

CATs for Kids



Become a Powerful Children's Advocate

Start a Children's Action Team (CAT)

What is a CAT? A small international team focused on one specific children's facility in a foreign country.

Why small teams? Small teams become committed, reliable partners as the team members "take ownership".

The Personal Touch. Small teams allow team members to get to know in-country Rotarians and facility staff.

A CAT is Simple. Each team focuses on only one children's facility. The team's mission is "bite-sized" and manageable.

A CAT is Powerful! The team is supplied with fund-raising tools, a website and in-country Rotary partners.

Look at a functioning CAT. Below are members of the "Baikal Seals" CAT representing Shelter 2 in Irkutsk, Russia.



Rotarians and CAT members Nelly and Pavel with children of Shelter #2



Lida
Co-Leader



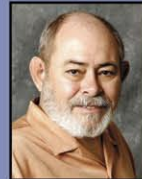
Steve
Co-Leader



Irina
Shelter Director



Valeriya
Translator



Mark
Matching Grants



Joanne
Webmaster



Judy
Club Rep.



Gene
Club Rep.



Carmen
Club Rep.



Mary
Club Rep.



Alexis
Club Rep.

Steve Moksnes, a member of The Rotary Club of Kihei-Wailea, Hawaii, is the co-leader of this CAT. Seven Rotary clubs on Maui are co-sponsors of CAT and each club has a representative on the CAT. Each club has paid \$300 to be a co-sponsor and is ready to give further aid when needed. Steve makes presentations, communicates with volunteers, communicates with his Russian counterpart, and updates the co-sponsoring clubs on activities at Shelter #2. Lida Sclocchini, a co-leader of the CAT, is Steve's contact person in the Rotary Club of Irkutsk. She visits Shelter #2 frequently to discuss possible projects with the Shelter #2 director Irina Bogdanova. Lida attends events involving the children, takes photos of shelter conditions, and completed projects.

The other Irkutsk club members are avid supporters of OrphanAct and the children's facilities they work with. Lida is working on a Matching Grant for Shelter 2. Steve and Lida represent a team composed of seven Maui Rotary Clubs, One Russia Rotary Club, the shelter director, and the OrphanAct umbrella organization. Through their CAT they are in a position to make significant improvements in the lives of the children in Shelter #2. Steve and Lida are just average Rotarians with a passion to help children. They will be responsible for raising more than \$50,000 including a Matching Grant to benefit the children of Irkutsk. You can do exactly that same thing for a children's facility that you are linked to.

You are the key! Start a CAT today!