

CHILDREN IN COMMON HERITAGE ORNAMENTS 2009

Twelfth in the Series Christmas Abundance

Surprise Santa opens to reveal three smaller ornaments and children in Petrozavodsk orphanage #4 made **Birch Bark Ornaments**. They have a special handcrafts program that has been licensed to create authorized Russian crafts for sale in shops on Kizhi Island and elsewhere.

You have the choice of two levels of giving this year. The Santa (5"x3") with ornaments is available for a \$25 donation and a set of two birch bark ornaments (2"-4") is offered for a \$15 donation.



Every donation makes a real difference in the lives and futures of the children remaining in orphanage care.

HELP US HELP MORE KIDS THROUGH PROJECT INDEPENDENCE

Since 2005, Children in Common and KidLinks International have administered **Project Independence** to prepare the older kids for life after the orphanage offering:

***independent living skills program**

***job training and placement**

***mentoring program**

As more orphanages are closed, combined and repurposed, kids are being cycled through foster placements and returned to institutions.

CIC continues to support programs that prepare kids for life after the orphanage and to make life better while they remain in orphanage care. We purchase materials for skills programs, school supplies and clothing to make it easier for children to stay in school and CIC helps fund unique efforts providing training and support to foster families to keep kids from the 'revolving door' cycle of foster care. Sadly, more kids need help and providing that help costs more each year.

As aging children learn independent living skills, practice living on their own and receive jobs and skills training, the chances of their having productive lives increases.

While there are currently 200 children in Project Independence, there is a waiting list of orphanages wanting their kids in our programs. As stability of the institutions is threatened, the need to strengthen existing programs grows so more kids are helped. Please help us fund Project Independence and existing programs in orphanages throughout Eastern Europe. Thank you for helping us help children.

To order, please complete the following:

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Number of Surprise Santa ornaments

_____ x \$25.00 = _____

Number of Birch Bark Ornament Sets

_____ x \$15.00 = _____

Number of gift cards _____

Please add \$5.00 for packing and postage.

I have enclosed a check for _____

Make checks payable to: **Children in Common**

Mail orders to: **CIC c/o Karen Porter**

505 Woodbine Avenue

Towson, MD 21204

Orders must be received by December 15th for Christmas delivery.

Quantities are limited. Ornaments will vary in detail.

For more information about CIC programs, please visit www.childrenincommon.org If you have questions, call Janice Pearse at 410 402-1112.

CIC is administered by Adoptions Together, a tax exempt organization and all donations are tax deductible as permitted by law.

