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Every child deserves their parents' love, protection and care. Family is the most favorable form for children's physical, intellectual, and emotional development. About 2000 children in Transnistria are devoid of the most indispensable thing - a family.

The program has several focus areas:

- SEARCHING FOR POTENTIAL FOSTER FAMILIES
- TRAINING FAMILIES
- GUIDING FAMILIES

We search, find, and motivate married couples to be a foster family for orphans who need custody and care. We look for couples who could help orphans with their physical, social, and emotional upbringing. In other words we look for moms and dads.

FOSTER CARE PROGRAM

GHENA MANOILOV GRADUATED FROM JUNIOR SCHOOL WITH HONORS

Ghena is an adopted child in the family of Elena and Oleg Kushev. He and his younger brother Igor were taken into custody when they were 4 and 3 years old. Ghena as compared with Igor is a calmer child, and he does not cause his parents as much concern. He is very persevering and has good imagination and fine motor skills. He likes to build various objects from his Lego. His mother says that he is very caring and attentive and also modest. At the same time he commands authority among his peers. He is very sociable and easily makes friends.

His mother and father were concerned that the boy would not cope well in comprehensive school. So Ghena spent the first couple of years in a special school. Over time, his parents realized that Ghena was very capable and transferred him to a school that is not even regular but rather University-preparatory (gymnasium). In two years Ghena did not just catch up with his peers in English and Ukrainian (those subjects were not taught at the special school), but became a straight - A student in all subjects.

Ghena goes art school and he really likes architecture. He was also the first runner-up in the city badminton competition.

His parents are very proud of them. His younger brother Igor says that he will be working hard all summer to be an excellent student like his brother. This fall Ghena goes to cadet school. He dreams of becoming a military officer like his father Oleg. The parents stand by their son in his wish.



FOSTER CHILD QUOTES:

Tanya: I had a very good spring. I finished my studies with good grades, and now I'm looking forward to the summer, when the whole family will go to the camp.

We have a dog, she gave birth to puppies. I love looking after them and playing with them. We have a lot of space in the yard where we can run and jump with our brothers and sisters.

Recently we played Indians, and we painted our faces with soot. It was a lot of fun.





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The program assists families in a predicament who face the threat of having their children taken away and placed in the orphanage. The objective of the program is to **get the family out of its material, moral, and psychological crisis, and keep the children in the family.**

At the time being efforts are made in **11 areas of Transnistria** to get out of a crisis **29 families**, which is **130 people** and **90 of them are minor children.**

A PROGRAM FOR ASSISTING RISK **TATIANA BALTA**



Tatiana is an orphan and a residential school leaver. She has had epilepsy since she was a little girl. While a student at a technical school, she met a guy who seduced her. She became pregnant, and he left her without admitting his paternity. A boy was born - Vlad. He has been his mom's helper since he was born. He helps his mother around the house and looks after his younger brother. A while ago Tatiana was badly beaten by the father of her second child, and she got into intensive care with a stroke. She was in the hospital for almost a month. While she was being treated, Tatiana's friend looked after her children. Vlad at the age of 12 proved to be

a real man: he took his younger brother to kindergarten, went to the store for groceries, and did not miss classes at school. Vlad, like an adult and reasonable person, advises his mother not to be in a relationship with his stepfather anymore. He believes they will cope without him.

Tatiana came for help to the Charity "Heart4orphans". She needs to repair the flat that the government gave her as an orphan. The flat is in bad repair and not safe for living with children. The fund is helping the family with building materials. We have bought them spackling paste, wallpaper, glue, linoleum, skirting. Also provide we are helping them with food, clothing, shoes, medicine.



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Program aims to prevent children from ending up in boarding schools and improve parental and marital skills among girls and women in a situation of risk.

We serve to prevent early pregnancy and child abandonment as well as teaches parental-marital skills and offers individual counsel by a team of specialists (a psychologist, a social teacher, a lawyer) in a risk situation including temporary accommodation in an emergency. We also want to involve local church members, especially women, as volunteers in serving girls and women at risk.

The project is funded by Charity "Orphan's promise".



SCHOOL OF MOTHERHOOD

VALENTINA CEBANU BECAME INDEPENDENT

Valentina Chebanu's mother was stripped of her parental rights for poor care for her children (herself, her older sister Anna, and her younger brother Dima, and sister Masha). Her father was dead. The children went to various residential institutions. Valentina says that she remembers nothing from her childhood. The social teachers who monitor her say that she does not want to remember anything. Once Valentina's mother hit her so hard that the girl was hospitalized. After that, Valentina was sent to an orphanage.

The Fund's staff helped her register with a doctor to monitor her pregnancy. They provided her with a room at the "Step to Life" temporary residence center, where she and her son Maxim stayed for about two years. Maternity Ward personnel kept telling Valentina to give up her child, but thanks to the Fund's social teachers, she did not. When the baby grew a little, Valentina went back to her studies. The lawyer of the Fund helped Valentina get housing and a one-time allowance that was due to her by law. Her dorm room was fitted with equipment and furniture.

Valentina graduated from the Glinoye residential school and went to a technical school to study to be a seamstress. At that time, she began dating a guy, who got her pregnant soon after that. The father of the child leads an immoral lifestyle (He has been locked up more than once. He abuses alcohol and fornicates). Valentina stopped going to classes, which caused her to be expelled from the technical school. Consequently, she was put out of the dormitory. She stayed with her friends for some time. As chance would have it, Valentina, being five months pregnant, appeared the Fund "Heart4orphans".

After two years of staying in the center, Valentina has changed a lot. At first, she was very aggressive and nervous. She had great difficulty hearing the advice of social teachers. She was very tough with her baby, screaming at him. The social workers showed great love and care for Valentina and Maxim, even though Valentina was prone to conflict. Over time, she began to change. She learned to cook well, and keep the house clean, and plan her budget. Valentina became more polite, tactful, even-tempered, and we had our minds at ease letting her go to live an independent life. Now Valentina and her son live on their



own. Maxim is in kindergarten. When he gets used to his new environment, Valentina will start looking for a job.

Separately, I would like to note that Valentina has thawed out to her biological mother. She and her younger brother found the address where her mother lives and visited her. Their mother apologized to the children, and they promised to keep in touch with her.



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A FOSTER FAMILY IN URGENT NEED OF ACCOMMODATION

Sergei and Elena Speyan have been together since their student years. They have been married for 26 years. They have four adult children, who are 24 years old, 22 years old, 21 years old, 16 years old, and two young grandchildren. Now three of the children have their own families and live separately. The youngest son lives with his parents and is in the tenth grade. They are all very close-knit.

Sergei and Elena are people with big and open hearts. Ten years ago they had an idea of extending their love to several more children, and become foster parents. They were very serious about this decision: they graduated from the Foster Parents School, and for three years they have been permanent volunteers of the Fund.

Recently, they have been mentors to four children from a dysfunctional Lebeda family (Kristine 16 years old, Viorica 12 years old, Lisa 3 years old, Ivan 9 months old). Their mother is stripped of her parental rights and to avoid sending the children to different residential schools, they were assigned to our temporary residence center. Elena came to the center every day, she cooked food with the girls, and babysitted little Ivan while the girls were at school. The children really like Sergei and Elena. Little Lisa even calls them mom and dad now.

A few months later, Elena and Sergei decided to take all the four children into their care. The child protection service, unfortunately, refused them due to their housing



conditions. The family lives in an apartment of 19.5 sq.m. This is extremely little by the law. Each family member must have 12 sq.m. So Sergei and Elena need to expand the living space to at least 80 sq.m. Their own children grew up in a humble flat but in great love. This however cuts no ice with the child service.

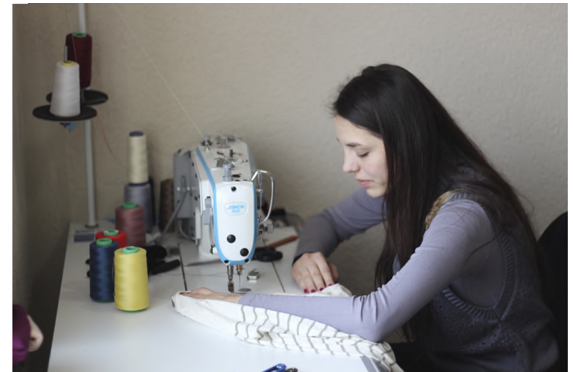
two-story house, with bedrooms upstairs, and a large dining-room and a play area for children downstairs. They would make a playground for children out in the yard, and in the garden they would plant many fruit trees.

Our Fund is ready to provide them with a 3-room social flat, but it needs repair and furniture, totaling \$19,000.

Sergei and Elena are dreaming of



THE SOCIAL TAILOR SHOP



Since 2017, the Charity "Heart4orphans" has had a tailor shop, which employs girls and women from the most vulnerable segments of society. They are widows, mothers with many children, residential school leavers, and single mothers. Initially, this project was intended for girls at risk. Today in Transnistria there is a problem of social and professional integration of female leavers of residential institutions and girls from disadvantaged families. Because it is impossible to obtain a profession and subsequent employment, girls are forced to go abroad or engage in prostitution. The current situation violates the rights of girls for work and a decent lifestyle.

The social tailor shop teaches them to knit, sew and restore clothes, make various products of felt and other materials. This practice helps the girls to get into the labor market and builds up their work experience. This is very helpful to them. Every day you can earn some hard cash. "In addition to their earnings, girls receive, so to speak, occupational therapy. Firstly, they get an excellent skill in sewing, which can be useful both in everyday life and further employment at factories or tailor shops.

Secondly, many residential school leavers find it difficult to stay focused on their work, which often becomes a stumbling block between the employee and the boss. Here we show understanding and lovingly

teach girls how to behave properly in the workplace. Gradually, they get used and show high performances. While working, we talk and discuss various acute topics, which is also very useful to the girls. They often have no one to share their problem with and get input on how to deal with a particular situation", said Olga Khodanina, a tailor shop technologist.

Girls can work part-time and combine work and study. Also, during the pandemic, women began to come to us for temporary employment. They ended up jobless due to the quarantine measures and the difficult economic situation in the republic. Many of them are single mothers or mothers with many children.

Thus, in three years we have managed to support about 100 women and girls at risk. At the moment, about ten women work in the shop, and the demand for this type of activity is growing. So we plan to expand this social service.

Now the workshop is located in our office building. However, we have another facility that we would like to equip for a large social workshop studio. All utility systems are already in place there. We have yet to do some finishing work and outfit the facility with furniture. We also have to buy some more sewing machines. To do this, we need about \$7,000.