



# One Heart Bulgaria

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## Everyday donors make enormous difference

Superstar Dani Zopp made a huge difference to the kids at Zelenikovo orphanage this fall! She started her own fundraising campaign through Go Fund Me and collected enough to completely outfit the Zelenikovo children for their new school year. Dani's heart was touched when she watched a movie about an orphanage in Russia. Years later she saw the documentary "Bulgaria's Abandoned Children" about babies who were hidden away in one of the largest hospitals for orphans in Bulgaria. That experience galvanized her desire to help. "I can't forget some of the children's faces," she explains. "Now, I have a two-year-old daughter. I cannot imagine that there are children growing up without family. That's not fair. I wish I could help more. I will try." Thanks to Dani and other heroes, Bulgaria's orphans are being loved and cared for—one at a time.

We'd love to feature your success story in our next newsletter! If you've done a fundraiser or given other support to these sweet Bulgarian children, let us know if we can make you our "Fundraising Superstar" in an upcoming issue!

***We're growing—thanks to you!  
You can read the biographies of  
our new team members online  
at [www.oneheart-bg.org](http://www.oneheart-bg.org)***



## Shout out to Evy!

When 10-year-old Evy Brown heard that the sewing class in Gabrovo needed a new iron, she stepped right up and helped her family provide the funds. Way to go, supergirl!



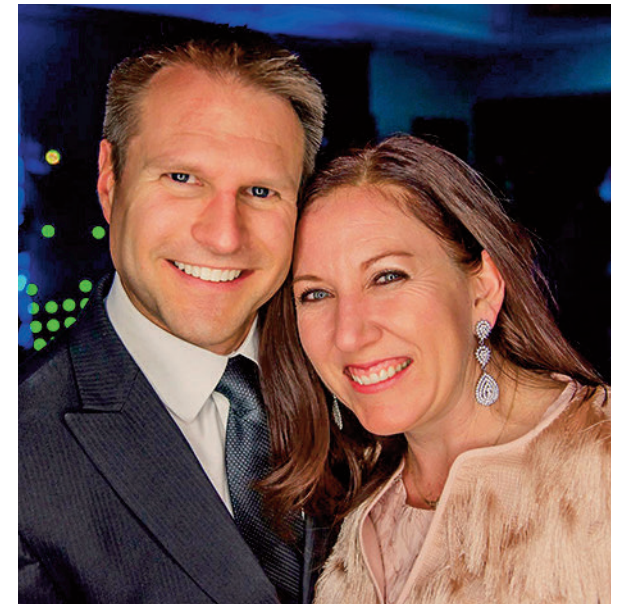
# Gala 2017

Hundreds of beautiful people gathered at the Gala to dance, dine, and raise awareness of the plight of Bulgarian orphans, particularly those with unique medical needs. As a direct result of their giving and support at this gala, we were able to identify and hire an assistant to our field director. And you did all of this while looking FABULOUS!

Having a new assistant to our current field director, Nickolai, is a sign of the growth that One Heart Bulgaria has experienced over the last year. Nickolai has developed a wonderful relationship with many orphanages and medical centers; he's done so well, in fact, that One Heart has been asked to participate more and more in various initiatives around the country—and we're

happy to make that possible! Our new assistant director, Maria Stoyanova, comes to us with an impressive CV and lots of experience. Welcome aboard!

**Top row:** One Heart founders Heidi Barker and Deborah Brailsford. Heather Kalhert, board of directors Ronald McDonald House Charities. Ms Utah Kindra Kauer. Former OHB board member Matt and wife trustee Kelly Anderson. **Middle row:** Former missionaries to Bulgaria of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Singer Jennifer Nicole Marco. Tara Starling of Soul Food; Leslie Kawai, One Heart Board of Directors; Sarah Franklin; Tiffany Peterson. **Bottom row:** The Bulgarka Folk Dance Ensemble.





**Who knew giving could be so delicious?**

Thanks to all of you fabulous Chuck-A-Rama fans, One Heart Bulgaria was given an unexpected gift! The funds that were donated by Chuck-A-Rama will go directly to support people like Stelliana, our new physical therapist. Stelliana helps kids such as Mitko, who was born with cerebral palsy. Because it is really difficult to care for medically fragile kids like Mitko, he was placed in an orphanage. Nurses and caregivers tried to keep him comfortable. But a child with a disability like Mitko’s really needs specialized therapy—and supporters like you and Chuck-A-Rama have helped us to fund Stelliana’s position for a year! Stelliana not only does physical therapy, but she also trains nurses and caregivers who are then able to provide more consistent and appropriate care for kids like Mitko.

A special deal for humanitarians over 60! Next time you go to Chuck-A-Rama, be sure to ask for a “Senior Club Card” for only \$1.00! Not only will you get 20% off the price of one meal every time you visit, but the cost of the card is donated to a worthy cause! Make sure you thank them on our behalf for this selfless program... and don’t forget to mention that your favorite charity is One Heart Bulgaria!



**TO SEND A CONTRIBUTION RIGHT NOW, CUT OUT AND MAIL TO ONE HEART BULGARIA, 14207 EAST GRAND DRIVE #86, AURORA, CO, 80015. Do you want to make automatic monthly donations? Visit [www.oneheart-bg.org](http://www.oneheart-bg.org).**



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