

*Transit Center At  
Manas International  
Airport,  
Kyrgyz Republic*

**Important Dates:**

- 4 Dec: AUCA School/Class Visit
- 5 Dec: Kyrgyz goods holiday bazaar
- 13 Dec: Kyrgyz Cultural Day at the Transit Center
- 19 Dec: Kyrgyz-US soccer game at Transit Center
- 25 Dec: Christmas Holiday
- 31 Dec: New year's Eve
- 1 Jan: New Year's Day
- 7 Jan Orthodox Christmas day



# TRANSIT CENTER REPORT

## A TIME TO BE GRATEFUL!

Dear friends and colleagues, it was a great November for partnership activities at the Transit Center. We celebrated the American holiday, Thanksgiving, with honored guests from across Kyrgyzstan and our own Air Force Chief of Staff, General Norton Schwartz and his wife, our commander, Lt General Mike Hostage, and the US Deputy Chief of Mission, Mr. Larry Memmott.

holiday meal. As we were at the table listening to the warm greetings offered by Kyrgyz Parliament Vice Speaker, Kubanychbek Isabekov, one could look around the room and see representatives from all of the relationships we have worked to deepen over this year.

forces from as far away as North America and Mongolia. For our part at the Transit Center, we are grateful for our friendship with the Kyrgyz people and look forward to the coming months and years and the opportunities that will be before us.

The first Thanksgiving in America was a multicultural gathering where settlers from Europe came together with the native peoples of North America. Thanksgiving at the Transit Center met the same spirit of cooperation and friendship among peoples from around the world.

In this issue you will see how we are increasing our contractual and business relationships as well as being good neighbors and providing assistance to local villages. Our Airmen are seeking cultural activities everyday whether it is at a Ministry of Sports tournament or a night at the very popular Kyrgyz Opera & Ballet.



**Mr. Isabekov and General Schwartz exchange gifts**

This American holiday is a time to be thankful for our blessings and we typically come together with friends and family around a

New Kyrgyz commerce partners, members from the education community, the Congress of Women, security forces, medical community, and many others enjoyed American and Kyrgyz foods alongside coalition

From the Transit Center we wish everyone a happy and prosperous December. We are thankful for all our Kyrgyz friends!



## MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS...

Congratulations to Kyrgyzstan's Parliament on 70 years of service to the Kyrgyz people! The Transit Center led off the month by increasing commerce with local businesses and beginning dialogues with many others.

The basketball tournament was a great success

as a way to build friendships. We announced on the popular program "Point of View" on NTS our next large assistance program which will be a Women's Shelter planned and constructed in conjunction with the Congress of Women.

Projects in the vil-

lages near the Transit Center are being expanded.

**Beautiful music played by Aizada Osmonbekova & Dildar Tulkubaeva at the Transit Center**



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**Kyrgyz and US basketball players after an incredible game!**

## HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

### PROGRAMS

- Congress of Women, Women’s Shelter is underway! (est: \$667K US)
- Donated \$20,000 of equipment to the Bishkek Mental Health Center
  - 300 mattresses, 300 blankets, 240 beds, 50 desks and chairs
- Donated 15 large boxes of paper to the School for Deaf Children
- Funded \$2,000 block purchase for boiler room at Vinogradnoye School
- Funded \$10,000 for sewage treatment plant at Mramornoye Village



**The Sirocco band played six concerts and learned much about Kyrgyz culture.**

### VOLUNTEERS

- Remodeled girl’s bathroom with three new toilets at the Jany-Jer school
- Installed plastic over the windows at Vasilievka School for the winter
- Purchased and installed new flooring at the Children’s Cancer Center
- Cleaned out coal room and loaded new coal at Uventis School
- Donated \$300 winter clothes, blankets, toys to Kamyszanowka Village
- Donated \$550 text books and school supplies to Mramornoye Village School
- Donated \$700 winter clothes, school supplies to Vinogradnoye School



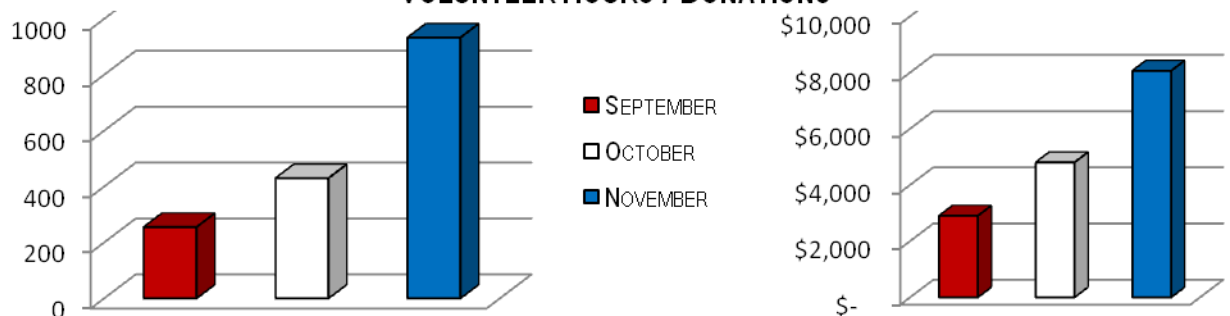
**Kyrgyz and American medical personnel on a medical exchange.**

### MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

- Kyrgyz military medical meeting, hosted by Transit Center medical personnel
- Presentations were given to personnel from the Bishkek Family Practice Center
  - “Mock cardiac arrest code blue demonstration”
  - “H1N1 influenza seminar was conducted”
  - “Gallbladder disease and complications”
  - “Back pain patients and treatment techniques”
  - “Hypertension in pregnancy”
- Two Family Practice residents shadowed physicians at the Transit center
- Visited Pediatric Clinic to evaluate potential cleft/lip pallet patients

## BY THE NUMBERS: VOLUNTEER IMPACT FOR NOVEMBER

### VOLUNTEER HOURS / DONATIONS



## ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP

Economic cooperation and partnership continue to grow at the Transit Center. The most recent example is the director's trip to learn about the local fish industry.

Other businesses getting the attention of Transit Center this month included dairies, farms, furniture, and technical services. The results continue to be positive and contracting actions with local businesses continue to increase sharply since the business seminar led by Transit Center officials in Bishkek in October.

In the future months the forecast for increasing economic opportunity appears very good. Construction projects continue, new vendors are coming on to the center to do business, owners of small

shops at the bazaar are doing well, and employment with prime contractors should increase.

The quality of products and expertise of those performing labor at the Transit Center continues to be sustained at a very high level.

In every case where a local business's products are inspected, Transit Center contract officials want to encourage business. If there is any reason a contract can not be offered after an inspection, the officials are happy to provide that business with a detailed report as to what actions would be necessary to become more competitive.

The Transit Center remains a friend of Kyrgyz business!



**Director, Col Blaine Holt learns about a local fisheries**

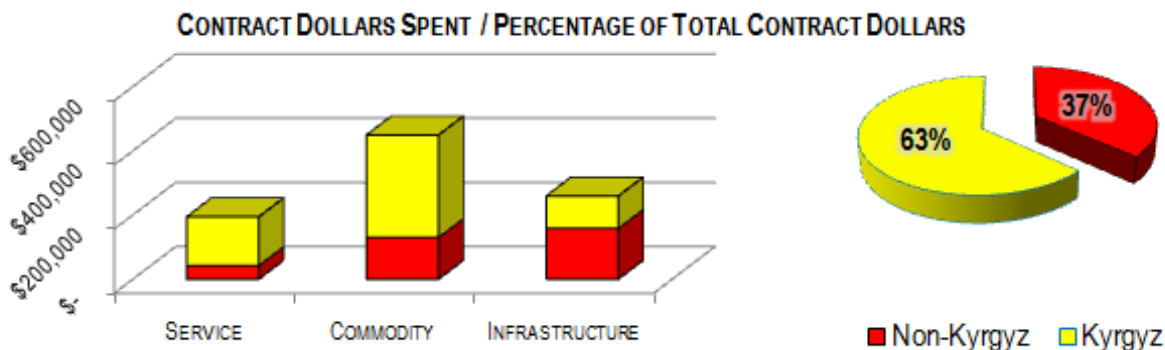
## CURRENT INITIATIVES

- Awarded \$1.2M service contract to local Kyrgyz hygienic services contractor
- Increased expenditures on new fruits and vegetables under new agreement
  - The Transit Center will ensure increased commitments for future purchases
  - Current surveys include new dairy farms to provide fresh milk and cheeses
- Beginning dialogue to bring Kyrgyz made chocolate confectionaries and other sweets to the Transit Center for daily consumption and sale
- Solicitations to find a Kyrgyz company to build the new Women's Center
  - The required statement of work will be complete mid-December
- US Embassy completed their "Doing Business with Kyrgyzstan" seminar
  - Contracting and legal services provided valuable assistance and education for local businesses to compete for US contracts here and abroad
- Imarat Stroy, a local Kyrgyz contractor, is 16% complete of new personnel center
  - Currently ahead of schedule and going strong!



**New entrepreneurs sell their Kyrgyz products at the Transit Center**

## BY THE NUMBERS: CONTRACT DOLLARS SPENT FOR NOVEMBER



# ECONOMIC IMPACT



<u>Direct Expenditures</u>	<b>FY 2009</b>	<b>FY 2010 (Year to Date)</b>
Payment to Kyrgyz Govt - Dip Note	\$26,620,000	\$10,000,000
Payment to Manas International Airport (MIA)**	\$22,999,039	\$5,572,443
Contributions to Airport Improvements	\$30,600,000	
Contributions to Kyrgyz Aeronavigation (KAN)		
Contracts Awarded	\$24,601,908	\$4,312,711
Govt leases (non-MIA)	\$81,562	\$7,738
<b>SubTotal Direct Expenditures</b>	<b>\$104,902,509</b>	<b>\$19,892,892</b>
<u>Indirect and Charitable Expenditures</u>		
Estimated US Military local spending	\$1,037,530	\$220,273
Estimated charitable projects/donations	\$1,010,201	\$15,760
<b>Subtotal Indirect and Charitable Expenditures</b>	<b>\$2,047,731</b>	<b>\$236,033</b>
<b>Total Economic Impact</b>	<b>\$106,950,240</b>	<b>\$20,128,925</b>
* Based on US Fiscal Year: 1 October to 30 September; ** Airport Fees, land leases, contracts)		

US military spending on Kyrgyz services and commodities rose 50% from October to November.

# THE TRANSIT CENTER EXPERIENCE

