



The Archangel Committee

The Russian Sister City Committee of Greater Portland

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1999 - Year in Review

- January - Tom Keefe from the International Medical Equipment Collaborative addresses our Annual Meeting about sending hospital and medical supplies to Russia.
- February - Committee member Dr. Alex Norzow visits Archangel to do an initial assesment of the humanitarian needs of hospitals and orphanages.
- March - Committee member Jim Jacobsen visits Archangel to complete assessment. The Law School at Pomor University opens its Legal Clinic to provide free legal services to those citizens in need.
- April - Eleven Russian students and one teacher visit Maine for the month. The host school is South Portland High School, and the students participate in community service projects as well. Successful visits to Augusta, Boston and New York were included.
- May - Nine government, education and business leaders from Archangel visit Greater Portland for three days, an event made possible by the Institute for Training and Development in Amherst, Massachusetts.
- June - Committee members Carol Lestock and Carol-Lynn Rossel Waugh visit the Kenozero National Park in the Archangel Oblast.
- July - Our Committee Web-Site is established. Committee members begin many trips to IMEC in New Hampshire to clean medical equipment. In Maine, committee members gather clothing and other donations for the hospitals and orphanages.
- August - Our Legal Committee meets with our grantors in Vermont to plan the Legal Exchanges for 2000.
- September - The forty foot humanitarian aid container is shipped from IMEC in New Hampshire. Special donation of appreciated stock allows us to pay for ocean shipment; Hapag-Lloyd and Northern Shipping Company provide us with reduced shipping costs as well.
- October - Our Committee is a founding member of the improved International Relations Committee at the Maine International Trade Center.
- November - Committee members Alex Norzow and Dennis Marrotte visit Archangel just as the Humanitarian aid container arrives there; they work to make sure that there are no problems with customs and to ensure proper planning for delivery of the materials.
- December - The contents of the container clear customs and are delivered to three hospitals and three orphanages in Archangel, Novodvinsk and Kotlas. The Pomor Legal Clinic serves its 300th client.