

# New and Old Faces...

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**New kids on the block...** Two sisters from a state orphanage with an alcoholic home background arrived the same day I did. Vasilina (left) is 4 1/2 years old and her sister, Yanna (lower left), is 3 years old. They have the stature of small 2 and 3 year olds. They were quite bewildered at first and seemed to exhibit some autistic behaviors. They were reluctant to eat and one had some fevers. Heads were shaved to control lice. Anna (below right) came from a state orphanage nearby. It is not real clear why she was transferred to GSCH. She was quite lively and interactive from the start - to the point of needing some limits.



After 3 weeks they all have adjusted to life here and fully participate in games and outdoor activities with their play mates. They eat heartily, laugh and sing. The older girls and care givers make a fuss over them and they respond to the love and kindness in kind. The change is quite remarkable.



The youngest girls' table including the new arrivals.



Also on the day of my arrival two girls had foot surgery and another two had eye operations to correct crossed eyes. All are doing well. The casts were removed after 3 weeks and they are hopping around on a walking cast.

**Some of our “old” favorites** who still maintain official residence in the apartments for older girls but who also work in nearby countries such as Poland, Hungary, Slovakia, or Czech Republic come home for weekends or holidays. These young women and their success stories are inspiration for others to follow and validation to all who contribute in so many ways to the home and hope for even better futures for the young girls pictured above.

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