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Dear friends

If we look at a New Year's beginning with our heart instead of our mind, it is inevitable that our expectation for the New Year cannot just be like a Hallmark card: „Let's hope that the New Year is better than the last one!“ If we look with our heart, our expectations have to take into consideration all the signs, the happenings, we have to look beyond toward something greater, waiting for us and that, give us the hopes and energy , the curiosity, that often belongs to children, to go on.

We received many signs last year. New children joined us and old children stayed. Vova and Natasha are back, many finished projects aimed to help all kids; interns and daycare ones. An Increasing number of friends from Italy, all around the world and especially here have decided or ...decided again, to walk with us along our path. All this given, how is it possible not being excited, full of energy and enthusiastic to carry on something that can have deeper roots and reach other people? This is the greeting we want to wish all of you and to ourselves.

P. Guido



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Jenifer from the Almaty International Women club. An extraordinary organizer!

welcome myka!

Teens busy to organize Christmas Party....



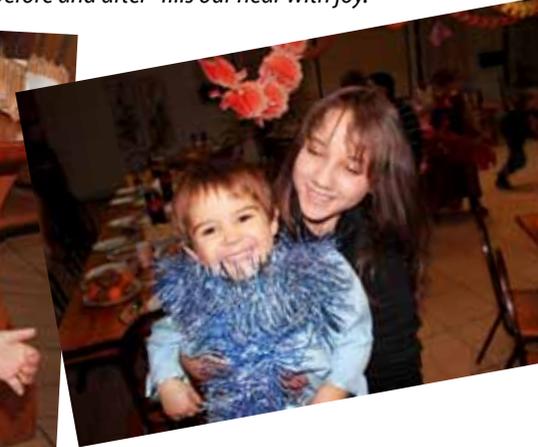
Village chronicle

Christmas letters, wishes came true, all thank to the Almaty International Women Club and to our Jenifer leading the volunteers group. ♥ New happiness expressions with our newcomer **Mylka** who rejoins her brother and sister.

Season's celebration at Arca this year, started very soon. Thanks to **Jenifer** commitment, each child wrote at the end of November, a letter in which he mentioned a dream gift. Of course we had to „control“ the direction of some wishes to be reasonable since some of them likes to dream BIG! After that, our friends could prepare personalized gifts that were given during a party celebration at the beginning of December.

The **celebration** continued few days later at a party organized by the AIWC (Almaty International Women

Club) in one of the city hotels. They invited all of us and for the children arrived last year but not only, it was the first time they saw such a fairy tale environment and it generated a lot of curiosity and enthusiasm. **Christmas and New Year** were celebrated in a more familiar atmosphere. We tried to give more and more the responsibility of the organization to our more grownups kids and I must say they are growing capable.



Mylka's „before and after“ fills our hear with joy.

In **our last bulletin** we announced that **Sasha** was our last „arrival“ not only because she was chronologically the last one to join the family but especially because we reached our capacity limit. Bah...that didn't go as expected. As always, circumstances oblige us to review defined plans. The mother of three kids living with us for many years, was arrested and the police decided to send the young **Mylka** - almost 2 years old - to join her brother and sister. If course no plan could stand in front of something so important therefore the doors opened to the last (maybe) child. As it happens for

Sasha as well as for Milka the change of reality from their mothers to our house was a bit confusing. For the first days every two steps she was looking for the hand of her elder brother and hold to it with all her strength but it took only few days and all the attention, cares and love she was given to make her feel at home and safe. Since then, not only Milka felt better but she began to use her charm to make all kids run to take care of her. That's happiness!



The ball and the Christmas letters...

“Friends of Arca”

☛ Temperature below 0°: Almaty Companies old and new friends of Arca run to offer help to face heater oil price increase. ☛ Hairdresser career can be in the future of some boys or girls at the Village thanks to the initiative of the trendiest hair stylist salon in Almaty.

The **landscape** of our village especially covered with **snow** is very nice and poetic. For the children it is a lot of fun, for adults, it turns our thought to more material concerns especially when the temperature drops below - 20° the heating oil cost sky rockets. Lucki-

ly this is year too, our friends old and new, came to our help and took care of our heating problem for all year. A particular thank you goes to the companies: Tozzi Sud, MTM e Dietsmann that answered so promptly to our help requests.



The AIWC Christmas party celebration report.

After our second meeting with a group of **hair stylists**, we received the visits of a second team, coming from the trendiest salon in Almaty who came to deliver some Christmas presents, to give a contribution to the Village management costs and a proposal.

Nikolaj who already came several times gave to one of the girls a set of professional instrument and he offered to teach the basics of this profession to any volunteer. We have already the first candidates.



Thanks to our friends and partners we fight the strong winter cold: -20°...

Arca News ☆ The **tailor workshop** starts full speed. ☆ **Aidyn** first steps after surgery. ☆ **Governmental controls** on the way. ☆ Prematurely deceased the **officer** of the social department working for new changes. ☆ **Standing ovation** at Arca for the famous singer impressive performance.

Our **tailor workshop** is moving step by step into the business world. They received new invitations to participate to fairs and sales and it is already difficult to meet all the requests and expectations and it is very motivational. On the other hand we don't have to

forget its utility in and for the family. In the next month plan the first point is to prepare new blankets for one of the houses to replace the old and used one we have now.

In this period, we are receiving many **controls from different governmental departments and commissions:** Public persecutor's office, Health department, department for the social defense, fire department etc. Until few months ago these checks were every once in a while but now they are here very often. Naturally the visits keeps us very busy and force us to make us investments such as the update off all

fire system on the spot and some of them are quite heavy on the monthly management balance sheet. Of course on the other hand it is clear now that Arca Village is now part of the list under the government responsibility, at the end even if they do not understand what we do, why and how we do it, we became part of the system and their reality.

It was unexpected, the premature decrease of one of a **Social department officer**. During the last year he promoted and took care of initiatives aimed to improve the future of our children. He show himself like someone very open minded and truly worried about people's future especially those under his responsibility. Not without difficul-

ties, he had began a series of institutional steps that lead us to hope in a better future for the Social System. His young age gave us the impression that we could have count on him for long time and put strong bases in a sector that requires commitment, passion and dedication.

During the last year, **Aidyn** walked a long road to get where he is now. For several months he attended the Almaty kindergarten for special children In order to teach him to hear some sounds. Now after the surgery to implant a hearing device, he is trying to

learn to associate noises to objects or people. Looking at him sometimes dis-oriented sometimes excited, we think how grateful we have to be to have received our senses as gifts and we shall never taking them for granted.



bravo Aidyn!

Anvar saw the blankets for the house. Our brave Aidyn and pop-star Batyr as he gives autograph to boys and girls.

In this period we had many visits but the one that all kids remember mostly and gave the strongest impact was the one of **Batyr** (Batyrkhan Shukenov www.batyr.net), one of the star singers in Kazakhstan and Russia where he live most part of the year. It has been very

emotional how he sang and play saxophone in front of us as he was during a real concert in front of huge audience and certainly more prepared. At the end of the show there was the souvenir picture taking and the autograph hunting.

The editorial unit of Arca Bulletin decided to put together in one number all the events of December and January in order to keep the usual exit date. We'll try to send it to you at the beginning of each month with the news of the previous month. In this way we will be always updated and the bulletin will be a more **direct link** with the Village in our everyday life..

The large Arca Family

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