



COOPERATION FOR CITIZEN PARTICIPATION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN BELARUS

SUBGRANTED PROJECTS

Together to solve the problems faced by disabled children and orphans in Rechitsa

Вместе - к решению проблем детей-инвалидов и детей-сирот в г. Речица

GENERAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project location: Rechitsa

Organiser: Belarusian Society of Disabled People

Status: Civic initiative

This project aims at encouraging the social inclusion of children with disabilities and orphans by raising awareness among the inhabitants of Rechitsa, through the involvement of organizations, businesses and citizens.

To do so, several activities will be organized such as two tennis tournaments between the disabled children, the orphans and pupils of Rechitsa high school, as well as a film contest, with movies created by high school students on the topic of abandonment of children. In addition, a school equipment fundraising campaign will be organized as well as four festive events.

The Belarusian Society of Disabled People aims at ensuring the full social integration into the society and the equal treatment of persons with disabilities and orphans.

PROJECT UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2012

On the 1st of June 2012, the International Children's Day, 30 children from the socio-educational centre and ten children from the city's correctional centre of Rechitsa took part in a festivity organised for them by local school volunteers in cooperation with Belarusian disabled people community and supported by the Association of Local Democracy Agencies.

The project involved the volunteer club "Care" which is based at the Rechitsa high school and has been acting as a patron for the hospice for 4 years already. The young volunteers want to help children in the difficult situation they are in when being taken away from their parents. The volunteers give their time to the children and share with them their love and care, try to give them the feeling of home and family, make them happier.

Ten volunteers were selected for the project. Together with their teachers and project managers they prepared the scenario of the festivity and music for it, bought prizes and gifts and made shirts with the volunteer club logo.

The festivity started with a competition of drawing on asphalt with the theme "Summer". After that, all children got ice cream as prize for their drawings. Then, all the participants were playing outdoor

games. The volunteers offered to the hospice the accessories for outdoor games – balls, jump ropes, hula hoops, badminton, bowls etc.

Local TV broadcasted a 5 minutes video about the festivity in Rechitsa and its region. Tens of thousands of people could watch it and could become more aware of disabled children and orphans, and the ways everyone can help them.



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