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## COUNTERPART INTERNATIONAL'S COMMUNITY & HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CONTINUES ANSWERING THE NEEDS OF GEORGIAN VULNERABLE CHILDREN'S INSTITUTIONS

*Tbilisi---* On February 5, 2002 continuing the started process of assistance to vulnerable children's institutions in Georgia, Counterpart International's *Community & Humanitarian Assistance Program* (CHAP) will deliver humanitarian assistance valued at over \$ 15,000 to the Surami Orphanage, which caters to 120 children. The shipment consists of warm shirts and blankets, slacks, buffets, dining room chairs, office credenzas, dressers, wooden podiums, servers, activity tables, bedside tables, TR dressers and wardrobes. The project will be carried out in close cooperation with the Khashuri Regional Branch of the Ministry of Education, whom CHAP thanks for their support.

There are approximately 46 boarding schools, orphanages, and special schools in Georgia. These institutions care for children who have lost either one or both parents, children from families living in extremely poor conditions, IDPs (Internally Displaced People), homeless street children, and children who are mentally handicapped and disabled. Although the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Social Protection and Health of Georgia finance boarding schools, their heavily under-funded budgets cannot meet the needs of Georgia's handicapped children. Counterpart International's Community and Humanitarian Assistance Program is uniquely positioned to fill-in the voids and provide critical human needs. At the end of January 2002 CHAP distributed humanitarian commodities valued at over \$ 55,000 to the Gurjaani Boarding School for Children with Cerebral Diseases and the Rustavi Orphanage. These institutions cater to the total of 230 vulnerable and disabled children.

Since 1995, CHAP has imported over 550 forty-foot (FEU) containers of humanitarian assistance valued at over \$98 Million. With a distribution network of over 227 non-governmental organizations (NGOs), 35 boarding homes and schools, 210 medical institutions and other organizations, CHAP has become the industry leader among US Government-funded humanitarian aid programs. For more information about Counterpart International's *Community & Humanitarian Assistance Program* please visit our web-site at [www.counterpart.org](http://www.counterpart.org) or visit us at 7 Vazha Pshavela Avenue, Suite 63, Tbilisi, Georgia.



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