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Groundbreaking Ceremony Held for Primorye Children's Cancer Center

On Thursday afternoon, Primorye government officials, sponsors and foreign diplomats gathered in Sedanka to be present at the dedication of the cornerstone for the Primorye



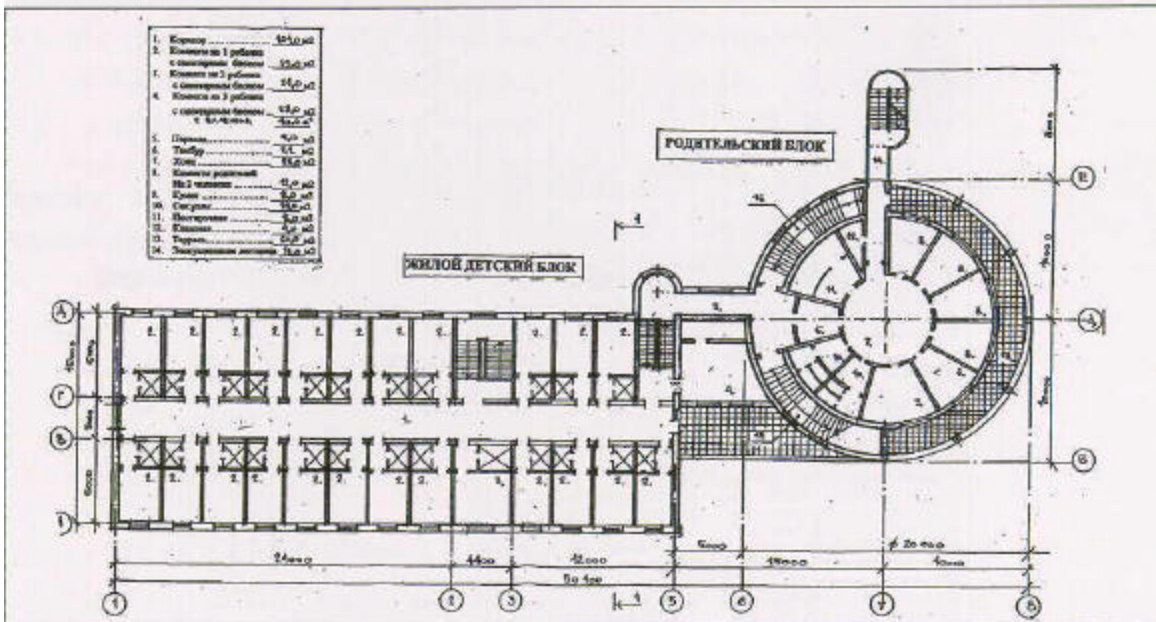
• Owen, CG, Linetskiy at the Sedanka Site

Center for the Rehabilitation of Children with Oncohematological Diseases imeni Raisa Gorbacheva.¹ The project is sponsored by “Children of Russia,” an organization headed by Natasha **Owen**, the Russian Honorary Consul in Hawaii.

Before the ceremony, I talked with Mrs. Owen, and with First Deputy Governor Aleksandr **Linetskiy**, who, along with Larisa **Darkin** (the wife of Primorye Governor Sergey Darkin) is a major backer of the project.

According to Natasha, this project is the sixth undertaken by “Children of Russia” in Primorye. It will be dedicated to former Soviet First Lady Raisa **Gorbacheva**, who

herself died of leukemia, and who in 1989 led the construction of 12 Children's Cancer Treatment Centers around the Soviet Union. Linetskiy said that Vladivostok had donated



• Children's Cancer Center Model and Blueprint

1.4 acres of land in the Sedanka area for the construction of the Center. Once completed, the Center will include a 30-bed unit where children can recover following radiation treatment and chemotherapy. It will also contain a Parents' Home, where children will be able to recapture a sense of normal life with their parents, and a hydrotherapy treatment unit. Natasha said that the Center would cost about \$1 million to build. An additional \$1 million would be needed to equip it. The Center is scheduled to be operational by November 2003. A large number of sponsors have already signed up (see Note 3), but "Children of Russia" has only just begun to gather together the necessary funds for the project. Thus far, about \$125,000 has been donated by Russians, about \$65,000 by Americans, and smaller amounts by other nationalities, including South Koreans. Natasha was hoping that Americans would step up in a big way to help carry the project through to a successful conclusion.

Based on the success of "Children of Russia's" earlier, somewhat less ambitious projects, the current Children's Center would appear to be a worthy cause. At the present time, about 260 children are being treated for leukemia and other blood diseases in Primorye.

Current conditions in Primorye's children's hospitals and recovery facilities are generally abysmal and are characterized by a lack of basic equipment and medicines. Not one, but several well-equipped Children's Centers are badly needed in Primorye. One, however, would represent a good start on the problem.

Note 1. Oncohematological diseases are the various blood cancer diseases, such as Leukemia.

Note 2. Children of Russia, inc. was founded and organized in Hawaii, in 1999. Children of Russia, Inc. is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization as described in section 501(c)(3)



of the Internal Revenue Code. Its mission is to bring together Americans and Russians to provide medical assistance and to implement social rehabilitation and education programs for children with leukemia, TB, and other serious illnesses. The President is Mrs. Natasha Owen, Honorary Consul of Russia in Hawaii.

• **Children's City Hospital Cancer Patient with Her Artwork**

The Foundation has implemented 6

projects over the past few years. The first project, establishing a Long Term Care Facility for Disabled Children in the town of Ussuriysk, was implemented on September 4, 2000. The project was called "From Russian Diplomats to Children of Primorye," as the sponsor funds were collected from Russian diplomats working in the USA. Yuriy **Ushakov**, Ambassador of Russia to the U.S., and Yuriy **Popov**, Consul General of Russia in San Francisco, headed the fund drive.

Two other projects were implemented same year in the village of Yekaterinovka. One, called "Studying Step by Step," was aimed at teaching disabled children to read, write, count, etc. "Children of Russia" provided disabled children with desks, chairs, maps, globes, textbooks, pens and other studying materials. As a continuation of this project, "Instruments for the Real World" was established at the same facility in Yekaterinovka. Russian piano player Aleksandr **Slobodyanik** gave all proceeds from his concert in Honolulu to open a carpentry, sewing, and shoe-repair shop at the Yekaterinovka Care Facility, so that disabled children could learn vocational skills.

Three last projects were implemented in cooperation with a Vladivostok-based NGO "Children in Trouble," as well as the Vladivostok City and Primorskiy Kray Administrations. The projects were begun in 1999 and were connected with the Department for Children with Cancer and Blood Diseases of the Children's City Hospital in Vladivostok. This department is one of 12 similar children's facilities built in the Soviet Union in 1989 thanks to efforts of former Soviet First Lady Raisa Gorbacheva.

Note 3. The following is a list of sponsors for the Children's Center, along with the "Children of Russia" Business Address and Bank reference information:

Sponsors:

- ?? Darkin, S.M., Governor of Primorskiy Kray
- ?? Linetskiy, A.I., First Vice Governor of Primorskiy Kray
- ?? Molyarenko, A.V. (Advisor to Governor of Primorskiy Kray) and Molyarenko A.B.
- ?? Peredriy, S.A. (Vice Governor of Primorskiy Kray) and Peredriy Ye.O.
- ?? Dobryanskaya, Ya.M., President of "Far Eastern Bank"
- ?? Consulate General of the Republic of Korea
- ?? JSC "Printelefon"
- ?? JSC "New Telephone Company"
- ?? JSC "Elektricheskaya Svyaz"
- ?? LLC "Finmarket-Profit"
- ?? JSC "Ussuriyskiy Balzam"
- ?? LLC "Sibiryaki na Dalnem Vostoke"
- ?? JSC "Companion-Audit"
- ?? LLC "Gostinyy Dvor"
- ?? Primorye Regional Center of Folk Culture
- ?? Armstrong Trade Limited, Moscow, Russia
- ?? Primorskiy Kray Administration
- ?? Chevron Texaco, USA
- ?? OverStar Trading Limited, Moscow, Russia
- ?? Richard and Rhoda Goldman, San Francisco, USA
- ?? The Andre Sobel River of Life Foundation, Los Angeles, USA
- ?? Leonard's Bakery, Honolulu, USA
- ?? Markus, L.I., Vneshtorgbank, Moscow, Russia
- ?? Korean-Russian Far Eastern Association, Republic of Korea
- ?? Society of Joint Money Collection, Kang-Wando Province, Republic of Korea
- ?? Mr. Ko Kun, Mayor of Seoul, Republic of Korea
- ?? Goreglyad, Ye., Moscow, Russia
- ?? Krauch, G., Washington, USA
- ?? Mothers for Children of Russia, USA
- ?? Natasha and Toby Owen, Honolulu, USA
- ?? K. Yang, Less Taxes, Inc., Honolulu, USA
- ?? Cribley, J., Case & Bigelow LLP, Honolulu, USA
- ?? Brown, K., Business Consulting Resources, Honolulu, USA
- ?? I. Gutarra, Myers Advertising, Inc., Honolulu, USA



• Raisa Gorbacheva (d. 9/20/1999) and Mikhail Gorbachev. Gorbachev is Honorary Chairman of the International Board of Advisers to “Children of Russia”

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