

## Community Connections Alumni News

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World Learning and Community Connections would like to share with you news about WSOS Community Action Commission's alumni from the program "**Social Assistance and Poverty Alleviation, Russia 2007**".

**Irina Malovichko**, President of the Volgograd regional charitable nonprofit UNESCO club "A Child's Value", used the US experience to set up a volunteer bank, which helps her more effectively utilize volunteers within her organization.

Using the knowledge acquired during the program, **Dmitriy Kurakov**, Deputy Director of the department for rural public health and analytical work of the Volgograd Regional Public Health Council, served as a consultant in preparing grant applications for the Volgograd Nonprofit Health Development Foundation. As a result, the Foundation received 1 million rubles (\$41,670) from the Russian nonprofit organization Nation's Health League to carry out a project entitled Protect Your Heart! **Mr. Kurakov** is currently providing administrative support for this project in Volgograd and throughout the Volgograd region.

We will continue to send you alumni news and reports as we receive them from USAID and our field offices.