



2011 Spring / Summer Edition

From the

Heart newsletter



The Murphy Caputo Family: An Unanticipated Path



Leslie Caputo and Paul Murphy are a couple who have devoted their professional lives to children. Leslie is a seasoned preschool

teacher who specializes in art, and Paul is an experienced physical education teacher who works for the Boston Public schools and is also a college Lacrosse coach. Together as a couple they had always considered adoption. After following a good friend's adoption journey through Good Hope Adoptions, they decided to take the plunge themselves and build their family through the devoted help and services of the Good Hope Staff.

Like any other couple, their journey to becoming a family took it's twists and turns. Initially thinking of adopting a toddler from the country of Kazakhstan, their attempts to do so unfortunately hit a dead end. The changing face of Kazakhstan adoptions (the country closed for restructuring this past year) forced them to reconsider their path...they had to decide to either close this chapter in their lives or to forge on and open their hearts to other adoption options. They decided to stay the course and to host, (on separate occasions), two older boys from the Ukrainian hosting program. As it turned out, it was exactly because of these experiences that they fully opened their hearts to adoption in the Ukraine. Leslie and Paul were eventually matched

with two brothers ages 8 and 9 and the journey truly meant for them was to begin!

Leslie and Paul traveled to Odessa, Ukraine in January 2011 and the connection between Thomas Vitaly and John Ruslan was immediate and natural. They had, at last, found the children that were always meant to be theirs...and these wonderful, resilient, healthy boys found parents and a stable, loving home they might never have had. Their adoption was successfully completed in February, and their boys arrived home in the USA on February 25, 2011. Their sons are currently enrolled in school and sports, and in a very short period of time are flourishing!! The boys who were closely bonded before are even more so now ---- not only with each other, but with their parents. The bonds of family life are quickly forming and their life is a very busy, happy one!!

After asking Leslie and Paul what they would choose to share with other families just starting their journey or considering adoption, they said, "To please keep your minds and hearts open, both to the adoption experience and to children of all ages. Every child deserves a family!!"

Please join the Good Hope Adoption family in congratulating Thomas, John, Leslie and Paul in becoming a forever family, and...
WELCOME HOME!!



Welcome to the Newsletter offered by The Staff At Good Hope Adoption!

From the Heart newsletter is offered to friends and families associated with adoption. We welcome comments, suggestions, and recommended articles to include in future newsletters. Our Newsletter was created to fill a need for coordinated information and support for adoptive and foster families. Through our educational and social programs, we bring families together to create an Adoption Community right here in New England. Please let us hear from you if you would like this newsletter delivered via email or any additional information on the services we offer.

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Journeys of Joy!!!

Ukrainian Hosting Program

We would like to introduce you to children from the Ukraine, who are coming to the U.S. for a Summer Hosting program organized by Good Hope. All of the children are from the same orphanage, in the little town of Volnyansk, situated about 30 km from Zaporozhye.

Most people in the Ukraine know Volnyansk as a location of former prison camps, and a factory for the production of kitchen goods. "Volnyansk" came from the word "Volya" that means "Freedom". The "Internat", or Orphanage, is the home for over 200 children, and is located very far outside of the city, in a remote location with few opportunities for children.



The Orphanage

A Bedroom

Arts and Crafts

Last summer, our family hosted a girl from this orphanage, and along with her friends Anya, hosted by the Galvin family, and Alina, hosted by Laurie Kjoller's family, we grew to be very fond of our new "family members", and pledged to do whatever we could to help them, and other members from this remote orphanage.

These children, all ranging in age for 8-15 years of age, will be here for a period of 4 weeks, from mid-July to mid-August. The fee associated with hosting a child pays for the costs to travel, including Passports, Visas, Plane Tickets, and hotel accommodations and food for 2 nights during travel. There is a fee also to the Ministry for these children to leave the country. There is no excess, as all \$\$ pays for the exact travel costs. At this time, we estimate the fee to be approximately \$2000.00.

We encourage anyone interested in hosting one of these children to also consider seeking assistance from local businesses and civic groups. We know that all of the children have been "screened", meaning that they have met the criteria for behavior, health, and the general ability to adjust to new surroundings.

While some of these children are available for adoption, the goal of our program, "Journeys to Joy" is to offer these kids the opportunity to have an incredible experience with an American family for the summer. There are many ways to participate:

1. Offer to Host a Child
2. Assist in Sponsoring a child
3. Tell your friends about these kids; spreading the word to help find host families.
4. Offer to support "Host Families" by inviting a child on a special day/weekend.
5. Sponsor a special event for the group, so that kids will have different events to look forward to as a smaller group of 2-4 kids.

The name, "Journeys of Joy", was selected by our Board Of Directors, who believes that as an organization, we can offer much more than simply hope to these kids. We are committed to giving these "social" orphans the chance at a family experience, and believe this opportunity is vital to their future. We hope our Good Hope families and friends will share this joy, and seek your support to make this a reality for the children pictured below.

The deadline to sign up to Host is June 06, 2011.

Please contact Karen Medve at Good Hope for any questions.

The children:

Maxim K.

Born April 28, 1998.

He likes sports and singing. He is an easy-going and kind-hearted boy.



Olena Z.

Born Nov. 2, 1996.

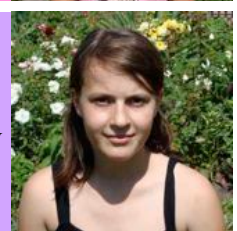
Enjoys dancing, singing and drawing. She is a kind, sympathetic and communicative girl



Liliya V.

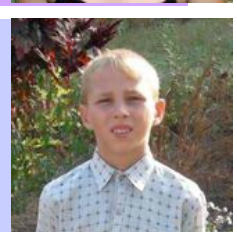
Born Aug 12, 1997

Interests are dancing and singing. She is a kind and easy to get to know young lady.



Slavic N.

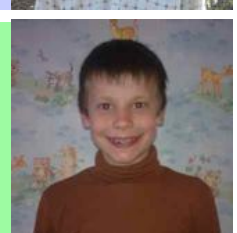
Born May 25, 1998. Likes sports, games, He is easy going and kind-hearted



Kolya S.

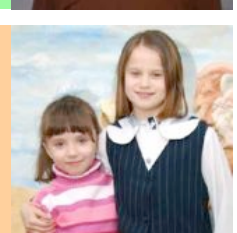
Born Dec. 4, 2001.

He likes to draw and is described as talkative and active.



Liliana P. is 10 years old and her sister

Yuliya P. is 7. Both girls love to sing and dance.



Good Hope Receives Russian Accreditation!

On February 15, 2011, Good Hope was granted Accreditation by the Russian Federation Ministry of Education. We are *Number "87"* on a list of agencies allowed to work in Russia, which is an incredible Achievement!!

Our Russian Director, Vladimir Gelfand, operates our office in Moscow, and is a 20 year veteran of Russian Adoptions. At this moment, we have 10 families that have elected to go to Russia, and thus far are involved in adoption proceedings in the region of Perm, (as independent adoptions), or in the region of Burtytia. We will be opening up opportunities for families to go to the regions of Kemerova, Chuvashia, Moscow, and Rostov. This is very exciting for us, as Russia is one of the few countries that will allow single woman to adopt, has a flexible age limit for all parents, married and single. Also, families may adopt unrelated children.

We anticipate the referred children to be as young as 12 months, and will consider referrals of children up to the age of 6. The amount of information that families will receive in advance of travel for the first trip is extensive, and we urge families to seek the counsel of Independent Adoption Physicians to review the child referral information. Families will travel for the first trip to begin visitation, but also to finalize their decision to adopt a specific child. The second and longer trip, will follow in 3-6 weeks, and will complete the visitation requirements, include the court proceeding, and the visit to the United States Embassy in Moscow for the Issuance of a Visa, ending with a journey to the United States to become Immediate Citizens!!

We welcome inquiries from our families and friends to pass the word to others that may consider this Adoption Program!!

Other News:

Kazakhstan: Sadly, this country continues to be on hold, pending new regulations as a Hague Convention Country.

China: Good Hope continues to partner with "China Adoptions With Love," advocating for families to consider the Waiting Child Program for children with correctable medical needs.

Poland: Good Hope is a long standing partner with "Huminski's Anioly", which has a twenty-year track record of placing children from Poland. Younger children do become available, although the wait is typically longer. Sibling groups offer the best opportunity for families to consider adopting from this country.

Domestic: Good Hope has received approval from the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care to work directly with Birthmothers, and thus will be offering Domestic Adoption possibilities to our families. Contact May Ellen McGowan for more information.

Look for Good Hope Adoptions on www.rainbowkids.org

Also, visit us on Facebook!!

We wish Laurie Kjoller and her family all the best in their move to Florida, and will miss Laurie's professionalism, good spirits, and expertise in working with our families over the past 18 months. Laurie will be truly missed!

When one door closes... We want to welcome Lara Resendes to our staff, as an Adoption Social Worker. Lara recently worked with the State Department to Children and Family Services. She has over 15 years experience in Adoption work, and importantly, a diverse background working with children of all ages. Welcome!!

Kindermusik Summer Program / Camp registrations

A variety of music classes are available at: Village Music, 1 Atlantic Ave. S. Yarmouth
Please call Norma Atwood for more information: 508-394-5300

Classes are 45 min - 1 hour

Experience the gift of music with your child!

Classes are for children newborn to age 7.



Upcoming Events

sponsored by Good Hope Adoption Services, Inc.

Monthly Adoption Meetings: Meets once every month for new and waiting families. Meetings will be held at the Good Hope Office in South Dennis, on 1st Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm. Please contact Good Hope for additional information. (508)385-7815.

Dr. Boris Skurkovich, MD ~ May 22th:

Adoption of the Institutionalized Child

Dr. Skurkovich of the International Adoption Clinic located in The Hasbro Children's Hospital in Rhode Island will speak on the various issues of medical development concerning children coming out of orphanages.. He has been in the field of adoption for a number of years, has vast experience in reading and interpreting medical evaluations and has an in-depth knowledge of the Russian medical system.

Annual Spring Picnic and Family Gathering ~ May 22

Join us for our Annual Family Picnic
at the Northside United Methodist Church

Great afternoon spent with adoptive families and friends with good food, entertainment, games and fun!

Families from all over New England come to meet new families and see old friends. This is a great place to come and connect or get reconnected to the adoption community on beautiful Cape Cod!



This summer the Cape Cod Center for the Arts presents a variety of entertaining shows for the whole family!

Located at the Cape Playhouse in Dennis,
it is a must do for family fun!

Visit the Cape Playhouse
website to see more info:
www.capecodcenterforthearts.org



KID'S CORNER

Sunshine Toast

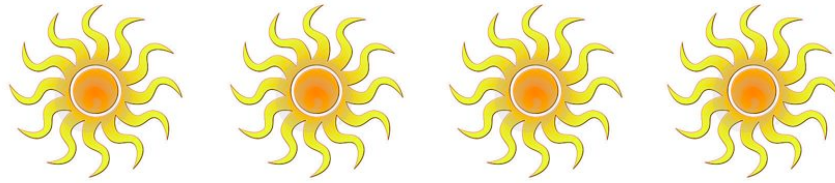
You will need: One slice of bread, Margarine, One medium egg.
Large cookie cutter (in the shape of a flower or other fun shape is great!)
A baking sheet or cookie sheet

Heat the oven to 400

- ☀️ Dip a paper towel with margarine and rub it all over the cookie sheet.
- ☀️ Spread margarine on one side of the bread. Press the cookie cutter into the middle of the bread
- ☀️ Lift out the shape you have cut. Put the piece of bread onto the cookie sheet.
- ☀️ Break the egg into a saucer. Then carefully slide the egg into the hole you have cut.
- ☀️ Bake for seven minutes or a little longer if you don't like a runny egg.
- ☀️ Use a spatula to lift the bread and egg onto a plate. Eat warm!!

Enjoy!

Good Hope Adoption and Family Services



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Spring Gathering

Date: Sunday, May 22, 2011

Time: 2:00 - 5:00 pm

Preceded by a presentation:

Dr. Boris Skurkovich, International Adoption Physician From 1:00-2:00pm

**PLACE: NORTHSIDE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
AIRLINE ROAD, BREWSTER/DENNIS LINE**

Exit 9B off of the Mid-Cape Highway

Our Entertainment,

“Face Painting by Becky”

Creative Face Painting!!!!

Games! Good Food! Good Friends!

Please bring snacks or drinks to add to the Party

All Families and Friends Welcome!

Please RSVP 508-385-7815

