

EVERY CHILD NEEDS LOVE,  
SECURITY AND ACCEPTANCE



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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

We search for potential families as we visit churches belonging to different denominations. We do presentations telling people about children and their desire to be in a family.

#### TRAINING FAMILIES

The Foster Family School trains potential families, which involves teaching about various aspects of children's makeup and offering psychological, legal, and medical assistance.

#### GUIDING FAMILIES

The Foster Family Club. The fund personnel offer psychological and legal advice, financial and material assistance. They arrange training sessions and have friendly talks with parents and children. They meet regularly for mutual support and exchange of experience.

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



## THE LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL IS OVER

The foster children successfully completed the year despite the difficulties because of the quarantine.

Every foster family monitored by our fund has schoolchildren. Studying online was difficult for many. It was especially difficult for those have more than one student. Help with homework mostly fell onto the shoulders of mothers, and along with that nobody relieved them of their cooking duties.

Many parents note that during the quarantine children had a good appetite. "I was not able to keep up. It seems we have only finished our breakfast, and the children are already asking for a snack. And it is like that all day long. We, of course, are very happy and we are enjoying feeding the children, trying to surprise them with some interesting treats," - said the mother of two foster children Elena Kuschevaya.

There are seven schoolchildren in the Zagriadsky family, and they were happy to study home online. A mother of many children, she said that during the quarantine she had much more time to spend with her children. Their relationships grew deeper and warmer. "Before lunch, my children and I did homework, and after lunch we played and did the chores together," - said Liudmila Zagriadskaya.

Families living in houses of their own are not as much inconvenienced by the quarantine as those living in apartment buildings. You can go out to the yard to get some fresh air, play with pets, help the parents in the garden and take care of chickens, rabbits, cows, play sports, etc.



### MIKE SCHERBIN:

Now you can't go out because of the coronavirus, and we have been staying in for two months. But that is not a problem, because we have our own yard. We play there with our dog Stark and have some fresh air. Dad made us a chinning bar, and we pull up every day. I can pull up three times. I also learned to do my Rubik's cube.



### ELENA GORSTEIN:

During the quarantine, I got into cooking and baked my first cupcake. Mom said it was delicious. Mom has trusted me to collect eggs in the chicken house, and I do it every morning. I also enjoyed taking care of the plants in the garden. It's even very fascinating. I am also learning to play the guitar and hope to praise the Lord in song in the summer.



### IVAN MUSTIA:

I'm very lucky to have my brother Vlad. So during the quarantine, the two of us aren't bored. After school, when the weather is good, we play in the yard and ride in a wheelbarrow while Dad is not looking. And when the weather is bad, we watch some interesting film or play board games.



### DANIEL JUMBEY:

Because of the quarantine we cannot live freely: go to the playground and walk around with friends. It's a good thing we have cows on the farm, and I go with my dad to herd them on a meadow where I can run around.





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Teenagers leave the orphanage at the age of 16 to 18. Soon they realize what independent and adult life is.  
On leaving the institution they have no job or a place to live, and that is how their new life begins.

Forced labor, sexual slavery, and a life in the street lead to crime, prostitution, and addictions. Sadly, that is the fate of many of these youngsters.

WE HAVE A CHANCE TO HELP THEM change their future and channel their energy to positive things. We can give them a home and help them make their own sound decisions.

Our program is geared to help teenagers and young people to acquire basic life skills, that are necessary for a successful transition from the orphanage to an independent and productive life.

The program covers 25 young people.

## INDEPENDENT LIFE PROGRAM



**CHRISTINA GONCHARENKO** is an orphan. Her mother gave her up at the maternity hospital, as the girl was born with a hare lip and a cleft palate. She was at a special school for children with hearing and speech disorders. Christina had no guardian, and her boarding school teacher became her mentor. She led her to God and to church. She also asked us to enlist Christina in our program for socializing of residential schools leavers.

Christina graduated from a medical college and works as a nurse at the same special for children with hearing and speech disorders.



Christina was staying with us until mandatory self-isolation for incoming citizens was over. She really liked us and she did not feel like it was a dorm. While Christina was staying at the Centre, she helped out as a nurse. She took each resident's temperature in the morning and in the evening, and she helped look after the kids. After 14 days of isolation, she was examined by a therapist. She was found to be healthy and fit for work. Following the advice of the social workers at the fund, Christina asked the director of the special school, to give her a room in that school, so she would not have to rent accommodation again.



Also, public transportation is not running during the quarantine period, and it would be difficult to get to work. The director of the boarding school gave her a room.

Christina was immensely grateful to the fund that we did not leave her in trouble and provided a roof over her head in such a difficult situation. Now she is emotionally well-composed. She has a place to live and a job, but the urgent need for a surgery remains.

This is a check from a clinic in Moscow where Kristina was examined.

ПЛАН ЛЕЧЕНИЯ						
ФНО пациента: Григорьев Кристина Михайловна						
№ по листу: 11.02.2020						
Врач, составивший план лечения: С.С.С. Андрей Николаевич						
№	№ листа	Код по МКБ-10	Наименование медицинского вмешательства	Цена	Кол-во	Сумма
1	н	B01.003.001.001	Антибиотикотерапия системная	600,00	1	600,00
2	н	B01.003.001.001	Инфекционная этиология	2.000,00	1	2.000,00
3	н	B01.003.001.001	Комбинированный антибиотический препарат (1 час - 1, 1 час - 2, 1 час - 3)	19.000,00	6	114.000,00
4	н	A16.01.01.01	Осложненный ларингит	400,00	1	400,00
5	н	A16.01.01.01	Ларингит острый	12.500,00	3	37.500,00
6	н	A08.10.17	Синусит острый	122,00	1	122,00
7	н	A16.07.01.01	Синусит острый (острый синусит, остеомиелит)	22.000,00	1	22.000,00
8	н	A16.07.01.01	Синусит острый (острый синусит, остеомиелит)	17.000,00	1	17.000,00
9	н	A16.03.01.01	Резекция костной ткани	149.000,00	1	149.000,00
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11	н	A16.03.01.01	Резекция костной ткани	303.000,00	1	303.000,00
12	н	A16.03.01.01	Синусит острый	145,00	1	145,00

ИТОГО ПО ПЛАНИ: 478.400,00 руб.						
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13	н	A16.07.01.01	Операция по удалению аденоидов	87.000,00	1	87.000,00
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18	н	A16.07.01.01	Операция по удалению аденоидов	50.000,00	2	100.000,00



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"SCHOOL OF MOTHERHOOD" 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. In recent years, we have often been contacted by young moms or pregnant women for help, advice, support and even accommodation. Most of them are girls - graduates of remedial schools, as well as pedagogically neglected ones.

In the post-Soviet space the problem of secondary orphans among residential school graduates is acute, and so is the problem of willing abandonment and or forced removal by guardianship authorities. This is due to the inability of young people at risk to care for their children or their practice of child abuse. This leads to a subsequent placement in the residential school system and a continuation of the closed cycle of orphan disadvantage.

"School of Motherhood" serves 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

At the center "Step to Life" we have an orphan, a residential school leaver VALENTINE and her 1.5-year-old son MAXIM. In March, at the height of the quarantine, they contracted an ARVI. Valia felt ok, though she had a cold and a headache. She used some nose drops and took some painkillers, which subsequently had a negative effect. Valia focused on treating her son. After a week of treatment, her cold grew worse. It was noticed by the employees of the fund, who were on duty at the "Step to Life." They convinced Valia to see a doctor.



Upon examination they immediately scanned her nose. They found an acute purulent sinus infection. So they tapped and prescribed treatment. Valia admitted that had it not been for the help of the fund's social workers, she could have been in a dangerous situation, the consequences of which she was could not even imagine. When Valia went to the hospital for treatment for a week, a social worker took care of the child feeding and playing with him.



Valentina, like other girls staying at the Center, is certainly emotionally tired of the quarantine. She even refused to take her temperature several times and get injections as prescribed by the doctor. Sometimes she gets irritated. Young women with children have to stay home. You may go for a walk outside the Center. They say they feel like on a lead. However fund workers try to support them. They explain that they are not

alone in such a situation, and they are even better off than others. They have housing and food. They do not have to be afraid they may be unable to provide food for themselves or their children because there is no work during the quarantine. Or they may have no money to pay their bills. Their kids are by their side and not in a residential school. They have a yard where kids can play and run around. They can go out to the yard and play the ball (there is a basketball ring) or sit at a table and have some coffee or tea. They can enjoy the warm sun and play with their children.



Workers on duty try to help them with children and share their burden (feeding, playing, reading) so that moms can do their chores or simply have some downtime. Also the girls and their mentors try to cook various new dishes, play board games, arrange small tea parties in order to be together as a real family and feel happy.

## THE PROGRAM "SCHOOL OF MOTHERHOOD" IS NOW ATTENDED BY TWO PREGNANT GIRLS

SASHA is an orphan and a residential school leaver. She is preparing to become a mother for the second time. Her first son Nick is 1.5 years old. Sasha is married to Andrei who grew up in a disadvantaged family. Their family is strong, but they do have enough to live on. Thanks to the financial assistance of Michael Bivona, Lynn Kolonauski, Melody Powell, we helped the family to buy a refrigerator, some furniture, and an electric oven. We are also helping them on a monthly basis with healthy food for pregnant women and children. The fund staff helped Sasha get together a bag of necessary things for the maternity hospital. Sasha and Andrei cannot wait to see their second baby.



LUDA has no father and her mother leads an immoral lifestyle. Ludmila's husband died of poisoning at work when she was 4 months pregnant. The girl did not want to return to her alcoholic mother's house. Our fund offered her temporary accommodation at the "Step to Life" Center. Luda studies remotely at the College of Technology and Management. She is going to be a food technologist. She is also taking individual classes from our social educators to help her care for her coming baby. Now Ludmila is already in the maternity hospital and very soon she is expecting to see her new baby.



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## A PROGRAM FOR ASSISTING RISK

During the quarantine time we do not forget the families which were at risk even before the pandemic. We call them and ask them how they are doing and what their bad needs are. We bring them groceries, personal hygiene items, and household items.

Due to the emergency situation in Prednistrie around 30 at-risk families monitored by the fund have found themselves even in a more critical condition. The quarantine has caused a drop in the meager yet so necessary income.



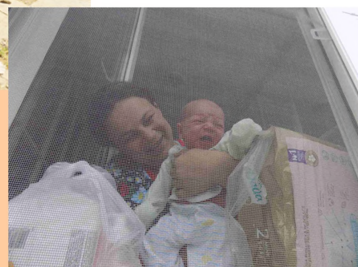
Thanks to the sponsorship of the Charity "ChildAid" (England), the social workers of "Heart4orphans" have bought food for all these families. Most of them are large single-mother families. Small children got their diapers and baby food. Families with schoolchildren who had to switch to online education faced the need of getting access to the

it had not been their priority before. Bags of groceries were delivered from time to time to all the needy families.



## THE PETROV'S FAMILY GROWS LARGER

Larisa has become a mother for the fifth time. A healthy boy is born. His name is Maxim. Unfortunately, the mother and her baby and the older children cannot return to the house where they lived before. In the last months of her pregnancy her relationship with her husband worsened badly. The day before she delivered he even got physical with her.



During the quarantine time it can be so boring staying home. So we gave children some stationeries: coloring books, pencils, felt-tip pens, modeling clay, etc.

It assists families in a difficult situation where there is a threat of children being taken to orphanages and residential schools. The purpose of this program is to bring the family out of a material, moral, psychological and spiritual crisis and to keep the child in the family.

The program has been operating for 2.5 years. Over this time 25 families have been assisted so their children were not removed placed in residential institutions. Families have also been brought out of material, moral, psychological and spiritual crises. Families have been assisted in buying food, clothing, household items, diapers, firewood, and a lot more.

Currently we are working with 25 families in 11 locations (mostly villages) to get them out of a crisis. These are 110 people and 78 of them are minor children. 36 children from 11 families have remained with their parents, 7 of them have been returned to families from social institutions.

All this thanks to the funding of the Charity "ChildAid" (England).



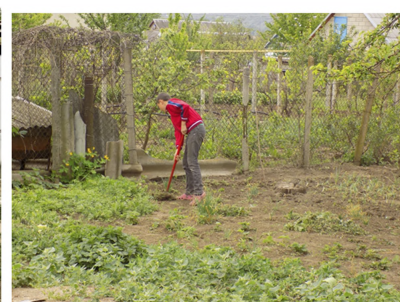
## SEEDLINGS

We helped purchase seedlings for four families. Bell peppers, tomatoes, eggplants, cucumbers. Very soon there will be a good harvest.

"Many families have begun to work their land plots. In the near future they plan to buy seedlings for their gardens. Growing your own vegetables and fruit is another opportunity to support your family. All the families thank the sponsors for their possible aid. They are trying not to be despondent and they do not stop trusting in the bright future", - a coordinator of the aid program for the at-risk families Elizabeth Vidrashko remarks.



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"I thank you very much for your help. I have already planted tomatoes and cucumbers. In the summer we will have fresh vegetables on the table. It is very important for children's growing bodies. I am not able to buy it all at the market. The prices are very high," - Tamara Fedoenko noted.

Marina Guliamova is now unemployed because of the quarantine. Her children were very happy to take part in planting the seedlings. Stas, Marina's son, helped his mother sew and care for the garden. The family will have their own tomatoes, peppers, and cucumbers this year. They can make delicious and healthy salads and other dishes.

Now our fund staff are helping Larisa find new accommodation. People are not very willing to rent out their living space to a mother with five children. Therefore they are temporarily staying at the shelter.

Despite all these difficulties, Larisa is not despondent. She is extremely happy to have her new baby and she will do her best so her children will grow loved and cared for.

We visited Larisa and in the maternity hospital and brought her all necessary things for the new baby and for her. (We talked through a window. Because of the quarantine we were not able to come inside the hospital). We got a stroller for her as well.