



**CHERNOBYL
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PINXTON AND EAST DERBYSHIRE
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POLINA AND OLGA'S TESTIMONIES



When we were first interested in hosting children through the Charity we was made aware that the policy of the charity was to fund a child for the first visit only, which we totally agree with because it enables more children to benefit. We as a family decided that the first child that we bonded with, we would support that child for the length of its school years.

The first child we had was Polina in 2001 and she really bonded withal of our family, so she became the child that we supported. Then in the consequent years we also had a first time children as well and along came Olga, who was a very talented child and we really thought that she should be supported too and fortunately our very dear friend Sharon Jones readily stepped in and supported Olga until the end of her school years.

Terry and Anne Ralley

POLINA'S TESTOMONY

My name is Polina Tichonovich, I am 16 years old and I live in the military camp of Lapichy and I go to Lapichy School.

I`ve been 10 times to England now and I remember when I first came I was only 8 years old and I was afraid of everything, I was crying every day and I didn`t know how to speak with the English people.

When I first came I had problems with my health and my English family took me to the doctor and since then everything has changed, when I came again and again my health started to get better. My English was getting better especially when I came on my own without a group and I think that staying like that gives children more chance to practice English language and spend more time with their English families.

I now call my host family, Anne and Terry Ralley “my English family” and when I go back to Belarus and speak in Russian I sometimes use English words as I have forgotten how to say them in Russian.

When my “English Mum and Dad” telephone and ask would I like to come to England again I am very happy and I am counting the days until I arrive because now in England I have lots of people that I love and have room in my life for

and it is really hard to say “goodbye” when I am going back home.

These people have done many good things for me and my visits to England have given me a choice of what to do when I finish my school. I really want to go to University to continue to my learning of the English language. This is my dream and this dream thanks to my time in England can become real!

After every visit I learn more and more things and I have seen many interesting cultural buildings and customs.

OLGA`S TESTIMONY

My name is Olga Korinchuck and I live in Osipovichy and attend No 4 school.

This is my 5th visit to England. On my first visit when I came I had one big problem with English. I was with a family - Anne and Terry Ralley and with another girl, who knew English better than me, so she was good helper for me. Everything was so new and interesting! I can remember lists with schedule of every day. I didn't un-

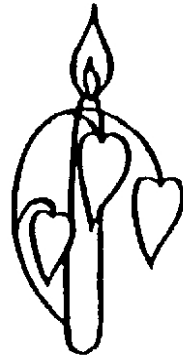
derstand what they were saying for that time, but pictures were saying that our 4 weeks will very-very busy. Really it was so. I found many friends and Belorussian (from group), and English. Next year and 3 years more I stayed with another family – Sharon Jones, but I also could see Anne and Terry. I was crying at the first day, because I didn't understand English and I hadn't a helper more. It was so serious for me and now I can only laughing at myself. Every year my attachment to Sharon, Terry and Anne was more and more. And I was so happy to see them again.

Time in England goes so fast. Here I get a help with my eyes. Here I met many friends. I have seen many beautiful English places. My English is better now! Here I was singing for the public. It is so wonderful, when many of them saying thank you or well done at the end. It is a most important gift for me. Here we have done the 1st CD “Katusha”. After that my dream was born here, I want to be a singer, when I will finish school.

And this is my last visit to England. It so hard to understand that I never will see all those people, because they become part of my life. I want to

say thank you for everything they have done for me and children from Belarus. Thank you very much to the Pinxton Link of Chernobyl Children Life line!!! And very big thank you to Sharon, Anne and Terry.

Olga Korinchuk



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