

Dear Friends and Family,

It is with great excitement that I announce my Peace Corps Partnership Program to renovate the Chiatura Orphanage School has been fully funded! THANK YOU!

As you recall, I sent an email in late May explaining the project purpose and giving directions on how to donate to the project. Through your personal donations and willingness to forward the project details on, all \$11,370 has been raised. This is quite a remarkable amount to be raised in such a short time! I called the Orphanage School Director yesterday to tell him the news and he broke down in tears. He requested that I thank everyone on his behalf and said this is truly a blessing for his school and the children.

The overall renovation project is a \$23,469 effort that is being funded through my Partnership Program and the Tbilisi Youth House Foundation, a local organization. The Foundation has already begun minor renovations and has recently purchased new desks and blackboards. It's amazing to see the changes that are already occurring. The Partnership funds will be transferred to Georgia in two weeks and we will begin renovations as soon as it is deposited. The timing of the funds is perfect as it allows us to complete most of the work before the harsh winter weather sets in.

I would like to send a very special thank you to the Returned Peace Corps Volunteer Group of Atlanta. This group annually supports a Partnership Program project for a volunteer from the state of Georgia and found my project online. They generously agreed to donate \$3,000 to the project. Thank you all!

I have to admit the phone call yesterday was one of the most exciting days of my service thus far. I have worked very hard on this project and have worked very closely with many Georgians to make this dream a reality. There are no words to express my appreciation and gratitude for all of your support.

I hope to have another progress report ready to send at Christmas. Please forward this email on to anyone who you may have sent it to so they can be updated as well.

Again, thank you.

All the best,

Maggie

Peace Corps Volunteer

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