

Supplemental to Financial Summary

Clothing:

Depending on the needs of the particular orphanage during the visit, clothing is purchased. This was not a focus in 2006 and 2007. Targeted donations were made to purchase clothing in 2008.

Field Trips/Activities:

Expenses for field trips increased each year as more children participated in the summer program and additional opportunities became available. This amount includes transportation for the children, orphanage staff, translators, and volunteers.

“Family Dinner Nights” and end-of-the-summer parties at the orphanages during each program are also included here. Additional food purchased for the children is included as well since our field trips often have us away from the orphanage during meal times.

Food:

Food expenses in 2005 and 2006 were largely a result of feeding the graduates during our stays in St. Petersburg and during our visits to the orphanage in Svirstroy. Such expenses after 2006 are covered using personal funds of the program director and volunteers. Additional food expenses include purchasing food for the children to eat while in the orphanage, generally fruit, juice, and ice cream.

Hotel:

Hotel costs include one night in Moscow prior to returning to the United States, overnight stays on visits to the orphanage in Svirstroy, and a flat in St. Petersburg where we meet with children who have left the orphanage (“graduates”) and have moved to St. Petersburg to find employment (2005 and 2006 only).

Mattresses/Beds:

Targeted donations were made to purchase new beds and mattresses for the orphanages. Two additional beds were purchased for an orphanage staff member so she can have children spend weekends and holidays with her family.

Orphanage Supplies:

Supplies include a variety of expenses—arts and crafts materials, DVDs (in Russian), sports equipment, and other items used at the orphanage during the summer program. This also includes a small photo album for each child and the orphanage director along with most of the hundreds of photos the children take during the summer program and during visits.

Phone:

Phone expenses are for one cell phone that is used to contact the translator and that can be used by the translator to make calls on our behalf.

Postage:

Postage expenses are for postage to send letters and items to the orphanages from the United States and to provide postage for the children to send letters to the United States.

Transportation Costs:

Transportation includes additional local transportation, trains from St. Petersburg or Moscow to and from Svirstroy, buses to and from Moscow to Kostroma, and airfare. Airfare is greatly reduced in some years due to the use of frequent flier miles and donated tickets. In 2006, there were two trips to Russia. In 2008, there were two volunteers traveling.

Donations:

Program volunteers are solely responsible for raising the necessary funds to cover the program's expenses each year. Any program expenses in excess of the funds raised are covered by the program volunteers. They also incur additional expenses during the program including additional items used during the program (e.g., computer software in Russian for donated laptops, batteries, medical supplies, etc.) and gifts for the staff and orphanage director. Program volunteers have also donated laptops, digital cameras, and frequent flier miles to the program which are not included in program donations.