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The Center for Balkan Development is a network of more than a thousand people in the United States, Canada, and Europe working to help the region of the former Yugoslavia rebuild and create a peaceful and prosperous future.



Left: Mirza Kusljagic, Bosnian Ambassador to the UN, speaking at CBD-organized conference, Lessons Learned from the Balkan Conflicts, October 2004.

Above: Nermin Belkic and Jasko Jahic of the Tuzla Deaf Association (UGOS). Volunteers from UGOS, with \$8,000 of funding from CBD, renovated their internet café that is now providing a gathering place for hearing impaired people, generating income for UGOS programs, and sustaining two jobs for UGOS members.



Members of the Tuzla Deaf Association repairing a car. CBD programs helped create seven jobs at the deaf association in car repair, sewing, rug cleaning, a car wash, internet center, and a café.



Emina Jasarevic, CBD's Assistant Program Coordinator, with two children from the Zvornik orphanage which receives donations of food, clothing, and toys from CBD.



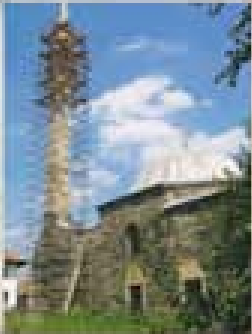
Students from Tuzla University at a computer center created by the Student Club for People with Special Needs and the Student Dorm Association. The center was created with over \$20,000 in funding from CBD and employs 16 students and generates funding for student programs and is now entirely independent and self-sustaining.



Building a small barn to help the family of a blind man in Kopice become self-reliant. Built with funds and staff support from Connecticut Friends of Bosnia and a donation from the soldiers of SFOR 14, the barn will house 50 chickens, 5 sheep, and a cow.



Carol Schaefer, Director of Connecticut Friends of Bosnia, with Vejsil and Samira Katic and their two children and CFOB staff member Enisa Hodzic. With support from CFOB and CBD, the Katics are now starting their own small farm and will soon be self-reliant.



Reconstruction of the Hadum Mosque in Gjakova, Kosovo by our partner organization, the Kosovo Cultural Heritage Project with financial support from the Packard Humanities Foundation.



Morton Abramowitz, Jim Hooper, Ilir Dugolli, and Bruce Hatcher speaking on panel on long term status for Kosovo at Lessons Learned conference at Boston College in October 2004.



Amir Pasic receiving a Stari Most Award at CBD's Anniversary Banquet in October. Other recipients were Ylber Hysa from Kosovo and Senator Joseph Biden.



Ambassador Swanee Hunt, featured guest speaker at the Stari Most Award Banquet, talking about her efforts to help stop genocide in Bosnia while she was U.S. Ambassador to Austria during the height of the war.

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