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**Natasha stops in to pick up a package from her sponsor**

### Resource Center - Inventory

- \_\_\_\_\_
- Desks (2)
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Laptop Computers (2)
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Voltage Convertors (2)
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone, Cable, Splitter
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Wastebasket, Mop
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Paper, Pens, Supplies
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Bookcase (added lock)
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Chairs (3)
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Printer/Scanner
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Bulletin/Dry E Board

### Kaz Coordinators

#### AF Coordinator

- \* Aizhan T

#### Helpers

- \* Gulya K

#### Sokolovka

- \* Andrey K

## Kazakhstan Resource Center Opens

Thanks to funding from Paradise Empowers, The Antares Foundation has opened a "Resource Center" for older orphans who have "aged out" of the orphanages in Petropavlovsk, Kazakhstan.

Often children leaving the orphanage lose their sponsors due to no way of staying in touch with them.

The center provides Internet Access for them so they can communicate with their sponsors, print letters and photos, school lessons, provide translations and will also offer Life Skills Classes, English Classes, Computer Lessons, Copying, Scanning, Printing, Flash Drives to keep info

and more.

Packages from sponsors can now all be mailed to our office address.

The Peace Corps Volunteers in the area have offered to help with an English Club.

We are using older orphans for as many projects as we can to provide extra income for them.

The resource center can provide small sums of "emergency" money in case of need.

Our goal is to find sponsors for the children that have aged out to help them have a better future.

Since this is a new project



**Aizhan helped Zhenya (left) set up an email account when she came by to pick up her monthly stipends.**

we are trying to find the greatest needs these children have and provide ways to help them



## Life/Job Skills at Sokolovka Orphanage

Sokolovka is a remote orphanage home to 170 children (most with learning disabilities) who will age out after 9th grade so they must learn a skill they can use to earn a living.

The girls are taught needlework. The boys are

taught construction but do not have adequate tools or the supplies they need.

We will try to provide 15 each of two types of tool sets at a cost of \$100.00 per set. We will start in September with one set of each type of tool set.



**Current method of teaching the shop class at Sokolovka**



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**THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR SUPPORT!**

**Special Grant Awarded to Antares by  
Paradise Empowers, Inc**

The Antares Foundation is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization dedicated to providing support to orphans living in the North Kazakhstan Region. This grant is for one year support of our new "Life and Job Skills Project" and will cover costs such as: teacher and helper fees, transportation to the orphanages, teaching materials and the overhead expenses to operate a Resource Center in Kazakhstan including rent, utilities, furnishings, computers, internet service and office supplies.

Visit our website at [www.antesorphans.com](http://www.antesorphans.com) and our blog at <http://antesorphans.blogspot.com>

## General Fund and Misc Donations

Paradise Empowers is Antares Foundation's largest and oldest sponsor.



They have supported us from the very beginning, before we were incorporated; they provided the funds for us to incorporate in 2004. For over five years PEI has provided us a monthly donation for the General Fund Account and Child Sponsorship for Vika (above). Without this donation we

would not have been able to pay our coordinator's or run projects such as our Student of the Month project and the Scholarship awards that do not get donations from other sources.



**Summer 2009 Trip to Kazakhstan**

Other donations include very generous gifts for both AF trips to Kazakhstan and provided the funds for sev-

eral medical needs. PEI has also supported Antares by buying our Antares Jewelry and annual Artwork Calendars, printing and shipping the books that will be used for the Life Skills classes, providing accounting help, non-profit advice and moral support.

**Thank you Paradise Empowers!**

### About Paradise Empowers

Paradise Empowers, Inc is a Non-Profit Organization that provides financial backing and individual volunteers to programs that improve the quality of life for youth, especially at-risk children. PEI supports both domestic and international programs to "Empower Children for a Brighter Future".

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