increased volunteerism. Today, Luis works hard to coordinate the financial activities of both Russia and the U.S. teams. As a key liaison to the Board of Directors, Luis strives to broaden the reach of MiraMed's work by gaining support in the U.S. and at the United Nations in New York.



## **MiraMed Co-Hosts International HIV/AIDS Conference with Mayor of Moscow and Moscow AIDS Center**



Speaking at the opening plenary right to left, US Ambassador John Beyrle, Head of Moscow Department of Health Andrei Seltsovsky, Mayor of Moscow Yuri Luzhkov, Moscow Duma Chairman of Committee on Public Health and Head of Moscow AIDS Center Dr. Alexei Mazus.

In December, MiraMed co-hosted a ground-breaking international HIV/AIDS conference with the Moscow Mayor and the Moscow City AIDS Center. More than 200 people attended, including numerous Russian government health officials and NGO leaders from the entire CIS. Guests and conference speakers came from England, Germany, the United States, Japan, Estonia, Kazakhstan, India and Ukraine.

Following a keynote address by Yuri Luzhkov, Mayor of Moscow, U.S. Congressman Chris Smith (New Jersey-4th district) gave a special address, detailing many of the legislative challenges that play a role in the struggle against HIV-prevention methods in the U.S. and globally. Other speakers included scientists from Harvard, the University of Pennsylvania, and Johns Hopkins University. Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) also addressed their important role in combating HIV by providing education and treatment, especially in Africa. Topics at the conference ranged from preventing HIV among Russia's at-risk youth groups, to the scientific community's forecast for a potential vaccine in the future, to treatment methods in Africa.

The conference provided the opportunity for MiraMed to present its award-winning HIV/AIDS curriculum, NAVIGATOR, geared towards Moscow students, to the federal government and to NGO leaders from around the world. NAVIGATOR has been touted by the Moscow city government as one of the most cost-effective approaches to teach children how to lead safe and healthy lives, avoiding risky behaviors that could lead to HIV.

As a result of the conference, MiraMed was featured in several Russian newspapers, and the Moscow City AIDS office is now working to develop further cooperation with MiraMed to reduce the spread of AIDS among Russia's youth, and to expand on MiraMed's successful curriculum program to reach more children.

## **MiraMed's "Keeping Baby Home" Program Draws International Participation**

In September, MiraMed hosted an international conference in Moscow on the topic of Early Intervention (EI) Services to Prevent Child Abandonment. The conference was the final installment of MiraMed's "Keeping Baby at Home" project which brought prevention of child abandonment to attention as a national priority in the Russian Federation. Russian government officials, orphanage employees, child social workers, child psychologists, and pediatricians traveled across Russia to participate. Speakers from England, Scotland, Moldova, the United States and Ukraine shared experience and best practices.

The conference provided a forum for MiraMed to present its work in Vladivostok to regional and federal policy-makers. Russian NGO leaders and participants from Vladivostok training seminars conducted by MiraMed throughout 2007 and 2008 were also able to build relationships at the regional and federal levels in order to fully participate in national planning and policy-making processes for Early Intervention services. MiraMed is now in the process of making recommendations to the Russian federal government to create a nationwide early intervention program.





## “Listening to Children” – Orphans Share Their Secrets of Resilience

Children present their winning projects at the Voice of the Child conference



In April, MiraMed's third annual “Voice of the Child” conference was held under the auspices of the Moscow Ombudsman for Children's Rights. The conference, this year attended by over 120 participants from 17 regions of Russia, is an annual event held as part of the Listening to Children project, which aims to empower children in institutions to express their views to policy makers, gain essential life skills and become active citizens.

Participants included children from orphanages, their care givers, policy-makers and representatives of NGOs. At the conference groups of children – the winners of this year's children's mini-project competition, presented their creative work based on positive experiences of post-orphanage life, collected from orphanage graduates. The stories gathered by teams of children have now been compiled into a book entitled *Secrets of Resilience*, together with an analysis of international experience of children's participation projects, to be published as a resource for specialists and children in orphanages, internats and temporary shelters.

A new children's mini-project competition, entitled “My Life in the World of Rights and Responsibilities”, has been announced for 2008-9. The competition is being held in collaboration with the Association of Ombudsmen with co-financing from the Moscow government. Currently 359 children and 587 specialists are participating in the Listening to Children project.

Picture by  
Chorochilova Ira



## “We Can Do It!” – Life Skills Program Expanded to Younger Children

Specialists from orphanages at a We Can Do It! training seminar

The We Can Do It! life skills program for teens has been implemented in orphanages in Moscow and the regions since 2002. Currently 1162 teens aged 13-18 are taking part in the program in 67 institutions in Moscow and four other regions of Russia. The program is run by 90 specialists, including psychologists, social workers and care-givers, who attend regular MiraMed training seminars and support groups. In 2008, 7 training seminars were held for specialists in Moscow, St Petersburg and Nizhny Novgorod. The program attained official approval from the Russian Ministry of Education in 2007 and is now publicized on the website of the Federal Education Agency.



In 2007-8 the new “We Can Do It!” program for younger children was piloted in 14 orphanages in Moscow and St Petersburg. Ninety-six orphans aged 7-11 took part in life skills lessons involving participatory activities such as games and group discussions to engage the children. The aim is to encourage them at a young age to develop social skills and an awareness of the world outside the orphanage – a crucial foundation for social integration later in life. In June 2008 the Moscow State Pedagogical University approved the program for general distribution to educational institutions. The Moscow government has requested trials of the program in other types of institution and in September 2008, 3 schools joined 4 additional orphanages in teaching the program for the first time.

Dr. Victor Semyonov from Moscow State Institute for Psychology and Education gave a training seminar in for specialists implementing We can Do It! and Listening to Children





## Expanding NAVIGATOR in Volga Region



Navigator  
project  
participants

This year MiraMed's program for the prevention of HIV/AIDS and substance abuse for adolescents, parents and teachers, NAVIGATOR, is operating in 54 schools and colleges in Moscow, Nizhni Novgorod, and the Vladimir Oblast,

reaching 1393 young people aged 14-20. The Russian government has once again confirmed that "NAVIGATOR forms a positive and logical addition to city policies on youth welfare and the 2007-2011 city youth program."

The program is taught using interactive methods and resources including a new film, "You Have a Choice", recorded by Theatre for a Change in February 2008. MiraMed has distributed copies of a DVD containing the film, additional class material for use in discussions with adolescents and a helpful commentary for specialists to all institutions taking part in NAVIGATOR.

In order to raise visibility and support for this project in Nizhni Novgorod and surrounding regions, MiraMed organized a Volga regional conference in April in partnership with local partner the Children's Fund, entitled "Ways of perfecting educational work with children and adolescents; forming life skills; preventing HIV/AIDS and drug addiction". The event was supported by the Nizhni Novgorod Department of Education, Children's Rights and Social Welfare, and the Nizhegorodski Oblast Center for the Fight with HIV and was well-publicized by local media outlets.

## "Step-by-Step" Helps Orphanage Graduates



Orphanage graduates expressed their views on the support needs of young people leaving orphanages



Conference hosts included Moscow Ombudsman for Children's Rights, MiraMed Children's Programs Manager, Russian Ministry of Education



Katya Nonieva, Step by Step project coordinator

February 2008 marked the end of the Step by Step project, funded by the European Commission, designed to build the capacity of state institutions and agencies to support young people aging out of institutional care placements. Specialists from the USA, Great Britain, Austria, Netherlands, Ukraine, and Tajikistan as well as 24 regions of the Russian Federation attended the final conference to contribute to the model for post orphanage support created in Moscow and exchange best practice. Two graduates from the MiraMed social adaptation program gave testimony to the difficulties orphanage graduates continue to face in accessing education and employment and the importance of post orphanage support programs. Sasha and Pavel admitted to having a very difficult time during their personal transitions, thanked MiraMed for all of the help that they received and talked about their successful business which is a hair salon where they hire and train orphanage graduates.

Overall, 1300 young people and 210 specialists from 65 institutions took part in the two year Step by Step project, which involved capacity building trainings for social workers and social pedagogues from orphanages, vocational colleges and community centers, practical work to develop a model for transition services, and development and dissemination of educational literature for specialists and young people, as well as two international conferences. Following the conclusion of the project, the Moscow Department of Education provided funding for educational materials produced as part of Step-by-Step to be reprinted and distributed in December and for a follow-up study of orphanage graduates to be carried out in 2009. Moscow City programs for 2009-2011 also now include funding for continued capacity building for institutions working with young people aging out of institutions.





## “Moscow Child Rescue Project”

Olga Shtul from Angel Coalition conducts training seminar on how to work with abused children at a Moscow detention center



The Moscow Child Rescue Project is designed to help child victims of trafficking, trauma and abuse and is funded by the World Childhood Foundation. From 2007-2008, MiraMed set up nine therapy play rooms in Moscow rehabilitation centers, shelters and orphanages, trained 68 specialists to use the play rooms in individual consultations with children, and published a series of methodological materials for specialists.

Since the start of the project, specialists have held over 1000 consultations in the play rooms with children who have suffered trauma and abuse, including abandoned children found living on the street and children exploited by traffickers.

Five training seminars for psychologists and heads of institutions held between January and March addressed challenges commonly faced by institution staff such as “working with aggression in the play room” and “organizing social work in institutions”.

The project, supported by the Moscow Ombudsman for Children’s Rights and the Moscow City University of Psychology and Education, now has authorized government status as part of the national Education project. In 2008 MiraMed received two grants from the Moscow Department of Social Protection for the reprinting of educational materials for specialists working with child victims of violence and for a program for adolescents in institutions using play therapy. MiraMed’s core implementation partner Women and Children First has been invited to apply for further grants from the Moscow government to continue developing methods and facilities for the rehabilitation of Moscow’s disadvantaged youth, to help children overcome traumatic experiences and successfully reintegrate into society.

In 2009, MiraMed will be working with governmental and non-governmental partners in developing an interdisciplinary approach to helping trafficked, abused and traumatized children, increasing training for psychologists using the play rooms, and preventing professional burn-out in this field. MiraMed plans to create an educational film for psychologists, to provide visual guidance on using play rooms in individual work with traumatized children.

## “Moms and Babies” Supports Single Mothers – Keeps Children in Families

The “Stork” Motherhood Project (formerly Moms 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



MiraMed’s “Moms and Babies” project, funded by the World Childhood Foundation, has been supporting young single mothers in Moscow community centers since 2002. Project activities focus on psychological and pedagogical assistance to vulnerable young families to prevent child abandonment and abuse. In 2008, 194 young mothers, 204 children, 120 teenaged girls and 19 fathers attended courses and events organized under the project. Since January 2008 project activities at one of the four centers have been funded by the Moscow Department of Youth and Family Policy; a further two centers are now funded by the Moscow Department of Social Protection.

As a result of the project, MiraMed has become a leading consultant to the Moscow government in the area of prevention of child abuse and abandonment and received government funding to assist with the further development of services for families and children. Funding will cover a needs survey of families attending community centers run by the Department of Youth Policy and the development of medium standards for psychological services to families based at community Centers for Families and Children. MiraMed Russian NGO Women and Children First is carrying out this work in collaboration with the Moscow Institute of Psychology and Education.





## Angel Coalition Trains 1300 Police Officers Working with Children



Konstantin E. Komarov conducts training seminar for law enforcement officials. (on the left)

Angel Coalition training for law enforcement officials in Petrozavodsk as part of the European Commission Project

During 2008, the Angel Coalition conducted 72 training sessions in which 1300 law enforcement officers and police psychologists working with children from Moscow and the Moscow region took part. The training took place in the Juvenile Detention Center (Altufovo) which is run by the Moscow City Police Department. The Angel Coalition trainers taught the participants to identify and expose sexual abuse in non-traumatizing ways and to speak with a child victim in order to obtain as much evidence as possible relating to his or her sexual abuse without causing further harm. Trainers then demonstrated the practical application of these methods by conducting interviews with children with the psychologists and employees from the Internal Affairs units watching from behind two-way mirrors as Angel Coalition trainers sat on the floor and engaged in games and conversation with the children. Through this kind of practical training, the participants retained more information and gained a deeper understanding of what they had learned while good interviews were obtained from the children regarding their trauma and those who inflicted it.

With the assistance of Moscow City Police Department, an educational film, "Systematic methods for post-traumatic rehabilitation, psychological preparation, and the correction of negative psychological conditions," was produced for internal use and distribution among various structures of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation tasked with protection of minors.

## Angel Coalition Helpline Receives 5434 Calls for Help in 2008



Angel Coalition Helpline billboard

Over the past year, 5434 people contacted the Angel Coalition on its hotline. Of the total number of calls, 1141 were directly from trafficking victims, and 42 were urgent calls which resulted in emergency intervention carried out by the Angel Coalition Trafficking Victim Assistance Center in partnership with Russian and international law enforcement.

The age of the callers ranged from 20 to 53 years old; 996 were women, and 145 were men. Of the 1141 trafficking victims who contacted the Angel Coalition's hotline, 49% of the victims were recruited by personal acquaintances; 37% were drawn in by deception or force; 10% were recruited by relatives; and 4% responded to announcements and solicitations. Of these calls, 2% agreed to work with Russian law enforcement agencies by providing information and giving testimony.

The majority of callers learned about the hotline from television, local press, and informational materials distributed by the Angel Coalition. In the Moscow region, where most of the urgent calls about trafficking and sexual exploitation come from, the Angel Coalition posted billboards with the hotline number.



## ***MiraMed and Angel Coalition Partner with Trafficking Survivors to Design New Program for Russian Police***

Counter-trafficking roundtable meeting in Yaroslavl for law enforcement officials



This 14 month project was conducted in five target regions in the Russian Federation (Moscow, Chelyabinsk, Yaroslavl, Nizhny Novgorod, and Petrozavodsk). In 2008, 350 participants included 200 law enforcement and government officials, and 150 leaders in the nonprofit sector. During the initial stages of this project, the Coalition gathered information on cases where law enforcement failed to identify victims of human trafficking or human. We also examined cases where police further violated the human rights of human trafficking in the target cities.

Trafficking survivors from Angel Coalition rehabilitation programs participated in the design of the project and gave recommendations on working with survivors to the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Federal Prosecutors, Ombudsman for Human Rights, Department of Migrants for the United Nations, participating NGO partners from four regions and mass media.

While discussing ways to provide efficient and effective assistance to trafficking victims, the participants analyzed trends in criminal trafficking, shared experiences and identified deficiencies in defending victims' rights. They also discussed how to develop a sympathetic approach to victims and change the stereotypes that law enforcement officers generally harbor towards trafficking victims.

The project launched a new website: [www.yk127-1.ru](http://www.yk127-1.ru) which provides law enforcement and NGOs full access to online resources including lists of anti-trafficking organizations, international documents, and databases containing the laws of the Russian Federation.

## ***“Rescue and Recovery” Project Final Year in Central Asia***

Counter-trafficking conference in Almaty, Kazakhstan for government officials.



In September MiraMed and the Angel Coalition, in partnership with the Swedish NGO, Kvinnoforum, and Swedish law enforcement concluded the final year of the “Safe Return and Recovery” project. The project, which began in 2004, brought international experts from several European countries to Russia and the Central Asian republics to train local law enforcement officials, social workers, and NGOs to effectively combat human trafficking in the region. In 2008, MiraMed trained 95 police officers, government officials and NGO workers in two cities in Kazakhstan – Aktobe and Taraz.

Swedish police officers who work in counter-trafficking initiatives and specialize in rehabilitating victims, came to Kazakhstan to train the local police officers how to identify victims, re-unite victims with their families, and also track criminal organizations, which fuel the trafficking industry in Central Asia. Special workshops were also conducted to train journalists how to deal with the issue of trafficking and how to protect victims' rights in stories about these human rights violations.

In total, MiraMed co-organized training seminars in nine Russian cities and 5 cities in Central Asia. As a result of these training seminars, the local police officers are better prepared to cooperate with international law enforcement officials and they are now trained in the methods of identifying victims. Local NGO employees now have the international contacts they need in order to successfully help trafficking victims re-integrate into society after being trafficked. Furthermore, because of these successful training seminars, local NGOs now have the resources and skills to educate the public about the risks of labor and sex trafficking.

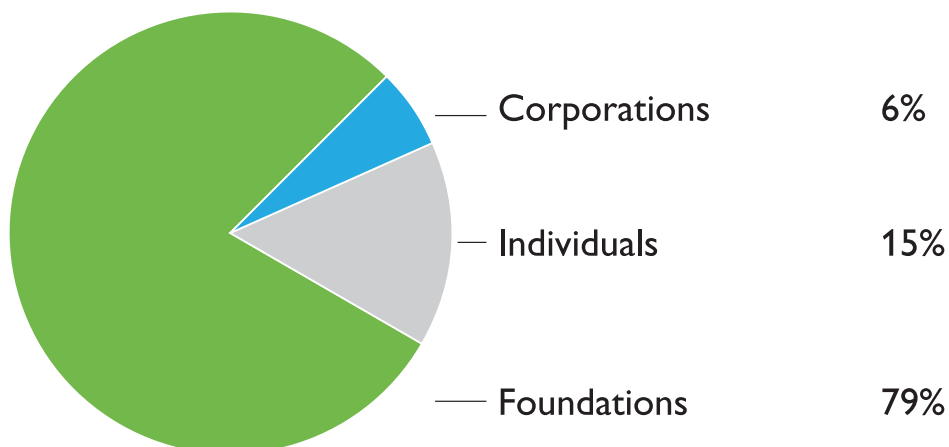
The “Rescue and Restore” project contributed to the increase in law enforcement cooperation across European, Baltic and CIS borders, the mapping of transnational criminal networks, improved protection of victims and development of model legislation for all countries of the former Soviet Union under review by the Federation Council.



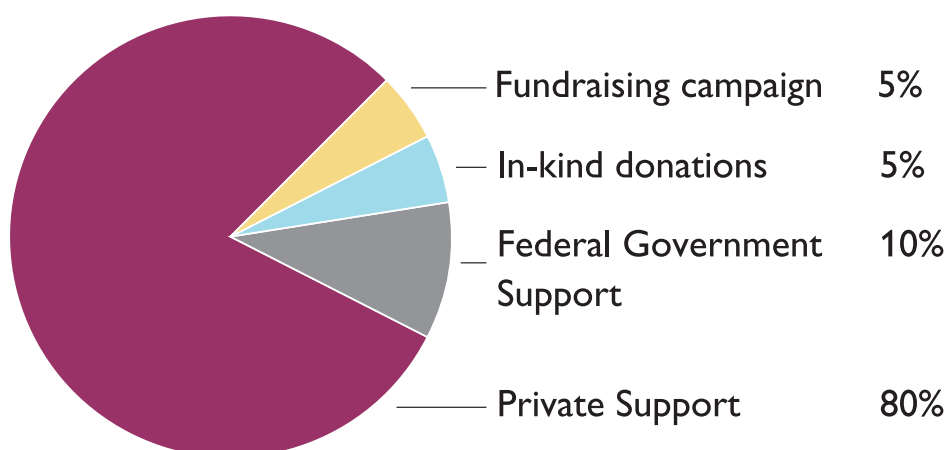


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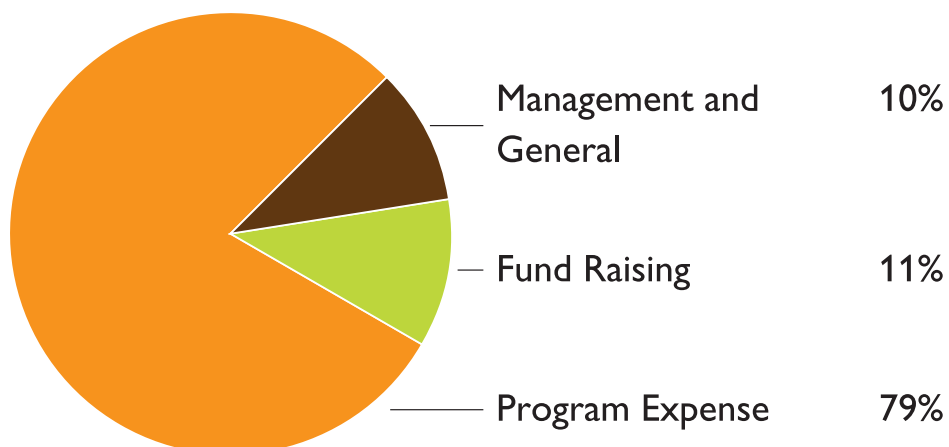
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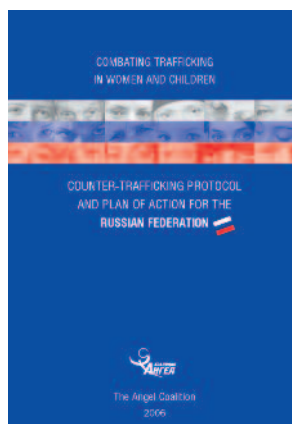
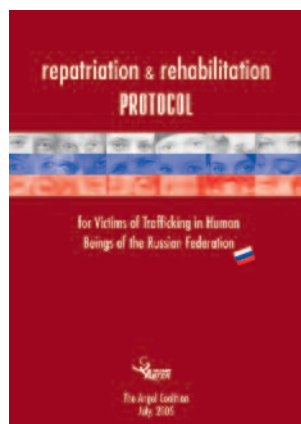
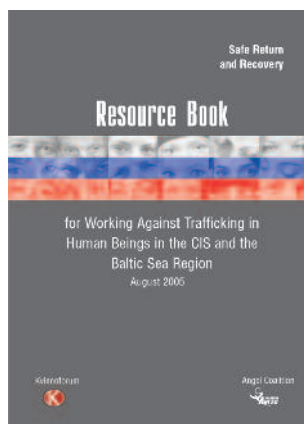


### Total Expenses in 2008 \$1,796,316





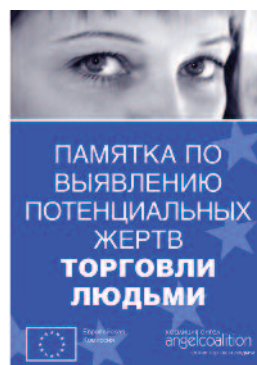
## Samples of MiraMed's 2008 publications



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



Counter-trafficking poster with trafficking hotline phone number



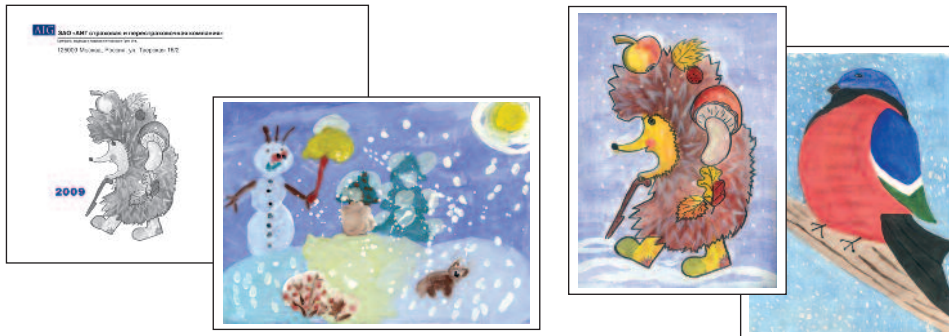
Profiling card for law enforcement to assist in identification of trafficking victims



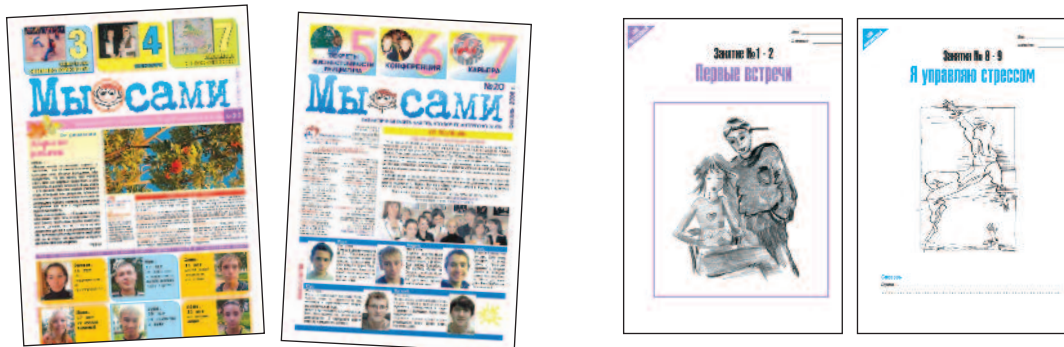
Anti-trafficking billboard in Moscow. Angel Coalition has similar billboards throughout Moscow and surrounding region







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

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.



The 2009 "Graduate's Calendar" created for orphanage leavers with useful information for their transition to independent life

"Genius in Your Fingertips" by T. A. Kislinkaya, Genesis 2008

"Learn More About Your Rights!" – information book on the UN Convention for the Rights of the Child for young children

Program manual for pedagogues and workbook for children participating in the social competency program for young children



- Presentations from the EU conference "Experience of Creating and Developing Effective Types of Support for Orphans and Orphanage Graduates", Moscow 2008.
- Step by Step: "The Graduate's Diary". A colorful guide to independent life for orphanage graduates
- How to form contacts and personal support networks, for orphanage graduates. A guide for social workers, care givers, teachers and psychologists



## Major Grants and Sponsors 2008

### Grants

World Childhood Foundation

United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

State Department Office to Monitor and Combat Human Trafficking (G/TIP)

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