



# Communication on Engagement

**Tarasiouk-Kurbatov International Wellness Foundation, Inc.**

**Wheels of Life**

**International Outreach project**

[www.International-Wellness-Foundation.com](http://www.International-Wellness-Foundation.com)

H.E. Ban Ki-moon  
Secretary-General  
United Nations  
New York, NY 10017 USA

January 15, 2016

Dear Mr. Secretary-General,

I am pleased to confirm that Tarasiouk-Kurbatov International Wellness Foundation, Inc. continues to support the ten principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labour, environment, and anti-corruption.

With this continued commitment, we express our intent to advance these principles within our sphere of influence, and will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public.

We also pledge to continue the support of the activities of the UN Global Compact where appropriate and feasible – through, for instance, participation in Country/Local Networks; involvement in specialized initiatives and workstreams; engagement in partnership projects; and reviewing and providing commentary to participating companies on their Communications on Progress.

The Foundation continues its commitment to its international outreach project Wheels of Life we serve the wheelchair-bound individuals and work towards increasing handicapped mobility and accessibility around the world. As the continued participant of the UN Global Compact, we will make positive impact to the existing legislature, giving handicapped individuals equal rights and opportunities in physical environment, safety and independent living, as well as employment, education, housing and freedom from abuse, neglect and violation of human rights

Sincerely yours,



Countess Tatania Kurbatov  
Founding President and Director of Tarasiouk-Kurbatov International Wellness Foundation, Inc.

# *International Wellness Foundation, Inc.*

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## *International Wellness Foundation*

It is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 corporation that was established in 2006 with dedication to serve the local and global communities.

It is a public charity organization designed to sponsor the **Wellness Education and Health Projects** for people all over the world.

Website: [www.International-Wellness-Foundation.com](http://www.International-Wellness-Foundation.com)

# Background

***WHEELS OF LIFE*** is an International Outreach Project that was founded to serve underprivileged wheelchair-bound individuals all over the world.

The project was initiated in 2012 by Tarasiouk-Kurbatov International Wellness Foundation with support of Woman's Club of Stuart and many private contributors.

*To increase the foundation presence in the Global Community, a partnership was formed with SPMUDA International through the signing of the “Treaty of Friendship” in 2012.*

# Goals and objectives

- **Step I** Provide free wheelchairs to the underprivileged *handicapped women in Ukraine, Moldova, Poland* and Romania. Many handicapped women there are left to decay in their beds. Improvement of mobility will enhance the ability of the recipient to study, work and participate in daily life of their community.
- **Step II** Grant free wheelchairs to *wheelchair-bound children* in countries where wheelchairs are not easily available. Increase of mobility will enhance the ability of handicapped children to study, play and socialize.
- **Step III** Improve *wheelchair accessibility in every country in the world*, with USA as a reference model. The governments of all countries shall admit the equality of people in wheelchairs and enable accesses to public areas, city streets, stores, supermarkets, government buildings, restrooms, theaters, cinemas and restaurants.
- **Step IV** With the assistance of UN and European Union - make *positive impact to the existing legislature*, giving handicapped individuals equal rights and opportunities in physical environment, safety and independent living, as well as employment, education, housing and freedom from abuse, neglect and violation of rights.

# Founder – Countess Tatania Kurbatov

The foundation and “Wheels of Life” project were established by Tatania Kurbatov, a handicapped person who dedicates her life, abilities, and knowledge to the assistance of people with physical and psycho-emotional problems.

Through professional and charity work she became an example of survival and success to thousands of people all over the world.



**Tatania Kurbatov, B.S., M.A.**  
Founding President of Tarasiouk-Kurbatov  
International Wellness Foundation, Inc.



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## The Woman's Club Of Stuart Presents The International Food Festival

Thursday, Feb. 21, 6 p.m.  
At The Woman's Club Of  
Stuart Clubhouse

Individual tickets: \$40

When a paralyzed little girl and her mother arrived at Kennedy Airport, N.Y., from Moscow, she was asked if she had a wheelchair. The answer was no. A wheelchair was brought for her. At that moment, little Tati experienced the miracle of how a quality wheelchair can diminish persistent pain.

A number of years later, Tati – the Countess Tatania Kurbatov – founded the Wheels of Life Project.

Chaired by the Countess Tatania Kurbatov and the Countess Angelique Kurbatov, the Woman's Club of Stuart is proud to present a gala dinner tasting from countries around the world, international beer and wines and music benefiting the Wheels



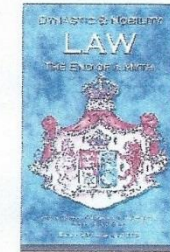
Countesses Tatania (seated)  
and Angelique Kurbatov

of Life Project to provide wheelchairs to underprivileged, handicapped women in Eastern European countries. A special highlight of the evening is the Grand Silent and Live Auctions featuring autographed books written by European royalty, original art – some valued up to \$16,000, European handmade lace and donations from Mont Blanc, Godiva Chocolates and other notable companies.

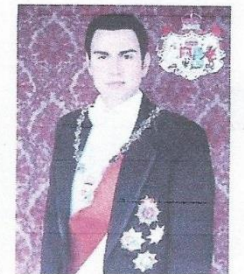
Women in other countries who have no access to quality wheelchairs will benefit from this evening to support the Woman's Club of Stuart and the Wheels of Life Project. This program is part of the Woman's Club International Outreach Program during the club's 100th anniversary year. The Woman's Club of Stuart, a nonprofit organization, is the oldest continuously operating women's organization in Martin County.

For reservations, Jodi Davis, (772) 283-5120, [jodcat@aol.com](mailto:jodcat@aol.com) or [womansclubofstuart.com](http://womansclubofstuart.com).

**International Food Festival Auction Items**  
**Author Autographed Copy of *Dynastic & Nobility Law* by Prince Gharios of Ghassan, Al-Nu'Man VIII**  
**And Baroness Anna Wang of Tartij**  
Published July 4, 2012 and Retail Value: \$69



"Dynastic & Nobility Law –  
The End of a Myth"



Prince Guerios

**Bio notes:** Gharios (nee. Ahnume Guerios, the Portuguese transliteration of "Al-Nu'Man Gharios") was born in Brazil on Sept. 29, 1973 and is the Sovereign Prince of the Christian Arab Dynasty of the Ghassanids.

Prince Guerios is a worldwide known martial arts master, holding black belts in Aikido, Kenpo Karate and Kobudo. He holds a degree in marketing, doctorates honoris causa in theology, history, anthropology and a Doctor of Philosophy in religious philosophy. Also a Strictu Sensu Doctorate in Dynastic and Canonic Law.

Is internationally recognized as the heir of the Ghassanid Dynasty, descendant and heir of Christian Arab Kings, Byzantine Emperors and also from the Lebanese Sheiks Chemor. His ascendants ruled from biblical times in Yemen until 1747 A.D. in Lebanon. His legal name and titles: His Imperial and Royal Highness Prince Gharios of Ghassan Al-Nu'man VIII. His royal rights and titles were recognized by the International Arbitration Award number 0413/2011 that, according with the Brazilian Federal Law number 9307/96

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has the very same legal force as a federal court verdict and according with the "1958 N.Y. Convention on Arbitration" is a legal binding court decision in 142 nations in the world. Even being already "res judicata" (matter already judged not subject to appeal) by Brazilian law, the international award was recognized and enforced by the Los Angeles Superior Court in February 2012. (Los Angeles Superior Court Case Number BS-135337 of 02/24/2012).

**Original Work Of Art: "Shipwreck with Sea Monster"**

(c) 2012, Acrylic on paper, 58" x 65", By Sir Christopher Scott Dailey, Retail Value: \$16,000



*Shipwreck with Sea Monster* Sir Christopher Scott Dailey

The artist employs paints which are made from crushed semiprecious stones. In this painting, the deep purple is made partly from crushed amethyst, while the reds, oranges and yellows are true cadmium pigments.

**Bio notes:** Sir Christopher Scott Dailey was born Nov. 22, 1984. By third-grade he was painting regularly and had placed second in a nation-wide competition. In 1995, at age 11, Sir Christopher held his first serious art show at the Terra's Angels Gallery in San Juan Capistrano, Calif. After the formal schooling in art at Southeast Missouri State University, The Cyprus College of Art and Memphis College of Art, Sir Christopher Dailey was the recipient of multiple International Awards and in recognition of his charitable endeavors, he was entitled Knight Grand Officer in the Sacred Sovereign Order of Knight King Christ.

**Exhibited in Public, Corporate and Private Collections:** The Cotton Museum at the Memphis Cotton Exchange, Memphis, Tenn., The Circulo de Bellas Artes, Madrid, Spain, The National Safety Association, Cordova, Tenn., Kirby Liquors Inc., Bartlet, Tenn., Dobbins Detectives LLC. Irvine, Calif., The Lyn Kaufman Memorial Art Trust, Collection of Nancy Sinatra, Collection of Scarlet Johansen, Collection of Richard Feltus, Collection of Douglas and Elizabeth Manchester

**Original Art by Duke Michael David Peschka**

Owner of Galerie Son Altesse will donate one of his original works of art.

**Bio notes:** His Highness Michael David Peschka, Dux Bellorum in the Imperial Sovereign House of Kings, is an artist who first exhibited his work at the age of 11 at Laguna Gloria Art Museum in Austin, Texas. In 1981, his friend Countess Caja Palffy sent him to Bruxelles to study art



Duke Michael David Peschka

restoration and portrait painting under M. Albert Schollaert, portrait painter to King Leopold III and to King Baudouin, of Belgium. After returning to Austin, he studied at the University of Texas under Dr. Gabrielle Yablonsky, former artist-in-residence to the King of Bhutan. Portrait painter, Interior designer, murals, etc.

Knight of *Imperial Sovereign Order of Kings* and Knight of Honor of *Imperial Order of Truth*.

Artistic adviser and imperial portrait painter to HIRM Czar Darius Adrik Salvo I Noto von Holstein-Gottorp-Trifiro-Kings. Founder and principle artist for The Homeless Project

**Author Autographed Copy of Books by Angelic Tarasio**

(Countess Angelique Kurbatov) Retail Value: \$20 each

**Bio notes:** Countess Angelique Kurbatov, a published author under the pseudonym Angelic Tarasio, is a world philanthropist. Her Grace was born in the Ukraine and in 1989 immigrated to the United States together with her husband Count Tikhon Kurbatov and children.



Countess Angelique Kurbatov

Currently, Her Grace's days are filled with book writing and volunteering for the Humane Society, Woman's Club of Stuart and Tarasiouk-Kurbatov International Wellness Foundation.

The motivational trilogy *Mother Maria*, *Home-Coming* and *Bridge to the Sky* inspire the readers to survive and triumph during the current global social and economic crisis, as well as natural disasters.





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## Woman's Club Of Stuart And Tarasiouk-Kurbatov International Wellness Foundation Fest Donates Wheelchairs

More than 100 donors and sponsors enjoyed an elegant evening of international food and music, silent and live auctions and mingling with international guests, community leaders and elected officials at the International Taste Fest and Grand Auctions co-sponsored by the Woman's Club of Stuart and Tarasiouk-Kurbatov International Wellness Foundation Inc. Proceeds from the event will fund some 25 wheelchairs for handicapped, underprivileged women in Eastern European countries, as part of the Woman's Club international outreach program and the Tarasiouk-Kurbatov Foundation's ongoing programs to encourage worldwide health and wellness.

The event, co-chaired by Her Grace, Countess Tatania Kurbatov and Her Grace, Countess Tamara Kurbatov, was part of the Woman's Club of Stuart yearlong 100th anniversary celebration. Additional donation opportunities and information about the Woman's Club of Stuart is available at [www.womansclubofstuart.com](http://www.womansclubofstuart.com) and the Tarasouk-Kurbatov



*Countess Angelique Kurbatov, Ann Corwell, Rev. Jeannie Ferrara, Connie Murgolo, Cathy Kauffman, Reba Shepard, Jodi Davis and seated Countess Tatania Kurbatov*

International Wellness Foundation Inc. at [www.international-wellness-foundation.com](http://www.international-wellness-foundation.com). You may also mail the check to



*Bobbi Demers, Rusty Landgren, Cathy Kauffman, Edithy Marcellis, Pat Schmader, Beth Guild, Polly Pharo*

Woman's Club of Stuart, 729 S.E. Ocean Boulevard, Stuart, FL 34994.



# Media coverage

## *Esther's Woman* July 2013

by Dr. Theresa Phillips

<http://www.glorythat.com/index.php/esthers-woman>



# Media coverage

***Reporting for the Fundraiser event also provided by:***

- ***Awesome Entertainment Magazine***, July 10 2013 by **Countess Caroline Jean Leitenmaier**  
<http://www.awesomeentertainmentmagazine.com/index.php/component/k2/item/149-countess-tatania-kurbatov>
- ***OPA! Magazine***, June 2013 by **Heidi Elisabeth Hansen** <http://opamagazine.com/wheels-of-life/>
- ***Stuart News***, February 2013 by **Ann Cornwell**

# 2013 Fundraiser Event

## *INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL*

*Hosted For*



*By*

*Woman's Club of Stuart*

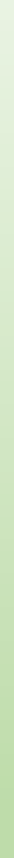
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# 2013 Fundraiser Event – Women's Club of Stuart



# 2013 Fundraiser Event – Live Auction

*Original artworks, autographed books, and fashion donated by European royalty and couture designers:*

1. ***“Shipwreck with Sea Monster”*** (c) 2012 Acrylic on Paper 58" x 65" by **Sir Christopher Scott Dailey**  
Value: \$16,000.00.
2. ***“Dancing in the rain”*** Chalk powder on paper, Stastkovition 40 x 30 cm by **Countess Lucie Stastkova**  
Value: \$10,000.00.
3. **"Le Jardin d'Amour"** 2013 oil on canvas 16" X 20" by **Duke Michael David Peschka** Value: \$1,600.00
4. ***“Dynastic & Nobility Law - The End of a Myth”*** by **Prince Gharios of Ghassan, Al-Nu’Man VIII & Baroness Anna Wang of Tartij** Published July 4, 2012 and autographed by the Author. Value: \$69.00
5. ***“Mother Maria” & “Home-Coming”*** by **Countess Angelique Kurbatov**, published author under the pseudonym **Angelic Tarasio**. Both books autographed by the Author and value at \$20.00 each
6. An original **Blouse & Gown** by designer **Cecilia Perez** of **“Cecilia Perez Haute Couture”**. Both items certified in value of \$10,000.00



# 2013 Fundraiser Event – Live Auction





# 2013 Fundraiser Event – Silent Auction

## ***31 exquisite Items:***

- 3 Montblanc Items individually packaged in authentic boxes & monogrammed gift bags which makes them an excellent gift idea
- 11 geographic or gem globes on jeweled glass bases
- 9 fresh flower arrangements
- Gift certificate from 2 Jewelers
- Gift certificate from 2 Restaurants
- 1 Swarovski pendant
- 1 Gold's Gym 3 months Gift Certificate
- 1 Desk set
- 1 Godiva gift basket





# Diamond Sponsors



**Prince Gharios of Ghassan,  
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His Royal Highness is the Sovereign Prince of the Christian Arab Dynasty of the Ghassanids.

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His Royal Highness is internationally recognized as the heir of the Ghassanid Dynasty, descendant and heir of Christian Arab Kings, Byzantine Emperors, as well as the heir of Lebanese Sheiks Chemor.



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**Sir Christopher Scott Dailey**

Recipient of multiple International Awards.

He was entitled Knight Grand Officer in the Sacred Sovereign Order of Knight King Christ in recognition for his charitable endeavors



**Countess Lucie Stastkova** of Russian Imperial House of Rurikovich in Germany

Lady Lucie of the Imperial House of Windsor-Sezibwan-Rurikovich.

Dame of the Imperial Order of St. John and St. Mary of the Kingdom of the White Nile.

# Diamond Sponsors



**Countess Angelique Kurbatov** is a published author under the pseudonym Angelic Tarasio.

The literary works are based on the journals of Countess's mother-in-law Countess Maria Kotyk – Kurbatov, who survived and triumphed during the darkest periods of 20<sup>th</sup> century Europe.



**Cecilia Perez**  
**Haute Couture Designer**  
Cecilia Perez has participated in a number of international runway events, including Miami Fashion Week and Martinique Fashion Week.

Ms. Perez is a favorite designer of many Latin America celebrities and she presented actress Eva Longoria with a beautiful couture gown at the 2007 Alma Awards



# 2013 Fundraiser Result

*Fundraiser provided for purchase of manual, foldable and high quality wheelchairs and their shipment to the individual residences of approved candidates in Eastern European countries.*



## *Wheelchair Model Description*

### **The Invacare Veranda Wheelchairs**

- ❖ Desk Length Removable Arm-rests
- ❖ Elevating Leg-rests
- ❖ Custom dimension seats of 16x16, 16x18 or 16x20 inches (depending on candidate's needs)



# Wheelchair purchase & shipment





# 10 Wheelchairs donated to Women/Children in Ukraine

***These Women and Children are now mobile and out of their beds***

**October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013.** These pictures are the testament of the joint effort of many volunteers and supporters of the Wheels of Life Project. The life of these young people in Ukraine will be radically changed for the better thanks to the effort of all of you who participated in organizing the fundraising events and purchasing and shipping the wheelchairs. As it is said " by saving a single person you are saving humankind".



# 10 more Wheelchairs shipped to Poland

**May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 became a lucky day for ten people in Poland.**

The International cargo service delivered the nominated recipients their free of charge wheelchairs. Some of them could hardly believe in the miracle to be again out of bed, to stay with their family, enjoying meals together, visiting relatives next door or across the street, attending high-schools and friends' gatherings. New and more contented life was delivered with their mobility.



# International Outreach Gala for Wheels of Life

**April 23, 2015**

As the fundraiser for Wheels of Life, International Outreach Gala presented:

- Exhibition of female artists,
- Room décor of exquisite vases from all over the world,
- Live Musical Entertainment,
- Fine Dining with International Liqueur Bar,
- Live and Silent Auctions.

This elegant evening with 100 attending guests was created under the leadership of a 100 years old Woman's Club of Stuart in partnership with International Wellness Foundation and participation of South Florida Woman's Clubs.

Thanks to the generous support, the **International Outreach Gala** - fundraiser for Wheels of Life has raised the target amount of **\$10,000.00** towards the purchase and shipping of wheelchairs to the underprivileged wheelchair bound women and children in South American and Caribbean countries.



# International Outreach Gala for Wheels of Life



# Current work on providing wheelchairs to underprivileged women in Ecuador and Jamaica

**November 2015** - negotiated and reaffirmed that wheelchair supply company “Buddy Holiday Mobility” will maintain the same discounted prices on the high quality wheelchairs, as they have provided last year, when we were purchased and shipped wheelchairs to the applicants in Eastern Europe.

**December 2015** - Screening of the wheelchair applicants in Ecuador and Jamaica.