



The Pendill Fund

A PUBLIC FOUNDATION SUPPORTING PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN RUSSIA

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The Pendill Fund Hires Ksenia Kyseleva to Direct Russian Programs in Moscow

----- December 1, 2005, Moodus, Connecticut. The Pendill Fund, a public foundation established to support programs for disadvantaged children and youth in Russia, today announced hiring Ksenia Kyseleva to direct its programs in Russia, beginning in the first quarter of 2006. Ms. Kyseleva, an experienced non profit manager for over 10 years in Russia, will become the Pendill Fund's full-time Director of Programs, Russia.

"We are very lucky to have attracted a professional with the caliber and experience of Ksenia Kyseleva," according to Helen Charov, President and Executive Director of the Pendill Fund, a 501c3 public foundation established in 2005 to provide funding for grassroots programs dedicated to improving the lives of disadvantaged children and youth in Russia. "Having Ms. Kyseleva on the ground in Moscow and in Russia is invaluable for the Pendill Fund to identify, monitor and evaluate our funding efforts and to assure that our donors' contributions are used wisely, with full transparency," she added. Galina Pendill, the Pendill Fund's Vice President and co-founder who resides in Moscow and in the USA, echoed her support for the new Director, "Ksenia Kyseleva is a unique resource for us in Russia. Her excellent reputation in this country's emerging philanthropy is a bonus for the Pendill Fund's operations here."

Ms. Kyseleva, 33, brings a broad knowledge of Russian philanthropy to her position with the Pendill Fund. A graduate of Kiev State University, Ms. Kyseleva worked at the Soros Foundation for three years as Senior Program Manager, working with NGO's in Russia, Eastern Europe and other countries of the former CIS

(Commonwealth of Independent States). She spent five years as a Director of Development at the Charities Aid Foundation, Moscow office, where she was instrumental in setting up the first community foundations in Russia, as well as developing social responsibility policies and charitable programs for domestic and international companies. From 2003-2005, Ms. Kyseleva consulted and conducted research for various Russian and international organizations, such as the World Bank, TNK-BP, the Vladimir Potanin Charitable Foundation, Eurasian Heritage Foundation and others.

“There is so much we can do here,” commented an enthusiastic Ms. Kyseleva. “I have worked with Galina and Grant Pendill over the last seven years in their work with individual, disabled orphans, and I’m pleased to have the opportunity to help them expand their efforts to more programs and more children now through the Pendill Fund.”

The Pendill Fund, a not-for-profit public foundation, seeks to enhance the lives of disadvantaged children and youth in Russia through support of grassroots programs designed to develop their spirit, mind and body. It fulfills this mission by raising funds from diverse sources and, through extensive evaluation and monitoring, supporting the best local, grassroots programs that affect positive change in the lives of at risk children and youth in Russia. For more information, please contact the Pendill Fund at info@pendillfund.org, or write or call The Pendill Fund, 60 Eli Chapman Road, Moodus, CT 06469, (866)573-9752, fax: (866)687-5744. Additional information is available at www.pendillfund.org.

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