19 March 2022

Dear Lifeline supporters,

Behind us is another very challenging year, in which brought difficulties due to the coronavirus pandemic that has continued to affect the entire world. But that did not stop your kindness and generosity. You have done amazing and wonderful things for the people of Serbia and the Republic of Srpska. I am so proud and grateful to all of you! You have made a tremendous difference in the lives of the people in your homeland, they are touched and changed for the better by your generosity and selfless help and you helped them once more to realize that they have not been forgotten.

So many important projects were completed thanks to your generosity, in the previous year, which represent a substantial contribution to the healthcare, social welfare, and educational systems of Serbia and the Republic of Srpska. When I see the smiles on the faces of all children that you have helped and the sincere appreciation and handshake from our heroic doctors and nurses, who are able to perform their incredibly important jobs much easier and more efficiently thanks to your support, it brings warmth to my heart. I want to share that beautiful feeling with you. Your efforts are highly appreciated by all those whose lives you have touched.

It has been almost thirty years since Lifeline Humanitarian Organization of Chicago was founded in 1993, and I would like to say that I am very proud of all the good work and all the achievements that were possible, thanks to your selfless support. I am equally honored today as it is almost three decades ago when I became patron of this Lifeline Humanitarian Organization. When I look more into the past, I always, with great fondness, remember my parents, who were great humanitarians, and who taught me in my early years, the true joy of life which is the joy of giving. This is something that I see in all of you, my dear supporters. You all know very well the enormous joy it brings to you when you contribute to those who are in need.

All you wonderful supporters, donors, benefactors, and friends of Lifeline Chicago, have saved, touched, and changed so many lives, but our mission is not finished. Working together, united in our cause, helps us succeed and we must, and will continue our efforts in being united, in making a difference in the lives of the people of our homeland. The love of the wonderful people of Serbia and the Republic of Srpska has made an unbreakable bond between all of us, and I want to do whatever is possible to provide them aid and comfort. But without your enormous support and devotion, our work could never be successful and bring the results we were trying to achieve.

My husband and I would like to thank you once again, from the bottom of our hearts, for all your generous care and love. Both of us appeal to you to continue with your hard work as you have done for so many years. Our people, and our country, need you.

Please, stay safe and healthy.

[Signature]

HRH Crown Princess Katherine
March 18, 2022

Milena Tatic Bajich, Psy.D.
Editor of Lifeline Magazine

Dear Sister Milena,

It is a joy for me to send you best wishes and gratitude for all the good work LIFELINE CHICAGO does.

Under the patronage of HRH Princess Katherine, you and your members have used your time, talents, and treasures to benefit those who are sick, orphans, refugees, and the needy of our Serbia.

Each of you have earned our respect for your faith and good works. And to those who have donated we extend our thanks and encourage others to do so today. We pray to the Risen Lord that you and your families will always be under God’s protection.

Christ is Risen! Христос Воскресе!

With blessings,

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Hristos Voskrese! Vaistinu Voskrese! Happy Pascha to all! As I perused the 2022 Lifeline Magazine, once it was done, I was amazed at the amount of projects we have been able to do in the past year with a pandemic in place all over the world. Our donors are generous and spirited. Big or small, our donors consistently and continuously give.

I believe our donors are happier, too. The happiest people tend to be givers. Throughout the years, our givers, give happily. If you have ever gone to a warehouse when Lifeline packages goods to go to Serbia, Kosovo and Metohija and Republika Srpska, for Bozic, the energy is palpable. People have been known to break out in a kolo or two!

The amazing part of the packing is that the people doing the packing appear happy. Hard work? Yes. People unhappy about the hard work? No. Do I know that they are happy? No. I have not performed a survey, per se, and so do not have that information. All I can really say is that there is an energy in the room, smiling faces, talking, exchanging information with one another. Children running to grab an item or two, people seated writing out color-coded cards for different institutions, various people going to and fro with items to pack, label or move. Busy. Energetic. To borrow from, if it looks like a duck and sounds like a duck...Sounds like happy people, looks like happy people, and so they must be!

Seeing this amount of goodness in one place can make a person feel giddy and goofy, really. One might feel stretched to say that giving to Lifeline, adds happiness to one’s life. In general, giving does. Each giver thinks of the other. Not self, but other. That is a major key to happiness, thinking of the “other.” It is magical.

For all of you magicians and happy people out there, thank you! You are the magic that makes this world a better, happier place. Heaven knows, we do need more of that in today’s world.

With many blessings and warmest gratitude,

Milena
“Thank You” never seems enough. Thank you are two words in English and one word in Serbian. How do you give thanks for someone’s time? How do you thank someone for their monetary contribution? How do you thank someone for contributing his/her talent?

Lifeline Humanitarian Organization, Inc. is extremely grateful for all of the hard work, time and contributions made by each donor. “Thank You” may not seem enough but it is simple and said from the heart.

“No one is more cherished in the world than someone who lightens the burden of another.” Anonymous.
Where There’s a Will, There’s a Way

Nearly one year ago while preparing the last of LIFELINE CHICAGO’s annual Christmas gifts to be packed into the container for transit, we received a call from the Palace with a request for assistance.

A young man suffering with cerebral palsy, residing in Belgrade, asked for possible assistance to transport a Hoyt running wheelchair from Massachusetts to Belgrade. Through the Grace of God and his fierce determination, Vuk personally secured the funds through various donations to purchase the chair, however, he did not have the means to ship the chair to Belgrade.

Well, anyone familiar with Lifeline Humanitarian Organization Chicago, knows we are steadfast and rarely believe that something is impossible!

We contacted the merchant who sold the Chair and prayed for the chair to arrive in time to be added to the container. Epic fail, one day too late! Undeterred and resolute, this was not the end of Lifeline’s endeavor to help.

Amidst the height of the global pandemic, Milos Milinkovic of Aqua Air Enterprises, Lifeline’s preferred air transport vendor, was able to secure a spot FREE of charge a few months later, and the chair was on its way to a very patient young man!

Her Royal Highness Princess Katarina hosted Mr. Vuk Mileusnic and his mother Mrs. Marica Mileusnic in the Royal Palace. On that occasion Her Royal Highness congratulated Mr. Mileusnic, a great and persistent fighter, on his extraordinary initiative to raise funds for the purchase of sports wheelchairs in the United States.

Despite his cerebral paralysis, Vuk has been participating in different marathons and races for years, and the specialized cart will help him win new kilometers with ease in the future.

Princess Katarina often likes to say: “A wheelchair is not only a means of moving a person with disabilities, but also a means of working and independent life.”

Thank you to Aqua Air Enterprises. Good, kind and generous people still exist! God continues to guide us and help us! Thank you to all!

Most of all, Best of Luck to Lifeline’s new friend, Vuk Mileusnić, a true winner and inspiration to All!
Various restrictions of Covid proved to be challenging for all of us and 2021 was no exception. Despite or in spite of the challenges, these next few pages outline some of the accomplishments made by Chicago Lifeline through the remarkable generosity from all of our donors and sponsors. These 18 accomplishments or projects were made possible by ALL of you. All donations matter. Each donation makes it possible to make a real difference. Thank you!

#1. Vuk Karadzic Elementary School, Bijeljina, Republika Srpska
• New Heating system with a new chimney
• Replacement of 9 windows
• Six new doors and one new entry door
• 3 classrooms received new chalk boards and white boards
• Received educational programs, games, puzzles
• Received new books

#2. Hristina Markisic Orphanage, Aleksinac, Serbia
• 15 New beds
• 15 New mattresses with waterproof mattress pads
• 15 New colorful blankets
• 30 New pillows
• 30 New set of sheets

#3. Suvi Do Elementary School in Suvi Do Village, Zagubica Municipality, Serbia
• Total renovation of the student’s bathroom
• 3rd grade classroom received 12 new desks, 24 student chairs, 1 teacher desk and chair
• New white boards

#4. Spomenak Orphanage, Pancevo, Serbia
• Total renovation of new computer learning room
• 30 New beds
• 30 New mattresses with waterproof mattress pads
• 30 New colorful blankets
• 30 New pillows

#5. Princess Katherine School, Banja Luka, Republika Srpska
• 5 New Libraries were built
• New bookcases, new books
• New books, in Serbian & English
• New educational programs and game
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#6. Drinka Pavlovic Orphanage, Belgrade, Serbia

Part 1
- Total renovation of the third floor
- Two wings: one boy’s section, one girl’s section
- New beds, mattresses, blankets, sheets, and pillows
- New furniture
- Replacement of 14 doors
- New electrical wiring and new LED lighting
- Removal of mold and lead paint

Part 2
- New learning center room
- New computers and printers
- New bookcases, books, and puzzles

#7. Mammography Mobile Unit
Repaired, Nis, Serbia
- Repaired the Mammogram Unit at the Clinical Center in Nis

#8. Zvecanska Babies Orphanage,
Belgrade, Serbia
- 5 New living rooms
- New furniture, sofas, chairs, pillows, and rugs
- New toy boxes for storage
- New toys

#9. Knjeginja Ljubica Orphanage,
Kragujevac, Serbia
- New learning room center
- Removal of mold and lead paint
- New furniture, bookcases, books
- New computers and printer

#10. Branko Radicevic Elementary School, Melnica Village, Serbia
- New library established
- New bookcases
- New books in Serbian and English
- Teacher’s desk and chairs
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#11. Branko Radicevic Elementary School – Stamnica Village, Serbia
- New library
- New bookcases
- New books in Serbian and English
- Furniture

#12. Vasa Stajic Shelter/Orphanage, Belgrade Serbia
**Part 1**
- 25 New beds
- 25 New mattresses
- 30 New blankets, sheet sets and pillows

**Part 2**
- Remodel 3 new living rooms
- Removal of mold and lead paint

**Part 3**
- New furniture, pillows and carpets
- New lighting

#13. Vukasin Markovic School, Kragujevac, Serbia
- New computers with headphones, and speakers
- 2 new laptops
- 1 projector and canvas
- New printers, ink and packages of paper

**Part 1**
- 300 sets of new sheets

**Part 2**
- Total renovation of the gymnasium
- Removal of mold and lead paint

#14. Dr. Nikola Sumenkovic Home, Stamnica, Serbia
**Part 1**
- New floors
- New radiators and a new air conditioner
- New basketball hoops, volleyball nets, exercise mats
- New façade and gutters
- New athletic equipment

**Part 2**
- Total renovation of the gymnasium
- Removal of mold and lead paint
#15. Establishing a new Shelter in Serbia for victims of Human Trafficking
- New beds and Mattresses
- New linens, blankets
- New Kitchen with appliances
- Washer and dryer

#16. Helping women’s shelters throughout Serbia and Republika Srpska
- New sewing machines
- New laser engraving machines and supplies
- New pasta making machine, metal table, pasta dryer machine
- New embroidery machine and Iron

#17. Rada Vranjesevic Orphanage, Banja Luka, Republika Srpska
- Total renovation of youngest children’s section
- Removal of mold and lead paint
- Refurbish flooring
- New interior doors
- New bathroom
- New beds, mattresses, blankets and bedding
- New cabinets and bookcases

#18. Peter Petrovich Elementary School, Kosovo & Metohija
- Painting three stories of school walls
- New windows
- 6 New doors and repairing 37 doors
- Remodel of the bathrooms – 24 new sinks and faucets
The 3Kolo group, as has been affectionately called by Lifeline, are three separate Kolo groups that have been helping Lifeline meet goals for over 12 years. These Kolos are:

- K.S.S. Knjeginja Zorka Kolo from St. Archangel Michael Church, Lansing, IL
- Serbian Sisters Kolo from St. Archangel Michael Church of Lansing, IL
- St. George Circle Serbian Sisters, Joliet, IL

The following pages showcase some of the projects 3Kolo has funded to from their different fundraising efforts.

The picture on this page is of the St. George Circle of Serbian Sisters from Joliet, Illinois.

From St Georges Kolo:

“There is so much need out there. How terrific that we can all come together, offer a little help and improve lives for those less fortunate. It’s been a great effort by our sisterhood and I’m really proud to be a part of the Lifeline 3Kolo efforts.

Over the years, being a part of the 3 Kolos and planning these fundraisers has been a real joy. What better way to show our Kolo spirit of giving and do what we can for those whose lives are made a little better through our efforts.

Participating in Lifeline has really been satisfying. Seeing so many people pitch in to accomplish something positive for others is good for one’s soul. Thanks to many of our babas who instilled a sense of service in us. Let’s keep it going.”
Zvecanska Receives Beds, Mattresses and Linens

Zvecanska Home Without Parental Care (Zvecanska Babies) in Belgrade houses newborn babies to children as old as fourteen. It touches the hearts of donors because of the many newborns that are part of this home. Children in this home often have disabilities and various developmental disorders. Lifeline provided new sturdier beds, mattresses, sheets and mattress covers for one section which houses slightly older boys and girls. These eight children would have been moved to another home because of their age, but, because they require supervision and specialized nursing care, they remained with Zvecanska.

Gavrilo Princip Receives Book Cases and Books

The Gavrilo Princip School in Zemun, Serbia had a water problem which created mold and mildew in the walls of the library. It not only emanated a mildew odor but destroyed the books and bookcases in the library. The school repaired the walls but needed book cases and books. 3 Kolo provided the necessary bookcases and books needed by Gavrilo Princip.
Project 3  Mattresses, Beds and Linens Supplied Through Teamwork

Drinka Pavlovic Home for Children without Parental Care of Belgrade, Serbia received new beds and mattresses through the courtesy of the 3 Kolo group, as well as new sheets and pillows, courtesy of St. George SOC of Schererville, Indiana. Teamwork like this provides greatest impact for an urgent need such as this one.

The Drinka Pavlovic Home for Children without Parental Care was built in 1965. It consists of four floors divided into two sections of living quarters. The children are divided into sections by age and sex. Lifeline of Chicago has repaired one floor at a time over several years.

Radovic Home Receives Special Soaps and Linens  Project 4

The Dusko Radovic Home Without Parental Care of Nis, Serbia houses 16 children with disabilities. Harsh soaps and detergents with fragrances and additives can irritate skin or cause rashes creating more challenges for children with disabilities. Lifeline provided soaps and detergents with no additives, colors or fragrances for children with sensitive skin. The home also received new sheets and pillows for the children.
For the past ten years, the 3 Kolo group has provided aid to women’s safe houses and shelters throughout Serbia and Republika Srpska for Christmas. There are thirteen Safe Houses in Serbia and three Safe Houses in Republika Srpska. With women being the victims of violence and aggression, many leave and run away with their children and with their belongings on their backs. These women are demoralized due to their life situation(s) which are further exacerbated by not providing for their children. The Christmas holidays can be more difficult for these women because they experience despondency, loss and depression.

For many of these women and children receiving new clothes become a sign of hope for the possibility of change and that life can get better. New clothing, toys, games, school supplies, hygiene bags filled with essentials can make a world of difference.
Children of Plavi Cuperak Kindergarten Receive a New Library

The children of Plavi Cuperak Kindergarten in Belgrade, Serbia will have a new chance at discovering the joy of reading through the generous donation provided by Three Circles of Serbian Sisters/Tri Kolo Srpskih Sestara from Illinois – the KSS of St. George in Joliet, the KSS Princess Zorka in Lansing, and the KSS St. Archangel Michael in Lansing.

The HRH Crown Princess Katherine Foundation and Lifeline Humanitarian Organization of Chicago are pleased to announce a newly constructed library which includes a beautifully designed new modern library and plethora of new books. The project encourages childhood literacy and hopes to increase the confidence of the children in Plavi Cuperak. The library was designed to provide a comfortable and safe place for children to discover the satisfaction and comfort of reading while restoring the use of their imagination. By developing literacy for these young children, they will have a higher chance of breaking out of poverty. Reading is a crucial tool needed for creating a better future for these children and all of Serbia.

The support of these donations will encourage these children and their families to feel supported and cared for. The Kindergarten’s Principal, Mrs. Marijana Fijatovic, together with the employees, parents, and children of Plavi Cuperak expressed gratitude to HRH Crown Princess Katherine, to the Three Circles of Serbian Sisters, and to Lifeline Chicago for this generous donation.

“I am very grateful to the Three Circles of Serbian Sisters who always think of our children and continue to help in difficult times. Children are always in the first place and will remain so. We will continue to take care of those who need help the most. There is no greater reward than a child’s happiness and smile. It is our duty to provide that for them,” said HRH Crown Princess Katherine.
Spomenak Home Without Parental Care Receives New Beds and Bedding

Spomenak Home was the recipient of 35 new beds, 35 new sheets, 35 new blankets and 50 new pillows. The 3 Kolo group did it again! The Kolo sisters work hard throughout the year, raising necessary funds and then distribute the funds for worthy causes.

“A special thanks to the donors who selflessly and wholeheartedly made this action possible. Our mission is to always be with our people and to be where help is most needed. Children and young people are certainly a priority”, said HRH Crown Princess Katherine.

“Велика захвальност донасаторима који су се несебично и свим срцем придружили овој акцији. Наша мисија је да увек будемо са својим људима и да будемо тамо где је помоћ најпотребнија. Деца и млади су свакако приоритет”, рекла је Н.К.В. Принцеза Катарина.
Throughout the years, David and Nada Stevens provided much-needed aid for Lifeline’s projects. In moments of urgent need, David and Nada Stevens always said yes. Their support throughout the years benefitted the Diocese soup kitchens with food supplies, while others received goods such as new beds and new mattresses, among other completed projects with LLC. David and Nada Stevens were always gracious and stretched out their hands to assist Lifeline not only monetarily but also physically.

David and Nada Stevens accompanied LLC on their mission trip to Serbia, where they visited shelters, homes and hospitals. They contributed to completing many projects and saw first-hand how their donations changed lives. Mr. David and Mrs. Nada Stevens help with the annual Christmas drive at their St. George church (affectionately known as the Harbor church) through donating.

Not only do they contribute monetarily but they also roll up their sleeves and assist LLC in the warehouse regularly. They have sorted, packed and carried boxes and always made sure enough items were available to be sent overseas to bring smiles to thousands of children.

Their selfless efforts and continuous years of giving make them the perfect recipients of the Princess Katherine of Serbia Award for 2021. We are so grateful to both of you for your generosity and selfless giving!

“Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profundity. Kindness in giving creates love.”

– Lao Tzu
St. George SOC (Harbor) has been giving to the Spomenak Home for Children without Parental Care for the past ten years. During Covid, Harbor found out that 35 children shared three old computers to do their homework. **David and Nada Stevens** generously donated a computer room to Spomenak, filled with brand new computers and a color printer. In addition, the walls and floors of the room were completely renovated and new electrical installations, internet network and lighting were installed. The room was totally refurbished with brand new chairs, desks, bookcases and cork boards.

This contribution was instrumental in enabling the children to spend quality time learning and in enhancing their computer skills. Vladimir Stevanovski, the Principal of “Spomenak” in Pancevo, expressed his gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. David and Nada Stevens, “On behalf of the children, I warmly thank those who have been generously helping the children in all our institutions for years. The donation of a computer room by Mr. and Mrs. Stevens is of great importance because it will help us carry out our planned activities and programs more easily.”

David and Nada Stevens also helped to feed 20 families in dire need in Udruzenja Zena in Milina Selo over the Christmas holidays. This provided two months of food supply. This village is between Brcko and Bjeljina. We are very grateful for Mr. and Mrs. Stevens and for all they continue to do to help those in need. Ziveli!
Supporting Education and Learning through Three Projects

Thanks to Mr. Avery and Mrs. Nada Cemovich-Stirratt

Mr. Avery and Mrs. Nada Cemovich Stirratt know that the single greatest thing we can do is to assist children in their education and learning needs. The future for children is dependent on education. As such, the Stirratts funded the first project.

They donated new lap tops, new computers, printer, supplies of extra ink and paper as well as a projector and screen to Vukasin Markovic School in Kragujevac, Serbia.

This school has 110 students with special needs. The school has nurses, therapists and psychiatrists onsite.

Former Lt. Col. John Cappello, president of Haylard Mission Foundation, and no stranger to Lifeline presented white boards to three schools in Serbia, two schools in Kragujevac and one in Smederevska Palanka. In Kragujevac, the presentation was made during an event titled: The Forgotten History Project, connecting Serbia and the United States during WWI. The Olga Milosevic Middle School in Smederevska Palanka, the Moma Stanojlovic Middle School in Kragujevac and the Kragujevac Technical school in Kragujevac were recipients.

In the third project, three learning stations were established with new desk, chair, computer, printer, supplies and cork boards. The recipient was the Vasa Stajic Home/Shelter in Belgrade. This home typically receives minimal assistance as most of the children have behavioral problems and often are rescued from the streets.
From Clothes to Complete Remodeled Rooms for Children

John & Lana Vujicic and family

Passion for helping children and passion for making things a little better for those who cannot help themselves describe the attributes of John and Lana Vujicic and Family. For years, they have helped Lifeline meet the needs of children without parental care. In the past year, they assisted in three different projects.

For five years now, John and Lana Vujicic and Family have been the sole supporters at Christmas for Koljevka or Cradle Home for Children Without Parental Care. This home houses 250 children with disabilities, located in Subotica, Serbia. The Vujicic Family donated pajamas and sweat suits for all of the children every year, including this past year.

The Vasa Stajic Shelter and Home for children without parental care in Belgrade also needed remodeling. The Vujicic Family helped remodel one of the living rooms, remove old lead paint, repaint surfaces, provide new furniture with carpets, posters and pillows. They also provided for a family-style living room. This all creates a clean, safe and more pleasant environment for those that cannot change their circumstance.

For the Zvecanska Babies Home in Belgrade, the Family donated one of the five new rooms that included new furniture and new toy boxes. These rooms provide a family atmosphere for the children with an eye for a safe environment in which to play. We thank the John and Lana Vujicic Family for their consistent help and generosity.
Zvecanska Babies Receives Five Living Rooms

“Zvecanska Babies” home is a center for the protection of infants, children and youth located in Belgrade. This accommodates the youngest children without parental care. Ninety percent suffer from mental and physical disabilities. The Home is approximately 4600 square meters and four stories. It was originally built as an orphanage in 1938.

Lifeline has been a consistent supporter of this Home for many years with many different projects. Because the building itself is very old and in need of attention, the Home needed 10 new living rooms with furniture, toy boxes, carpets, and pillows to create a home-like atmosphere.

We are very glad to report that the first five rooms have been completed. Each room is adapted for age, sex and special needs of the children living in particular sections.

This project really shows the power of unity in supporting those who are in need. Each donor provided funds needed for the equipment of one room. Joined together, several donors, in one place, made a difference in providing five rooms in which children with disabilities can enjoy not only a safe but also a more beautiful environment.
The Zvecanska living rooms are all different, with different colors and have a different designs. On this page one can see the difference in the “before” pictures and the “after” pictures.

The Director of Zvecanska, Mr. Zoran Milacic, stated: “We send our sincere gratitude for your selfless, long-term support and expressed sensitivity towards users of our services, which makes it easier for our institution to achieve its mission and the right of children to a quality life, growth, and development. You have enriched the lives of these children in the space where they stay every day.”

Lifeline is grateful to the following donors who contributed to one living room a piece:

- Pittsburgh Tri – State Committee
- Desancic Family in memory of beloved parent Aleksandar Beban Desancic
- Yerich Family in memory of their beloved parents George and Violet Yerich
- Mr. John & Mrs. Lana Vujicic & family
- Mr. Gary & Mrs. Charlene Stanich
Helping Secure a Future

*Nelson Family Charitable Foundation*

The Suvi Do School, located 3 hours east of Belgrade, in the municipality of Zagubica was constructed originally in the 1930’s. Two of the classrooms were renovated with newly painted walls, new windows, new furnaces, and flooring by Lifeline. The student population has increased and a third empty classroom needed renovations and updates.

The *Nelson Family Charitable Foundation* donated all of the necessary materials to open up a third classroom. The donation provided for twelve children tables, 34 child chairs, one teacher’s desk, one teacher’s chair and two whiteboards. Through the efforts of the Foundation, another classroom opened to allow for the education of more children. Thank you *Nelson Family Charitable Foundation*!
The Nelson Charitable Foundation did not stop with Suvi Do. They also contributed to the Vuk Karadzic School located in Popovi Village in the Municipality of Bijeljina, in Republika Srpska, Bosnia & Herzegovina. The school was originally built in 1951 and needed new chalk boards and white boards for the classrooms. The old boards were stained and the teachers could not use them in a manner consistent with teaching.

The third school that received assistance through the Nelson Charitable Foundation is the Branko Radicevic School of Melnica Village, Serbia. This school has been in existence for 150 years with 62 students from pre-school to eighth grade. The Foundation donated for a new library, with new bookshelves, books, desks, and chairs. They also donated books in both Serbian and English as well as a beautifully rendered canvas print of the great Serbian inventor, Nikola Tesla.

The future belongs to the children. Providing them appropriate materials for learning secures a future for humanity.
The Vasa Stajic Shelter and Home for Children without parental Care, in Belgrade was in dire need of improvements. The home houses youth with mental and social issues. Many are rescued from the streets and have been physically and sexually abused or sex-trafficked. Some are run-aways. The rehabilitation can last from six months to two years.

The John and Mildred Medic Wuchenich Foundation generously donated to two projects at this shelter. Project one included providing new beds, 25 mattresses, 30 bedding sets and 50 pillows. Project two included remodeling of a new family room or “day room.” This required newly painted walls, repaired floors, new furniture, new TV, rugs, couches and pillows. It created a whole new atmosphere of cleanliness, safety and a more pleasant appearance. An aesthetically pleasant place to retreat to makes a difference for all of these young people who may have been roaming the streets or running away from unsavory people who abused them.

The Principal from the school, Mrs. Anita Buzejic Subaric, had the following to say:

“On behalf of the Children’s Home Vasa Stajic, I would like to thank the HRH Crown Princess Katherine Foundation and all the donors for equipping the children’s bedrooms and living rooms, which will improve the conditions and make their daily stay in our institution more comfortable. Great heart and humaneness were shown this time, too, even during the pandemic, when we have limited possibilities. The nobility and support we receive from our donors is of great importance for our institution. We will work on maintaining the very good cooperation we have with the HRH Crown Princess Katherine Foundation, who has supported us for years. It turned out once again that charity and humaneness have no borders, and we are only here to accept them with open arms and hand them over to the children of our institution.”
The Suvi Do Elementary School in Municipality of Zagubica, Serbia received a renovation donation from the **John and Mildred Medic Wuchenich Foundation**. They provided for a total renovation of the bathroom with new toilets, sinks, plumbing and tiles. New doors and a wash basin were included. Needless to say, this renovation not only provided a clean and safe environment for little learners but also provided an aesthetic that contributes to a general sense of well-being. The necessity of frequently washing hands to prevent the spread of infection was of primary import during the pandemic and having a bathroom with appropriate plumbing made this basic skill possible for these little learners.

“Our children deserve to have the best possible conditions for learning so they can attend classes carefree and safe, in a nice working environment. That is why this donation is so important, and I am very grateful to the Nelson Family Charitable Foundation and the John and Mildred Medic Wuchenich Foundation, who have generously been supporting the work of Lifeline Chicago and my Foundation in Belgrade for many years. Together, we have made a lot of children in Serbia happy. I am so glad that our people in the diaspora want to help our country and have not forgotten their homeland. They show that when there is love in and willingness to help, we can do so much for the benefit of the children, who are our biggest treasure,” said HRH Crown Princess Katherine.
The elementary school Vuk Karadžić in Bjeljina, in the Republic of Srpska, received a complete replacement of interior carpentry, replacement of entrance doors, nine new windows, and the installation of new heating. This has not been done in over 70 years! Thanks to the John and Mildred Medic Wuchenich Foundation, the children and teachers alike benefit from such a renovation in that they can turn their focus on the learning as opposed to drafty windows or cold temperatures indoors.

“We are very grateful to HRH Crown Princess Katherine, the Lifeline Humanitarian Organization of Chicago, as well as to the John and Mildred Medic Wuchenich Foundation who enabled us to teach in our school in the conditions we have long wished for. For the first time in 70 years, a new eco-friendly heating system has been installed, and complete carpentry, nine windows, and an entrance door have been replaced. On behalf of the children, their parents and the teaching staff in the village of Popovi, we are immensely grateful for the great contribution to our school,” said Mr. Predrag Rčanović, the principal of the elementary school Vuk Karadžić in Bjeljina.
In previous articles, it has been noted that the John and Mildred Medic Wuchenich Foundation have been the largest donors to the largest psychiatric hospital in Kovin for many years. The severely mentally ill have been “near and dear” to their hearts. This population is often the most forgotten, even by families. Through their effort and monetary contributions over the years, they have improved basic living conditions of this huge hospital with over 800 patients.

For years, their donations have resurfaced bathrooms, plumbing, heating, doors, windows and electrical work, among the many remodels by providing furniture, chairs, tables and televisions. Last year, their donation provided for a total renovation of the first floor of the Neuroses Building with the largest surface area thus far of 490 meters (1607.6 ft). This building houses 60 patients.

The renovation included removal of mold and lead paint on all of the walls, new electrical wiring, new lighting, removal and resurfacing of the ceiling, painting, new floor tiles, repair of over 20 doors, new tiles in kitchen area, new paint and tiles in the dining area and total remodel of five bedrooms.

People who have seen Kovin have seen the enormous complex with many different buildings where the severely mentally live. These buildings have not seen major renovations since it was first constructed in 1924. The single biggest donors for Kovin has been the John and Mildred Medic Wuchenich Foundation. They have contributed to the safety and well-being of the patients living there. Much more, they have sent a clear message to all of the severely mentally ill living at Kovin that they matter and that they have not been forgotten.
Kneginja Ljubica Home/Shelter Receives a Remodel

The Centre for The Development of Social Welfare Services “Princess Ljubica” in Kragujevac was established by the City Assembly of Kragujevac in 2011. It has implemented services for children, adults and the elderly. Such services were in the city for a long time prior to its establishment but in 2011 but not under one umbrella. They provide day treatment centers for the youth and the elderly as well as shelters from domestic violence. The Kneginja Ljubica Home was the recent recipient from a private donor of a new study hall, newly painted walls, floors and lighting. They received through this donation new desks, chairs, bookcases, books, posters and supplies.

Milan and Gorana Kosanic donated computers and printers in memory of Milanka Kosanic.
Mammography Machine Repaired Through Donations

The Foundation of Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Katherine, patron of Lifeline Humanitarian Organization, daily works include contacts with various ministries in Serbia that have a crucial role in the development of projects including the Ministry of Health and Environment. Other important activities include raising money for medical equipment that have been delivered to numerous hospitals.

In 2009, Her Royal Highness’ Foundation donated a new mobile mammogram machine to the Radiology Clinical Center Nis. Data has proven that one of the biggest benefits of screening mammography is early detection. From its arrival date at the clinic through September 2021, 149,811 mammography examinations were performed. All films were read and the findings sent to the respective women at their home addresses. According to the medical results, during this limited time interval more than 1,600 lives have been saved.

Unfortunately, the machine experienced a malfunction. Repairs were desperately required with early detection examinations. Her Royal Highness received a plea for help. Thanks to the altruism and generosity of Rose Glamoclija and Edward & Dusanka Armstrong, the machine has been repaired, is in good and sound condition and continues to perform the highly recommended and essential examinations. Lifeline Chicago promotes and endorses the belief all women should have access to regular screening mammograms.

Thank you to our donors.
A Note from the Tri-State Committee

The Tri-State committee, based in the Greater Pittsburgh area, like everyone else throughout the world has been hindered by the pandemic for the past two years. We have been unable to hold any “live” fundraisers, which has left us with mail campaigns as our only means of raising the much-needed funds to assist in bettering the lives of underserved populations in Serbia.

In spite of the challenges, we were still able to raise $38,000 to complete an array of projects, which you can read about in subsequent pages of this magazine. These projects were only possible because of the generosity from all of you, our perpetual and steadfast donors.

Our committee, comprised of dedicated members from throughout the Greater Pittsburgh and Ohio Valley region has been meeting, like most, via Zoom and are eager for our first in-person meeting in March. We look forward to the possibilities the coming year brings us, especially affording us the opportunity to reconnect with each other and our supporters at an event in 2022.

The committee wishes to thank all of you, who so generously gave, during a very difficult time. We understand there are many worthy causes and organizations that would benefit from your generosity and we are humbled that you continue to choose LifeLine. Your donations produce vast improvements for the lives of so many in Serbia, and we are forever indebted to you.

The Tri-State Committee is comprised of:

Jennifer Kosanovic, Co-Chair
Marco Trbovich, Secretary
Linda Bain
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Again, we would like to thank all of you and we look forward to reconnecting in the near future. As we begin to meet in person, we will make plans for an upcoming event, so please look for forthcoming information.

Lastly, if anyone in the Tri-State area is interested in participating on the committee, please reach out to a member for more information. It is a gratifying endeavor, because "Charity is the root of all good works." – St. Augustine
Municipality of Laktasi Receives 5 New Children’s Libraries

A Kindergarten in the municipality of Laktasi in Republika Srpska, named Princess Katarina Karadjordjevic, was the recipient of a considerable donation for the establishment of five fully equipped children’s libraries. The funds outfitted five rooms at The Princess Katarina Karadjordjevic Kindergarten with bookcases, books, and literature for the preschool children of this institution.

This is a very special project, not only because of the positive impact it will have on early childhood education in this community for years to come, but also because it was created in memory of the late +George Topich, longtime donor and benefactor of Lifeline and the founding chairperson of the Tri-State committee.

The libraries, situated in five different learning spaces, received new bookcases filled with books in both Serbian and English, learning games and toys and other educational items. These items were delivered in the annual Christmas container and were received with excitement and pride.

Princess Katarina Karadjordjevic Kindergarten now has much-needed, updated materials to enhance the learning experiences of the youngest learners and immerse them in rich language experiences. This would not have been possible without the generosity of our donors.

“For several years, our kindergarten has had wonderful cooperation with the Foundation of HRH Princess Katherine, whose name we are proud to bear. People from the Foundation showed exceptional attention, love for children, understanding, and desire to help, and thanks to them, the space where our children live has been enriched with new toys, furniture, air conditioners and children’s literature. Children and employees thank Princess Katherine, her foundation and donors from the bottom of our hearts and with smiles for their attention and gifts that made us happy,” said Natasa Trninic, Director of the Public Institution Center for Preschool Education Laktasi.
Hristina Markisic Orphanage in Aleksinac Receives New Beds, Mattresses and Bedding

Hristina Markisic Orphanage is a facility that houses children with special needs, many of whom have not had parental care for most of their lives. It was built to accommodate 48 children and currently cares for 20 residents all with special needs. While the building itself is still in good condition from remodeling that was completed in the 1980’s, new bedroom furniture was desperately needed to improve the living conditions for the children.

Pittsburgh/Tri-State Regional Committee committed $8,500 to provide the much-needed furniture, which includes the following:
- 15 New beds
- 15 New mattresses
- 30 New waterproof mattress covers
- 30 New sets of bedding
- 30 New pillows
- 30 New blankets

Providing these most basic needs improves the safety, health and well being of the youth who reside at Hristina Markisic, and we thank our donors for the ability to make a difference in their lives.

“On behalf of the users of the Home for Children and Youth “Hristina Markisic” Aleksinac, we thank the HRH Crown Princess Katherine Foundation and the Lifeline Humanitarian Organization of Chicago for the years of continuous support, as well as the Pittsburgh Tri-State Committee for this year’s equipment donation. It is of great importance to our Home to have the equipment continuously provided in order to raise the standard of accommodation services to the children and young people with disabilities, as well as to the children without adequate parental care. The attention and support you have selflessly been providing to our users for years is especially important, and we are immensely grateful to you for that.

Thank you for every pleasant moment and every smile you have brought to our children”, stated Mrs. Jasmina Nikolic, General Manager of the “Hristina Markisic” Home.
In the village of Gornje Kusce located in Kosovo and Metohija, a school was in desperate need of renovations to create a safer environment for the students and staff. Petar Petrovic Njegos Elementary School, which houses 12 classrooms, and where almost 160 students attend, has benefitted from the generous donations made to the Pittsburgh/Tri-State Regional Committee of LifeLine.

The $10,000 renovations began with the removal of mold and lead paint, and then the walls were painted throughout the three-floor building. Thirty-seven existing doors were repaired and six new doors were installed to replace those that could not be repaired. There were also five windows installed, where broken ones had existed. The renovation was completed when 24 new bathroom basins and taps were installed throughout the school.

These improvements may seem mundane to some, but to the students and staff at Petar Petrovic Elementary School, the improvements have instilled not only a greater sense of safety, but also a renewed pride in their school.

“We are very grateful to HRH Crown Princess Katherine, her Foundation, and the donors. This donation enabled us to have much better conditions for learning and work, and I believe that our school will become a place where students will be happy to stay,” [said] Mr. Nenad Vlajkovic, the Principal of the school stated.
Rada Vranjesevic Orphanage Receives Gift from Mrs. McCartan

Four hours west of Belgrade in Banja Luka, Republic of Serbia sits an orphanage named for activist, Rada Vranjesevic. The name of this orphanage is fitting because it seeks to provide assistance by offering a stable and compassionate environment for children without parental care, just as Rada Vranjesevic sought to assist people in need in Yugoslavia generations before.

The facility, which was built to accommodate 100 children, currently houses over 80, ranging in age from newborns to college age, young adult, and is structured so that children are living in groups according to their age in ten units throughout the building.

Rada Vranjesevic Orphanage is the only facility in Republic of Serbia that serves children without parental care, and will never turn those in need away. Thus, the facility always houses more children during the winter months when the weather can be brutal and at Christmas, when some have nowhere else to go. The facility also seeks to help youth who have been saved from abuse and sex trafficking, for without the assistance of the orphanage, the cycle of abuse would repeat itself.
Because it is the only orphanage in Republic of Serbia, it was imperative that remediation occurred to make it a safer living environment for the children. Mrs. Margaret McCartan, of Pittsburgh, saw what was needed and stepped in to assist in the renovation with a significant donation. Mrs. McCartan has been a steadfast donor to LifeLine’s Pittsburgh/Tri-State Regional Committee and was the Princess Katherine Award recipient in 2020 for her substantial assistance over the years.

The wing where the youngest children reside was the area of greatest need because of the mold growth and lead paint that was on the walls. Knowing the negative and potentially long-term effect these have on the physical and mental health of children, the removal of both the mold and lead paint was of primary importance. Once this was accomplished the remainder of the work could commence, which included:

- Repainting the unit
- Resurfacing and refinishing the floors
- Updating the electrical wiring
- Remodeling of bathrooms, specifically to be handicapped accessible
- Purchasing new furnishing for the family room (sofas, drapery, area rugs, wall unit, tables and chairs, TV, computer, games and toys)
- Bedding (pillows, sheet sets, blankets)

With these improvements to the living environment, the lives of the children who are cared for as Rada Vranjesiev Orphanage have been appreciably and positively impacted, giving them a healthier and safer home in which to live, where they can hopefully grow and thrive.

The work has started but not totally completed before printing of this magazine.
Pittsburgh/Tri-State in Conjunction with The Halyard Foundation Make Improvements to School Library

In the province of Vojvodina, Serbia on the left bank of the Danube sits Backa Palanka. Less than two hours northwest of Belgrade, Backa Palanka has approximately 55,000 inhabitants, and a rich history dating back centuries. In that history, there is a thread that connects the town to the United States that was sewn through the fabric of WWI, when Serbs living in the USA returned to then Yugoslavia to join the forces of their ancestral homeland. The Halyard Mission Foundation has worked to reconnect those in the US whose families took part in these efforts.

Through this work, the Halyard Mission Foundation saw a need in the elementary school for a library. This project was of interest to the Pittsburgh/Tri-State committee because of their commitment to create libraries throughout Serbia in memory of +George Topich, the committees founding chairperson.

Vuk Karadzic Elementary School has an enrollment of 950 first through eighth grade students, which increased during the 1990’s when Serbian refugees relocated there from Croatia and Bosnia.

The scope of the project includes installing new bookshelves and cabinetry, purchasing up-to-date technology, including computers and whiteboards, purchasing furniture and filling the shelves with books in both English and Serbian.

Libraries are essential in schools and communities, as they are gateways to knowledge, culture and the world beyond the communities in which they reside. The students at Vuk Karadzic Elementary School now have a space that supports literacy, gives them the opportunity to expand their knowledge and allows them to create new ideas.
Halyard Mission Foundation: 
“A Little Goes a Long Way”

Lt. Colonel John Cappello, *retired United States Air Force, President*  
Bojan Dragicevic, *Founder of Halyard Mission Foundation*

Lifeline has worked with the Halyard Mission Foundation for the past several years. During the global pandemic, the Foundation delivered essential supplies. Moreover, Lt. Colonel John Cappello and his team were instrumental in delivering food for those in need during both the Bozic and Pascha seasons. Most recently, the Foundation has helped Lifeline to build libraries in rural locales.

The Halyard Mission Foundation works to highlight important connections between Serbia and the United States. During World War I, thousands of Serb volunteers from the United States traveled back to Serbia to fight. Seventy volunteers were from the village of Backa Palanka. The Foundation has supported a number of other volunteer villages in Vojvodina with the generous assistance of Lifeline Chicago.

Lt. Colonel John remarked, “The Halyard Mission Foundation has been able to accomplish so much over the last two years with the generous support of LLC and Pittsburgh Tri-State. This is an excellent example of how building partnerships and cooperating to achieve a goal can be successful. The Foundation is proud to partner with LLC and looks forward to doing so much more in the future. A little really does go a long way.”
Ambassador Group Sends Pizzas to the Youth Baseball Group

Baseball Returns in 2022 after two years of cancellations due to the pandemic. The Lifeline Ambassador group has funded Serbia’s Youth Baseball Tournament for the previous five years. Our ambassadors have had limited fundraisers due to the covid restrictions but were ready, willing and able to help out at the beginning of the new season. Pizza, anyone?
The Milica Malesevic Estate Helps Stmnica

Thanks to the considerable donation of the Milica Malesevic Estate, the Home for Children and Persons with Developmental Disabilities “Dr. Nikola Sumenkovic” in Stmnica was again the recipient of an abundance of gifts.

“The late Milica Malesevic dedicated her life to her family, faith and the needs of others and after her falling asleep in the Lord, she continued her extreme generosity through charitable gifts.” For the last several years Lifeline Chicago has been making donations in Milica’s honor to the “Dr. Nikola Sumenkovic” Home. The Home, situated in a village in Perovac, in Serbia, has been operational since 1964 and has required few repairs since opening its doors.

Through the recent donation in her honor, Lifeline Chicago shipped 330 sets of new bed linens and pillows; articles of new clothing, shoes and socks.

In addition, the donation aided the women shelters, where the residents have been making the bed linens thanks to the new sewing machines donated by Lifeline.

Proverbs:
“Whoever is generous to the poor, lends to the Lord.”
Human trafficking across the world is a serious issue, including in the United States. Men, women and children are all possible victims. From sex-trafficking to labor trafficking, laws are broken and people are victimized through being forced into labor and through being forced to be sexual slaves. The traffickers hide well and keep their victims close. Countries all over the world have incredible problems in finding missing persons and prosecuting the perpetrators. The victims, however, get re-traumatized over and over again. First, by the traffickers and then by the legal system. Serbia, Kosovo and Montenegro have their own issues with human traffickers and all three have been either a transit place or a place of destination or a place from which traffickers find victims or all of the above.

According to the United States Department website (www.state.gov/reports/2021): “The Government of Serbia does not fully meet the minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking but is making significant efforts to do so. The government demonstrated overall increasing efforts compared to the previous reporting period, considering the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on its anti-trafficking capacity; therefore Serbia remained on Tier 2. These efforts included convicting more traffickers and identifying more victims. The government increased resources to the Center for Protection of Trafficking Victims (CPTV), and judges granted “especially vulnerable witness status” to more victims. The government organized virtual awareness campaigns, including funding a competition to produce media projects on trafficking.”

With donations LLC was able to answer the plea for help as the Center was in dire need of equipment. The New Center will accommodate women and their children. The location of the facility is in Smederevo Municipality, Mala Krsna village which is 60 km from Belgrade (one hour one way). The Center for Human Trafficking Victims Protection is a specialized national social protection institution, responsible for identifying victims of human trafficking, providing assistance and support, and reintegration of the beneficiaries.

The procedure for licensing the social protection service has been initiated for the Center but needed help in providing everything inside needed to open. In order to perform regular activities, it is necessary to ensure the functionality of the Center.
The doors of the Center will open because LLC donated the following:
a washing machine, a tumble dryer, a dishwasher, three boilers, eight mattresses, a stove, a refrigerator, a
freezer, a vacuum cleaner, and small household appliances. In addition to the necessary household appliances,
the Crown Princess Katherine Foundation also provided clothes, toys for children, and hygiene products.

Lifeline Chicago also supplied the Center with food supply for the first two months.

“It is extremely important to talk about this problem and raise the awareness of the community, to give our
contribution and support to the victims, as well as to raise our voice so that the tragedy that these people have
suffered will not happen again”, said HRH Crown Princess Katherine.

“We thank Her Royal Highness for the great help and support she has given us, as well as the Lifeline Chicago
Office, for their understanding and quick response to the appeal we sent”, said the acting general manager of the
Centre for Human Trafficking Victims’ Protection, Ms. Aleksandra Ljubojevic.
Women’s Shelters and Safe Houses that Lifeline Supports

Serbia has thirteen women’s shelters located in the following cities and towns that Lifeline helps:

- Belgrade
- Novi Sad
- Kragujevac
- Pancevo
- Sombor
- Zrenjanin
- Nis
- Jagodina
- Vranje
- Vlasotince
- Leskovac
- Smederevo
- Priboj

Lifeline also helps three shelters in Republika Srpska, primarily in Banja Luka and Bijeljina. Lifeline Chicago tries to help five to six different shelters every Bozic with gifts of clothing for the women and the children along with Christmas gifts of dolls, trucks, toys and games for their children.

Victims of violence, the women who come to the shelters often do not have any economic means needed for survival. The lack of economic empowerment leads to more feelings of helplessness and despair. Many of the women are accompanied by children. Often, they do not have a way of reintegrating into the society due to lack of economic freedom. Safe houses provide immediate shelter to the victims of violence, psycho-social and legal support but do not have the means of helping them reintegrate back into the community.
Thank you to everyone who purchased a cookbook in the last two years. The cookbook, *Cooking with Love!*, was a project driven by the desire to empower women economically who were victims of violence. This wonderful cookbook, which, itself, was the subject of many donations. The cookbook was published in Serbia and through generous donations was printed, through further generous donations brought to the US and Canada and through further generous donations of time and money was disbursed during Covid! Truly this is an act of love throughout its creation to its conclusion.

All of the proceeds from the book went to women’s shelters in Serbia and Republika Srpska. Lifeline has been sponsoring a shelter in Sombor (named Sombor Taylors). Lifeline was able to purchase sewing machines, steamers, commercial irons, paid for the women’s website to launch their products, purchases of boxes and materials.

In helping these women in shelters, we help them create sustainability. Lifeline purchases from these women bedding linens for the orphanages, shelters and institutions (sizing in Serbia is different from the United States). Most recently, these women have created the most adorable new Serbian dolls, which we offer on our website’s Donation Shop.
Three women’s shelters in Republika Srpska received donations through the cookbook Project. The Cookbook Project was a cookbook created and printed of recipes (Cooking with Love!) where people could donate and receive a cookbook. The project was exclusively for women’s shelters to empower women economically who were victims of violence. Three women’s shelters in Republika Srpska (Banja Luka $6,809.00; Bjeljina $5,824.00; Modrica $4,832.00) received support in the following manner:

A. Women’s shelter in Banja Luka, Republika Srpska: laser engraving machine and supplies, 13 radiators for heating and a corner sofa.

B. Women’s shelter in Bijeljina, Republika Srpska: pasta making machine, metal table, pasta dryer machine and laptop.

C. Women’s shelter in Modrica, Republika Srpska: sewing machine, embroidery machine, commercial iron and supplies.

There were some obstacles in the supply chain and the import of the pasta machine (for Bijeljina) and the engraving machine (for Banja Luka) were delayed. The sewing machine was delivered to Modrica safe house (please see photos). We hope all will be delivered by the time this magazine is in print.

Press release below:

HRH CROWN PRINCESS KATHERINE ASSISTS THREE WOMEN’S SAFE HOUSES IN REPUBLIKA SRPSKA

Belgrade, ... March 2022 — The HRH Crown Princess Katherine Foundation, in cooperation with Lifeline Humanitarian Organization of Chicago, whose patron is Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Katherine, has provided substantial support over many years to the women who reside in safe houses in Serbia and in Republika Srpska.

The “Economic Empowerment of Women Victims of Violence” project was launched with the aim of enabling these women to garner gainful employment and to become financially independent upon leaving safe houses. This particular project was enacted to assist three safe houses in Republika Srpska: in Banja Luka, Modrica and Bijeljina. The three safe houses received valuable donations including: a laser cutting and engraving machine, a sewing machine, an embroidery machine, an all-purpose pasta machine, a commercial-grade iron, and laptops. The living conditions in the safe house in Banja Luka also greatly improved with the installation of new radiators and the purchase of new living room furniture.
We have updated our website

www.lifelinechicago.org

Check out the website for information about all things Lifeline. Websites are always a work in progress. It seems as we update, something new happens and it needs another update. We have added a few items to our DONATION SHOP (D-SHOP). Check out the neat items placed there! You can still get *Cooking with Love!* cookbook for yourself or someone else in your life. The newest items in the D-SHOP are gorgeous, fun and entirely hand-made dolls made in Serbia. This item will disappear fast. As in the past, we continue to offer T-shirts and ornaments.

Head on over to the D-Shop! Drop a donation and receive any of the above mentioned items at your door!

“Before giving, the mind of the giver is happy; while giving, the mind of the giver is made peaceful; and having given, the mind of the giver is uplifted.”

– Buddha
Proper papers and border crossing expectations often change when going into Kosovo and Metohija. Despite difficulties, for the last 16 years, Lifeline Chicago has managed to get into Kosovo and Metohija to assist needy families with essentials: from supplying the diocesan soup kitchens, feeding villages through assisting the schools with needed supplies.

The Crown Princess Foundation in Belgrade, together with Lifeline Humanitarian Organization of Chicago, again this year helped socially vulnerable Serbian families from the municipality of Kosovska Kamenica and delivered them the necessary packages of humanitarian aid.

For 36 families with a total of 186 members with 96 children from the villages of Beriçoje, Robovac, Ranilug, Glogovce, Gornje Korminjane, Donje Korminjane, Tomance, Pancelo, Veliko Ropotovo, Rucavica, Domorovce, Gornje Mocare and Bosce, the aid has been provided in the form of packages with basic food and hygiene products, while toys, school backpacks and school supplies were delivered for the youngest.

The aid also arrived at 2 primary schools in Kosovo and Metohija, which have a total of 400 pupils. Elementary school “Veljko Dugosevic” in Ranilug and elementary school “Petar Petrovic Njegos” from...
Kusce, received a large amount of school material in the form of notebooks, books, markers, crayons, pencils, board games and balls. Educational items were donated by St. Sava Academy School in Illinois along with Lifeline Chicago donors.

“I appeal to everyone to help our people overcome the difficult days and challenges they face every day. My husband, Crown Prince Alexander, and I are always there to help as much as we can, and the Serbs from Kosovo and Metohija are always in our thoughts, our hearts and our prayers”, said HRH Crown Princess Katherine.

The families received the following: flour, pasta, rice, oil, sardines, tea, cookies, sugar, salt, beans, shampoo and washing powder. We would like to thank the AVW Equipment Company of Chicago who helped to purchase the food (a company owned by the family of Mira Djordjevic, Lifeline Chicago board member).
“Together, we Make a Difference!”
“Together, we Will Continue to Make a Difference”

These pictures tell us that there is much more to do.
Many needs and future projects await.
Orphanages need repairs and new furniture.
Schools need basic desks and chairs.
Children need basic computers and supplies. Many needs.
We have made a difference in the past and together, we will make a difference in the future.
We are sorry if your name does not appear on the donor list. We try to include all names as best as we can but we do not always achieve 100% accuracy. If you donated through Facebook or other social sites, they forward the donation but do not include addresses or names due to privacy policies. Please forgive us and let us know your name and address if you donate through social sites. For errors or omissions, please call 312-228-0600 or write office@lifelinechicago.org

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