

Lithuanian Mercy Lift 20 Years Accomplishments

The US volunteer organization Lithuanian Mercy Lift (LML) provided Lithuania with over **\$126,690,425** worth of aid during the first 20 years following the Soviet Union's collapse. LML shipped over \$125 million worth of equipment and supplies donated by US corporations and institutions. An additional \$1,697,625 US donated by US benefactors was spent in Lithuania and 4 medical transport vehicles were purchased.

Donations from US supporters provided Lithuania's poor and needy with these services through LML:

Medical Shipments: \$125 Million value

- 612 forty-foot containers with donated pharmaceuticals and medical supplies; special thanks to Christian Relief Services and the Salvatorian Mission Warehouse
- Assisted Lithuanian charities in need of shipping: Vaikų Viltis, Saulutė and others

Autism: \$39,400

- Seminars with guest speakers from University of Illinois (UIC) and Illinois school programs for over 2300 professionals and parents of autistic children
- Classroom for autistic children at Vaikų Raidos Centras
- Financial aid to Viltis Society for Persons with Mental Disabilities, autism training camp

Breast Cancer Prevention: over \$200,000

- Screening mammograms for 10,800 disadvantaged women from rural areas
- Mammography equipment for Ukmergės hospital

Dental: \$23,000

- Partnered with Dental Assistance Foundation to Lithuania (DAFL) to provide modern dental equipment and instruction at dental schools
- Preventive dentistry program for 3,000 impoverished children, which inspired the Lithuanian government to adopt a similar program

Diabetes: \$62,275

- 22,000 glucose test kits to Lithuanian Diabetes Assn (LDA) to provide screening at World Diabetes Days
- Stipends to 140 diabetic children and adults to attend diabetic teaching camps

Health and Environmental Education: over \$515,000

- HIV/AIDS prevention programs, seminars, support for Aids Consultation Center in Klaipėda
- Community HIV/AIDS Prevention Manual published in Lithuanian
- UIC healthcare curriculum to primary and secondary schools
- Collaborating with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Ohio EPA and other public and private laboratories provided literature and equipment donations worth \$500,000 to environmental libraries and laboratories at universities and the Ministry of the Environment.

HIV/AIDs Treatment: \$106,750

- Medications donated through medicinal recycling programs in U.S.

Internet Connectivity

- With the U.S. Library of Medicine support, connected the Lithuanian National Medical Library and Vilnius University medical school library to the internet and National Institute of Health references.

Medical Equipment, Renovations and Improvements: \$287,000 + 4 Vehicles

- Hospital beds, furnishings, EKGs, microscopes, autoclaves, nerve stimulators, therapy trolleys, dishwashers, laundry machines, bedding, computers, first aid supplies, other equipment and supplies for hospitals, orphanages, rehabilitation centers, retirement homes, nursing homes, schools, environmental health centers and organizations across Lithuania
- Ona-Kutkaite Durbin Fund renovated Jurbarkas Hospital's 72 bed children's ward
- LML and the Šaulys Foundation modernized facilities and provided equipment and supplies to Švėkšna mental institution, hospital and facility for children at risk.
- Helped rehab childrens and geriatric wards in Gargždai Hospital and start a fund raising campaign for local contributions.
- Ventilation system and equipment at children's home housing 155 in Panevėžys
- Ambulances for hospitals and passenger vans for Viltis rehabilitation centers

Newborn Care

- UIC exchange program for Lithuania's physicians and nurses to improve neonatal and perinatal care
- UIC seminars in Lithuania and many exchange visits

Pharmaceuticals and Reagents: \$300,000

- Pharmaceuticals and lab reagents for over 100 hospitals and clinics; special thanks for generous funding from Christian Relief Services in memory of Vena Lauraitiene
- Lithuania's Instrumentation Labs distributed reagents throughout the hospitals

Suicide Prevention: over \$32,200

- Financially support Lithuania's Youth Psychological Aid Centre (JPPC) that provides suicide hotlines, counseling and education programs.
- Seminars for mental health centers and over 150 primary care specialists
- JPPC Centre's publication for children/young adults with psychological problems

Tuberculosis Prevention and Treatment: over \$132,000

- Medications to treat 13,750 adults and children; special thanks to Oak Tree Philanthropic Foundation
- Beds and dishwashers for Šiaulių TB hospital; special thanks to Daughters of Lithuania

Vision Screening

Vision screening for over 1,800 people and glasses when needed, through the services of Optometrists Without Borders