

ROOF-tops



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PROVIDING SUPPORT AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR ORPHANED YOUTH IN RUSSIA

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2008 – 2009 academic year results

During the 2008-2009 academic year, thanks to your support, our students achieved outstanding results:

- * **97 students** studied at ROOF's Education Center during the **2008-2009 academic year**.
- * **7628** lessons were conducted.
- * **5 students** graduated 9th grade and earned lower secondary education diplomas.
- * **5 students** graduated 11th grade and earned upper secondary education diplomas. They all successfully passed their general state exams on math and Russian .

- * **55 students** advanced to the following grade level.



Students, teachers and staff of the EC at the entrance to the Anglican Church

- * Thanks to ROOF tutoring, **12 students** advanced to the next year at colleges and universities.
- * **5 students** were admitted to Institutes and Universities.
- * **4 students** were admitted to technical schools and colleges.
- * **5 students** found jobs during the year.
- * The Student Council started operating at the Education Center.

Over the course of a year, our students have grown: they have become more self-confident and communicative, more eager to display their talents and knowledge.

Opening new academic year at ROOF's Education Center

On September 14th, ROOF students, teachers and staff, friends and



Father Simon and Father Pyotr — wishes to ROOF's Education Center students

sponsors of the Education Center gathered at St. Andrew's Anglican Church to greet ROOF's 2009 – 2010 academic year.

The new academic year opened with a collective prayer led by Fathers Simon and Pyotr. Supporters, friends, teachers, staff and students offered thanks, welcome, warm wishes and kind words.

At the end of the opening ceremony, everyone enjoyed videos about ROOF's Annual Summer Camp in Belskoe Ustye and the Education Center, created by 2009 ROOF graduate Vikenty Ekimov.

As per ROOF tradition, the ceremony was followed by tea and refreshments.



The EC students, teachers and guests at the party, dedicated to the opening of the new academic year

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The beginning of 2009 – 2010 academic year

Studies



Group 7 before Maths lesson

Studies at ROOF's Education Center started on September 15, 2009. Besides the fact, that lessons were to start at 5 p.m. many students came to the Education Center about 2—3 p.m. While waiting for the lessons to start they were drinking tea, sharing their impressions about summer holidays, greeting the newcomers.

This year we have more than 20 new students. Most of them learnt about Education Center from our "old" students and graduates.

Our Education Center students always welcome the newcomers and do everything to make them feel at home from the very first day.

New students

Meet some of our new students.

Lebedev Valery

Valera was brought to ROOF's EC by one of our "old" students, Sasha Mitkevich.

Valera is at group 3. Besides, he has additional Russian and Psychology

lessons. Now Valera's main goal is to learn to read and write.



Akhmetova Ainur

Ainur studies at ROOF's EC group 5. Nearly all the students from group 5 are newcomers, they all are students and graduates of various Moscow orphanages and internats. Ainur

came to us through ROOF's friend Victor Victorovich. She is a very intelligent girl and likes to study. She is always ready to help both her groupmates and teachers.



Chasovnikov Alexander



Sasha learnt about ROOF's EC from our student Kartinsky Vitya. Sasha is at ROOF's group 7. His dream is to become an accountant.

Sasha likes ROOF's Education Center very much, he comes here every day, including those days when he doesn't have lessons. Besides, Sasha actively participates in life of the Education Center.

This year there are about 100 students at our Education Center. Most of the students come to study at the Education Center after work or studies at other education establishments.

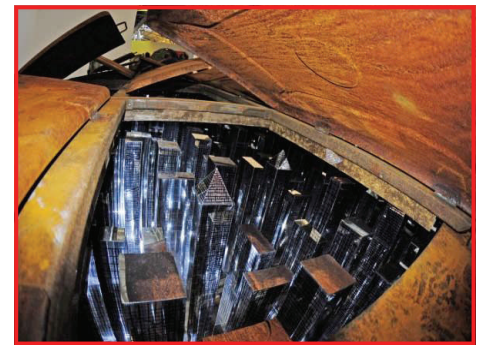
We wish all ROOF's students finish this academic year and achieve all their goals. We believe that 2009 – 2010 academic year will bring the students new knowledge, new impressions and positive feelings.

Events

Besides studies, at ROOF's Education Center we often have holidays, excursions, clubs, visits to the theatre and cinema, endless tea-drinking, which create warm and heartfelt atmosphere.

This year the moderator of crosscultural club Ulyana Shilkina invited us to visit the exhibition of contemporary art "After Exclusion" at the Center for Contemporary Culture "Garage" on October, 10.

At the exhibition we saw lots of interesting things, pictures and photos, sculptures, performances.



Alexander Brodsky «20 Garbage Cans»

We were impressed by a wonderful city inside garbage cans – «20 Garbage Cans» by Alexander Brodsky. We admired 2 large balloons, slowly whirling in the air, colliding with each other and falling down to water, splashing it to the visitors – «War of Worlds» by Annette Messenger.

Besides, we liked the words, that were slowly creating from streams of water, stuffed animals in fur coats, huge, several meters high, piece of read cheese, two brightly dressed mannequins without heads, but with guns pointed at one another, and lots of other things.

We really enjoyed the exhibition. After leaving the «Garage» we continued sharing our impressions about those things we saw there.

Make our students' dreams true. Sponsor one of our projects, a group of students or a student.