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HOPE WORLDWIDE PROVIDES FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR PHASE II OF THE "HELPING HAND FOR UKRAINE" PROJECT

October 12, 2015 – HOPE *worldwide*, headquartered in the USA is providing financial support for Phase II of the "Helping Hand for Ukraine" International Relief Project, in the amount of 20 000 USD.

In Q1 2015, HOPE *worldwide* (USA) delivered an initial \$20 000 USD to HOPE *worldwide* Ukraine to bring humanitarian assistance for internally displaced persons (IDPs) from Eastern Ukraine. Part of this initial transfer was used as "seed money" to create and implement Phase I of the "Helping Hand for Ukraine" project in May-June 2015. A team of 12 psychologists in Kyiv (the Recovery Team) was trained in the "Children of War. Teaching Recovery Techniques". The Recovery Team held seven therapy sessions over 6 weeks for each of three groups of children and five sessions for one group of parents in the temporary IDP camp in Korostyshiv.

Successful implementation of Phase I led to HOPE *worldwide* (USA) providing additional support for Phase II of the "Helping Hand for Ukraine" project.

Phase II will last for 6 weeks starting October 18. The Recovery Team will conduct therapy sessions for children in the "Dzherelo" IDP camp in Pushcha Vodytsya (Kyiv oblast). In addition, the Recovery Team will conduct "Children and War. Teaching Recovery Techniques" training sessions for social workers and psychologists in Cherkasy from October 28 to 30.

Randolph S. Jordan, outgoing CEO of HOPE *worldwide*, Ltd.: *"With the mission "to bring hope to a hurting world" HOPE worldwide is pleased to provide financial assistance to ensure the successful implementation of the "Helping Hand for Ukraine" project that it may have lasting impact on the lives of Ukrainian children"*.

The Project is aimed to provide psychological assistance to internally displaced children and parents from Eastern Ukraine, to train psychologists, social workers, and volunteers to work with children, traumatized by war.

Phase II of the "Helping Hand of Ukraine" project includes:

- Training of over 300 psychologists, social workers, teachers to work with traumatized children using the "Children and War. Teaching Recovery Techniques" manual;
- Therapy sessions for over 10000 children and parents to acquire skills of psychological self-assistance that will help them cope with traumatic experiences and stress situations;
- Providing "psychological art kits" to 5000 children and equipping "Children's Safe Space" in 5 temporary IDPs camps (Cherkasy, Korostyshiv, Kurakhove, Komsomolsk, Kremenchuk);
- Delivering humanitarian aid to over 17500 IDPs who live in five temporary camps.

About “HOPE *worldwide* Ukraine” Charity Foundation

“HOPE *worldwide* Ukraine” Charity Foundation is a non-governmental charitable organization, performing its activities in Ukraine, which aims at improving the quality of life for children and adults who live in difficult socio-economic conditions. The Foundation has been registered in 1998 (Certificate #0108-98 issued by the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine).

The main activities of the Foundation include providing humanitarian aid to the IDPs (internally displaced persons) from the Eastern Ukraine and psychological assistance to children, traumatized by war in the Eastern Ukraine; fostering social adaptation of orphans with disabilities who live in orphanages and boarding schools in city of Kyiv and Kyiv oblast; assisting state elderly care institutions in sustaining physical and emotional needs of the elderly; promoting healthy lifestyles among adolescents and youth; promoting voluntary blood donation and recruiting blood donors.

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About HOPE *worldwide*. Ltd

HOPE *worldwide*, Ltd – is a registered non-profit 501 (3) c) charity, headquartered in Philadelphia, USA. The mission is as simple as its name: “to bring hope to a hurting world”. HOPE *worldwide* was founded in 1991 with three programs of humanitarian service. Now it serves the poor in 75 nations on all six inhabited continents. With over 100,000 committed volunteers, HOPE *worldwide* annually serves more than 2 million needy people worldwide.

HOPE *worldwide* is a recognized non-governmental organization in special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

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