



Lithuanian Children's Hope Lietuvos Vaiku Viltis

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Dear Mr. Mickus and LCSWPA Members,

The Lithuanian Children's Hope Fund was started approximately thirty years ago in Chicago, IL. In 1991, the Lithuanian Children's Hope had its first committee meeting. The goal for the organization was to assist the children of Lithuania by bringing them to the United States for treatment, which they were unable to receive in Lithuania. A partnership was spearheaded with the Shriner's hospital and its Lithuanian LVV liaison Dr. Vytautas Dargis. Dr. Dargis discovered that there were twenty two Shriner's hospitals that were providing assistance to children of Lithuania. So began the journey for many Lithuanian children seeking treatment, who would otherwise not receive treatment.

In 1992 the Los Angeles Chapter of the Lithuanian's Children Hope was started. Our mission was the same, to heal the children of Lithuania. As the years passed, Lithuanian physicians were able to expand their knowledge base. Lithuania's independence changed the dynamic of the Lithuanian Children's Hope. No longer did so many children need to be brought to the the United States, the technology was now available in Lithuania.

After many years of helping Lithuania's children, the Chicago chapter closed, and the only remaining chapter was in Los Angeles. We started to focus our energies on a different path to help the children of Lithuania. We started our dental project approximately eight years ago. The goal was to help children that live in group homes or orphanages that would not have access to good dental care. We have funded many braces, surgeries, dental plates and overall treatment. We have a partnership with several orthodontic clinics in Lithuania that oversee the children's care.

We are extremely grateful for the care you and your organization provided to Ajus and his family during their difficult time. Your generous donation of \$10,000 will be used to continue our work and mission to treat the children of Lithuania.



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With my warmest regards, and best wishes,

Rasa Silkaitis

President, Lithuanian Children's hope

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OUR MISSION:

The main goal of Lithuanian Children's Hope (LCH), a not-for-profit organization, is to provide unavailable specialized medical aid to the children of Lithuania. Children with severe medical problems who cannot be helped in Lithuania are brought to the United States for treatment.

Assistance to medical institutions in Lithuania is provided through medical equipment, internships, visits from U. S. medical professional and the remodeling of aging hospitals and medical facilities.

A current far-reaching project is providing dental care to disadvantaged and disabled children in orphanages, day centers and care facilities throughout Lithuania.

Lithuanian Children's Hope is a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable organization, tax-id 36-3954979. All donations are tax-deductible.

A FEW OF OUR YOUNGEST PATIENTS:



GABRIELLE-Treated at the Paley Institute in Florida for a rare genetic leg malformation.



VALDAS: Treated for severe facial and hand burns at the Boston Shriners Hospital.

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AJUS: Was treated at the University of Pittsburgh for a rare heart valve issue. He arrived during the covid pandemic with his mother and uncle. Ajus was able to receive the highest quality treatment and his family did not have to worry about financial hardships due to the generosity of the Pittsburgh Lithuanian Society. They spearheaded a fund-raiser to cover the expenses.

The Pittsburgh Lithuanian Societies fund raiser was so successful that they were able to doante \$10,000 to the Lithuanian Children's Hope to continue our dental care program. We are very grateful, THANK YOU!

Pictured: Pittsburgh's Lithuanian Society



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THE DENTAL PROJECT: Reaching children of Lithuania that are disadvantaged, living in care facilities, or are disabled, and providing dental care. The Lithuanian Children's Hope totally funds their care. One of our first smiling recipients of dental care, braces. She told me she never smiled before, she was too ashamed by her teeth.



Five of our young patients, a group home in Lithuania, so fortunate to have had a chance to visit them.

A heartfelt thank you to all of our generous donors, through your generosity we can continue treating Lithuania's Children.