

2010 White Nights Gala

This year our "White Nights Weekend" will be held May 8-9, 2010. The highlight of the weekend will be our Black Tie Fundraiser, which will be held Saturday, May 8th in the "Grand Ballroom" of the Omni Wm. Penn Hotel in downtown Pittsburgh.

If we receive enough sponsorship commitments we hope to bring many of our Russian friends to Pittsburgh to attend the weekend's events. It is our hope that you would consider being a sponsor so we would be able to bring the entire group of drivers and translators.

At our last Gala in 2007 we had 60 of the older children attend and they had a wonderful time. The Gala will be open again for children age 10 and up. It will be great to let them experience this event, first hand, which raises money for children in Russia. The children will be introduced at the Gala and enjoy dinner with the adults.

We will have activities that will be entertaining for the older children attending the Gala. As in the past, a babysitting service will be available for you to contract with for children less than 10 years of age. Please see www.rentamominpittsburgh.net for more information.

The weekend will include Saturday activities open to all the families attending the Gala. We will charter a shuttle bus to take and pick up families to three area attractions, the National Aviary, the Children's Museum and the Carnegie Science Center. These three attractions are a five minute ride from the Omni Wm. Penn Hotel. We are hoping to charter a one hour outing with "Just Ducky Tours" also. This is a unique way to see the sights of Pittsburgh. We would need a minimum number of families to sponsor this land and water tour. Clients would be picked up and dropped off at the Omni William Penn. A subway stop is located across the street if you would care to sight see on your own. It is a short subway ride to Station Square and the Monongahela Incline located on Mt. Washington.

Our Reunion Brunch will be held on Sunday, May 9th . The brunch will also be at the Omni Wm. Penn. All IAG families are invited to attend the brunch. Attendance at the Gala is not required to attend the brunch.

IAG has reserved a limited number of rooms at a discount rate at the Omni William Penn hotel. These rooms are on a first come basis. To reserve a room contact the Omni William Penn hotel at 412-281-7100 and ask for the IAG or International Assistance Group rate.

Our Russian friends who are expected to attend

Elena Golitzina	St. Petersburg
Andrei Barsukov	St. Petersburg
Natasha Tolstova	St. Petersburg
Evgenia Shubina	Moscow
Natasha Petrova	Moscow
Maria Bogomolova	St. Petersburg
Ksenia Sidorova	St. Petersburg
Vlad Komarov	St. Petersburg
Galina Pozharskaya	St. Petersburg
Natalia Nikiforova	Director Baby Home #13
Lydia Kibardina	Deputy Director Baby Home #13
Valeria Aleksandrova	Medical Director Baby Home #3
Tamara Kanaeva	Director Baby Home Fryazino
Viktoria Balakhovskaya	Chairman of Lubertzi District Office of Child Welfare