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One Heart Bulgaria raises funds with Gala

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What do you get when you fill a room with quality individuals, add great food and entertainment, and raise a lot of money for a great cause? One Heart Bulgaria's fundraising Gala! What a magical night this turned out to be. Many people put time and effort into ensuring the Gala's success, and it showed!

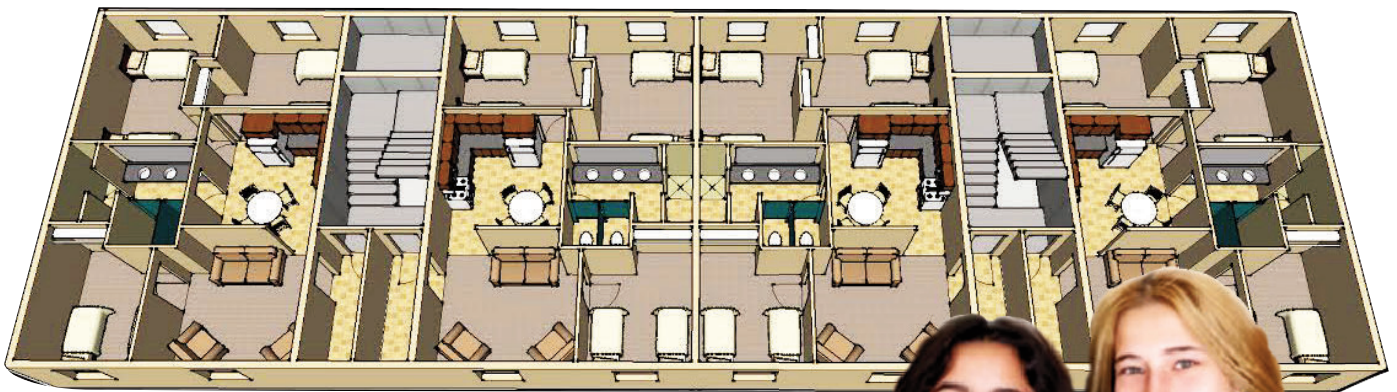
The setting for the evening of Feb. 13th was the Oakridge Country Club in Farmington, Utah, a beautiful and cozy venue. The former Miss Utah USA, Laura Chukanov, and I hosted the evening. We were honored to give awards and recognition to individuals and organizations that have

been instrumental in developing One Heart's ability to help orphans.

Song writer and entertainer, Beau Davidson, flew in from Nashville, Tennessee, to provide the entertainment. He did a phenomenal job and really touched everyone in the room with his talents. In addition to Beau's entertainment, a video presentation helped show our vision for the Opportunity Home, the cause for which the evening's proceeds were designated. The feeling in the room was amazing, and it seemed as though everyone left grateful they had come. When the evening was over and all was said and done, over \$520,000.00 had been raised and committed to the Opportunity

Home! This puts the total raised for this project at over \$620,000.00! We are getting very close to our goal of one million dollars. We encourage any of you out there reading this article who has the ability to contribute, to do so. This project will change lives and give hope to many girls in Bulgaria. It truly will be a home that gives an opportunity to rise up and succeed to young women who otherwise might have to turn to crime and prostitution to survive.

To donate, please visit our website at <http://www.oneheart-bg.org/>. Again, a special thanks to everyone who helped make One Heart's 2015 fundraising Gala a success!



A home offering hope for girls

The proposed Opportunity Home will provide a place for girls aging out of the orphanage system to live in six-occupant apartments supervised by a married couple who will train the young women in budgeting, housekeeping, finding employment opportunities, prudent living, and other life skills.



OHB introduces two new board members

Thomas Winterton, the new chairman of the board, is originally from Roosevelt, UT where he currently resides with his wife and three sons. He owns three successful companies, including a construction company, three motels, and is a managing partner in a film production company. He has served in many leadership positions within his community and state. He is currently serving as the President of his local Rotary club, as Chairman of the Duchesne County Republican Party, and as a member of the Utah Republican Central Committee.

Thomas and his wife, Melissa, recently traveled to Bulgaria for a Rotary Humanitarian trip. During this trip, they were able to see first-hand the condition of the orphanages in Bulgaria. "Our hearts were touched in many ways on this trip. We recognized the obvious need, and we were also impressed by the generosity of an organization called One Heart Bulgaria. We were amazed at the outreach of this organization. We vowed that when we got back to the United States, we would do all we could to further assist this great humanitarian organization in its efforts to help the children of Bulgaria."

Thomas enjoys politics, traveling, and spending time with his family.



The success of the Gala was due in large measure to the efforts and dedication of Thomas Winterton. Thanks!



Youlia Miteva, another new member of One Heart Bulgaria's board, was born in Bulgaria and then moved to America in 1994. She and her husband, Brett, have been very involved in One Heart Bulgaria programs. "As a Bulgarian expat, One Heart Bulgaria represents a cause that is extremely near and dear to my heart," she explains. "I feel that this charity makes a huge difference in the lives of Bulgarian orphans with relatively limited resources, and I would like to be able to be part of and have an impact on it in a more meaningful way. I feel the organization has a solid cost-effective platform in place, and there is a significant potential to grow its donor base, and potentially its reach and footprint."

Youlia comes to One Heart with a wealth of experience; she is a member of the board of Proxima Capital Offshore, Ltd., an offshore investment fund under the management of Proxima Capital Management, LLC, which is an investment firm that she founded and has managed for the last ten years. Youlia and her husband and young son currently live in New York.



Glimpses of the *Gala*

The Gala which took place on Feb. 13th, featured Thomas Winterton, left, and former Miss Utah USA, Laura Chukanov, in red, as hosts. Deborah Dushku Brailsford, wearing black, gave a presentation about the Opportunity Home. Beau Davidson, right, provided entertainment to enthusiastic applause.





Participants at the Gala enjoyed a delicious dinner as they listened to harp music and chatted. There were displays of Bulgarian folk art, photos, brochures, and newsletters chronicling the history of One Heart Bulgaria. Lovely paintings by artist Scott Samuelson were presented to honorees who had donated generously to the organization.



One Heart Bulgaria expresses thanks to Jennifer Djambov

Jennifer's interest in things Bulgarian began in 1998 when she met native Bulgarian Ivan Djambov at Brigham Young University. They married the next year. When One Heart Bulgaria organized in 2003 to help orphans, both Jennifer and Ivan became involved. From the first, Ivan was a member of the board and Jennifer's skills were called upon as accountant and treasurer. Ivan served as president of the board for several years, until other responsibilities made it necessary for him to cut back his involvement. Jennifer, however, has continued as OHB financial officer until this Summer. Her responsibilities have included processing donations, paying bills, keeping track of donors to send out tax-related letters, and everything else of a financial nature.

In the meanwhile, the Djambov family has been growing! As seen in the photos below, the children range from the oldest, David, through sister Emily, and brothers Jonathan, Kaleb, Joshua, and Adam. Just recently a new baby, Michael, has been added. It is obvious that Jennifer has her hands full. Others are now trying to fill her slot, but it will take a firm of accountants. Volunteer, Brittany Daw, will now process donations.

One Heart Bulgaria simply cannot adequately express their gratitude to Jennifer for her years of dedicated service. Thanks and God bless you!





OHB relies on team of Bulgarian translators

We love our Bulgarian translators. We rely on Sonya and Liliya when we need letters and contracts translated. These busy young moms are living far from their childhood homes in Bulgaria but continue to remain involved and connected to their native land.

Sonya Petrova, currently studying in Australia, contacted us in 2012, after searching the internet. She wrote, "You have accomplished so much. Thank you for your big heart! Only a mother knows the need and helplessness of the little ones." Since then Sonya has donated books, shoes, and clothes, and even her dad's accordion to One Heart initiatives during visits to her family in Bulgaria. In addition, she has provided translations for us, including our correspondence with Bulgarian booksellers. Sonya continues to be available when we need her help.

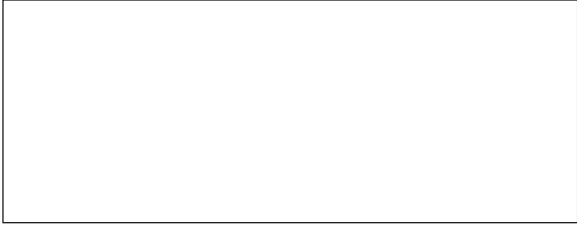
When contracts for our libraries have needed to be translated, **Liliya Baeva** has been a godsend for those projects. This difficult request included all the invoices and financial details relating to the One Heart library projects. She has also written certificates and acknowledgement letters. Liliya learned about us through a newspaper article about an American couple who adopted a Bulgarian child: "Ever since we've established ourselves in the US, we wanted to give back to Bulgaria.

With the high corruption, we were reluctant to make donations as we doubted our money will get to the children for whom it's intended. We were so lucky to have found One Heart so that we can contribute in a meaningful way."

She continues, "Besides financial contributions, I was also looking for a way to volunteer remotely and Deborah was very gracious in engaging me to translate legal and financial documents for One Heart."

We are so grateful to have committed and talented people like Liliya and Sonya on the One Heart team!





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Incorporate donating into your internet use

There are multiple ways to donate to One Heart Bulgaria online. Of course the simplest way is to go to the OHB website at www.oneheart-bg.org and donate directly. But there are also ways to donate a little bit just by using certain internet services. You can help Bulgarian orphans when you surf the internet by using GoodSearch as your search engine. One Heart



Bulgaria will get 1 penny for every search you make. Go to www.good-search.com - powered by Yahoo! and enter in One Heart Bulgaria as your charity of choice.

Another easy way to donate is through iGive. Online since 1997, iGive.com is the Internet's first shopping mall where purchases benefit the shopper's favorite cause. Over 1,500 online stores participate in their program, providing a percentage of each sale to benefit the member's designated charity or nonprofit organization. One Heart Bulgaria is one

that you can designate to receive donations when you shop through iGive.com.



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