

**CCCF Annual General Meeting
January 16, 2019
Report from Druzi Dzherela (Friends of Dzherelo)
(PowerPoint Photo Presentation)**

My name is Bohdan Kolos, and I'm a Director on the CCCF Board, representing Dzherelo. I would like to give an update on the work of Friends of Dzherelo, Друзі Джерела, here in Toronto, and acquaint you with some events of the past year at Dzherelo Children's Rehab Centre in Lviv, Ukraine.



As you well know CCCF has had "Dzherelo" as a project of theirs for many years now. CCCF is committed to providing a steady level of funding to Dzherelo in quarterly instalments for the Early Intervention Program. This steady funding is of great importance to the Centre, since it receives only about 1/2 of its budget requirements from the Lviv municipal government. The rest of the budget is covered by fundraising, grants, donations - financial and in-kind.

CCCF has recently renewed their commitment and contract with Dzherelo and their Director, Zoreslava (Zoriana) Lyulchak, a long-time member of the Dzherelo Management team, and now its Director.

Dzherelo also has a Board of Directors with Kateryna Horokhovska as Chair.

Friends of Dzherelo, Друзі Джерела, here in Toronto are entrusted with the responsibility of providing basic PR for the Centre, and helping raise the necessary funds to keep the CCCF Dzherelo projects running. This is done by providing awareness and information, encouraging donation through newsletters, organizing direct fundraising events, and visiting Dzherelo as often as they can when travelling.

One such example of continued community support is the annual Koliada concert by St. Nicholas choir, with all proceeds going to Dzherelo.

Christmas and Easter, school and church bazaars provide Druzi Dzherela with the opportunity to sell crafts and art produced by Dzherelo youth in their workshops.

Bazaars and craft sales were held at these parish events:

- Ukrainian Seniors' Centre, Sudbury
- St. Nicholas Catholic Parish, Toronto
- St. Demetrius Catholic Parish, Etobicoke
- St. Peter and Paul Catholic Parish, Scarborough
- Holy Eucharist Catholic Parish, Toronto
- St. Joseph's Catholic Parish, Oakville
- St. Sophia Catholic School, Mississauga
- St. Demetrius Orthodox Parish, Etobicoke
- Pershi Kroky Children's Program, Etobicoke
- Bloor West Ukrainian Festival, Toronto

This past year some of our Druzi members had the opportunity to travel to Dzherelo in Lviv, visit and volunteer at the Centre, and see for themselves how the Centre is growing, improving, and really making a difference in the lives of special needs children in Ukraine. Here are Lila Lapczak, and Roksolana and Oles Slywynsky.



The Child Early Intervention Program has enhanced the number of its services, providing a variety of new workshops, new classes, - even as their physio and rehab staffing is undergoing changes.

The Kindergarten and School Program is continuing to grow, with special needs children being integrated into local regular schools, setting a precedent for inclusive education in the Lviv school system.

There is a new Sensory Room program, funded through a special project by Druzi members.

Activity Workshops for Youth expanded their programs with more vocational training, trips into the community, placements into the work environment, art program, music program and a fully-equipped carpentry workshop.

Staff participated in many training sessions, conferences, seminars, internship programs and exchanges – local, national, and international. Dzherelo also hosts many workshops and seminars for parents and out-of-town professionals.

The PR and Development Department organized fundraisers and benefit events for the Centre. Their Gala Benefit “Calling all Friends” seems to have become a successful annual event.

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Dzherelo Centre has many donors, benefactors, volunteers, and friends. They raise funds by participating in charity runs, and appealing to the Lviv City Council for funds. And the Canadian armed forces personnel stationed in western Ukraine have become true friends and frequent visitors.

Dzherelo plans for 2019:

1. Open three new satellite centres for Dzherelo youth.
2. Expand the home visit schedule for children in the Early Intervention program.
3. Support the city’s inclusivity program with an information-resource centre at Dzherelo, focusing on inclusivity.
4. Install ceiling lifts in 2 of the group classrooms, in co-operation with Ukrainian manufacturers of rehabilitative apparatus.
5. Create and instruct 4 new teams of specialists for the Early Intervention program.
6. Support continuing education of Dzherelo staff to enhance their professional qualifications

Life continues to be difficult in Ukraine: emotionally, politically, financially, and economically. Dzherelo is no exception. However, we are confident that the Centre is in very competent hands with the current Board and Director, and that life and work at Dzherelo is continuing with little interruption for the benefit of special needs children and their families in Ukraine.



Druzi Dzherela as well as the children and staff of Dzherelo Centre would like to thank the CCCF Board and the office staff for their help, support, and cooperation throughout the year.

Zenia Kushpeta has a letter from Dzherelo that she would like to now read to you.

Thanks! Дуже дякую!