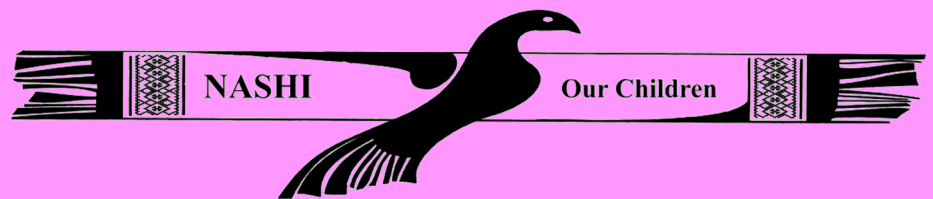


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## SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2021

### WHERE FLOWERS BLOOM SO DOES HOPE



**NASHI IS GRATEFUL TO OUR DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS WHO MAKE OUR GIRLS HAPPY AND SAFE. YOU ARE ALL THE CHARMING GARDNERS WHO MAKE THEIR SOULS BLOSSOM.**



## OUR GIRLS ATTEND AN ACADEMY OF PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

Our older girls attend, every second Saturday in the city of Lviv, an Academy of Personal Development (similar to Junior Achievement). This program inspires youth and prepares them to succeed in business. These classes are about entrepreneurship, work readiness and financial literacy through hands-on programs. Students can put these lessons into action. They are always eager and excited to attend this Academy.

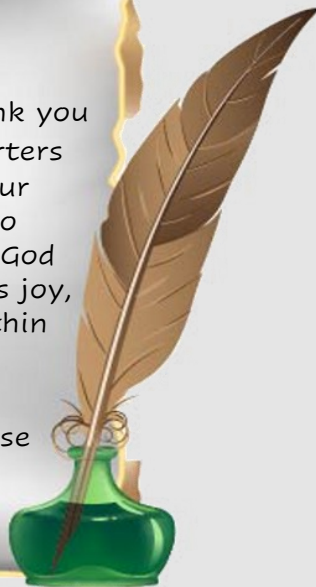


Girls getting some practice making chocolates. They visited the largest well known chocolate maker in Ukraine, ROSHEN.

### NOTE FROM MARIA

We send our sincerest thank you to all of the NASHI supporters who have contributed to our girls, who have been able to attend this Academy. May God Bless and grant you endless joy, peace and health to all within your household.

Maria Bilas  
Director of Maple Leaf House







Wood Carving done by Jerome Beley, a friend of NASHI

*The greatest gift you can give children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence.*



***Do not grow weary helping girls who need protection. To those who support us in Canada and the United States we are thankful for you. Please don't stop helping.***

*Message from the girls at Maple Leaf House*



# **YOUR HEART WILL BE TOUCHED**

## **Girls from the Maple Leaf House**



The story of the birth of Natalia in our hearts began 5 years ago. We first met her in the children's orphanage when she aged out and was going to be transferred to the older orphanage. Anticipating this change, she was already experiencing anxiety. Without wasting time we started to prepare the documentation to bring her home to us. The documentation complete we were ready to pick her up. The smile on her face reflected her joy at not going to the senior orphanage but this was only her outward appearance. Internally, she was living with fear what the next day would bring. At the outset, she was not trusting. Five years have passed and we see today a truly remarkable young lady. She is now 10 years old.

Natalia has made great strides with the time she has spent with us. She is an inquisitive learner, has acquired many hobbies, such as embroidery, singing, taking care of the needs of others and has a thirst to develop and grow. For the past 3 years she has been attending an Individual Growth Academy (like Junior Achievement in Canada) where she is affirming her self-esteem, understanding business practices and developing great communication skills with her peers. Natalia is loved and respected in her school.

*Maria, Director of Maple Leaf House*

## **Introducing Natalia**





# **HOME**

## **IS WHERE THE GIRLS PREPARED FOR EASTER**



**Making pysanky: the colourful written Easter egg.  
Even Vika, 6 years old, wanted to make her own pysanka.**



**Baking Easter bread**



**Blessing the Easter Baskets**

# FIRST CANADIAN SUMMIT ON SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

The first Canadian Summit on Sexual Exploitation was held virtually May 6 & 7. Sexual exploitation is the largest sector of human trafficking. Some of our NASHI members registered for this Summit and the following is just a small sample of what we learned. (see the back page of this newsletter to register for the next International Summit on Sexual Exploitation – July 20th-24th - registration is free)

## FACTS ON PORNOGRAPHY

- 90% of porn sites end with physical and verbal aggression
- 1/3 of internet search requests are porn related
- Porn sites get more visitors EACH MONTH than Netflix, Amazon & Twitter combined
- 42 billion visits (up from 33 billion in 2018) – an increase of 10 billion within a year
- During pandemic – saw an increase from 120 million visitors a day to 134 million per day

## CHILD PORNOGRAPHY SHOULD BE RENAMED

It would be better known as CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IMAGES

- Children cannot consent to pornography.
- The image is a crime scene.
- Children are harmed on multiple levels by production.
- All children are at risk by distribution and consumption.
- It is a documentation of child sexual abuse.

These are statements that can be hard for our society to confront. The issue is how online pornography

The closing speaker of the summit was Brian McConaghy, a 23 year veteran of the RCMP who founded Ratanak International. He works with Cambodians to restore those robbed of freedom and protect the vulnerable. He spoke about his years of experience in rescuing victims of human trafficking and we learned:

### NASHI: IS ON THE RIGHT ROAD

We are REALISTIC

- NASHI efforts make an impact
- Girls have gone from trauma to joy and hope
- Focused on what is in front of us

We have great PARTNERS and DONORS

- We are not lone rangers
- Excellent partners in Ukraine
- Wonderful donors and volunteers in Canada

We are DETERMINED

- Committed to our girls long-term
- Seeking changes that unfold before our eyes
- Bringing awareness to disrupt the demand

# *Your Legacy*

....is being written by yourself

**We are all leaving a legacy, whether we like it or not.**

**Our legacy is a combination of the way we live every day and the impact it has on our friends, our family, our community and the world. Each of us needs to "live a legacy."**

**Leaving a bequest is a big life moment. It is a very significant and meaningful moment in your life.**

Please consider a legacy gift to NASHI  
Please use our incorporated name "NASHI Safe Haven"

*There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way in which it treats its children.*

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# NASHI ANNOUNCEMENTS

## I. 50/50 Lottery and 3 Raffles

(Open to Saskatchewan Residents 18 years and older.)

A. 50/50 Lottery – Draw Sept. 3rd and tickets 3/\$20.00

Maximum prize \$10,000 – only 3000 tickets available

B. Father's Day, Canada Day and Labour Day Raffles

Each ticket \$5.00 – view prizes on our website

C. Purchase of tickets – [info@nashi.ca](mailto:info@nashi.ca) or 306-653-4646

## II. COALITION TO END SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

July 20-24

100 Speakers and 105 countries will be represented

Expecting 25,000 registrants (last year 22,000 registered)

Visit their website: [www.EndExploitationSummit.com](http://www.EndExploitationSummit.com)

Registration is FREE. Experience a Global Movement

## III. Heartfelt Thank You.

Thank you to all our supporters who bid on our 4 online auctions and who have already purchased their lottery & raffle tickets.

**NASHI'S Mission Statement:**  
**Raise awareness of human trafficking in Canada**  
**Support and maintain our safe home for at risk young girls**

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