

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 MEDAL WINNER

We would like to share with you our pride. The foster daughter of Natalia and Vladimir Bodiul Natalia Staroverova has finished school with a gold medal for academic excellence. The parents are immensely proud of their girl.

Natasha has chosen a creative profession: an interior designer. We are confident that she will succeed since she has artistic abilities, Natasha is very creative, observant, attentive to detail, and sociable.

We wish her great success in her studies. May her student years be full of good and vivid impressions! We hope that any idea of hers will be easily translated into reality, and she will be a success in whatever she does.



ENTERTAINING EVENT FOR FOSTER KIDS

At the end of July an entertaining event was held for children from foster families. "Since this year we have not been able to organize our traditional and so much loved health camp, we held a one-day playground project on the fund premises. This, of course, is not a replacement for a week's rest at camp out in nature. However we were very happy to spend time with the children and see how they had grown, and give them some break from the quarantine routine at least

for a little while", said Tatiana Voikova, a coordinator of the «Foster Family» program.

"We invited kids from 5 to 13 years old, and drew up a program that was both educational and entertaining. The theme was "Friendship." We wanted to share and remind the kids of what friendship is, and how to distinguish friendship from acquaintanceship, and what a real friend should be like, etc. We had

conversations, simulated real-life situations, and also had team competitions, when the kids had a chance to practice mutual assistance, responsibility, support, empathy, as well as endurance, savvy, creativity, and activity", said a social worker Valentina Babayeva.

During creative workshops the kids made a bracelet with an emoticon, and an origami in the form of a ship. "The children liked this event so much

that the next morning they woke up early and began to gather on the site again. They were very upset that it lasted only one day", said Olga Khodanina, the mother of Bogdan and Damir.

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SCHOOL OF MOTHERHOOD

"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"



ALEXANDRA AND LIUDA HAVE HAD BABIES



This year has seen a lot of babies. In June the «Maternity School» program received two more boys. Alexandra and Andrei became parents for the second time. They had another son Dmitry. Liudmila has her first child Bogdan. We heartily congratulate the parents on the birth of a small miracle and their greatest joy. May the angel always guard them, and let their path be full of light and goodness! We wish them good health and well-being and their parents - unflinching happiness and love.

AMUSEMENT PARK

To reinforce the theme «Emotional Mother» at «School of Motherhood» the girls and their children went to the amusement park. They had fun and talked together and laughed, and got away from the routine.

In «Motherhood School» classes we talked to the girls about detecting the first signs of emotional burnout and dealing with them. One of the ways was a change of environment, entertainment, and active rest. So we came up with an idea to go to the carousels together and have a lot of fun», said Larisa Juk, a coordinator of the «Maternity School» program.

The children rode various rides and greatly enjoyed them, and also their mothers were able to unwind.

«We tried such an entertainment as 3D glasses. It seemed nothing special, but it was very cool: both scary and breathtaking at the same time», Valia shared her impressions.

«We took our children with us so that the girls could see how we converse with them and in some ways they could follow our example», said a social teacher Veronika Durich.

We will remind you that the «SCHOOL OF MOTHERHOOD» program is aimed at preventing children from getting into residential schools and improving parental and marital relations among girls and women at risk.

The girls participating in the «Motherhood School» program cooked chicken nuggets and sauce for them.

«First we explained how to pick meat and how to marinate it. Then how to make coating and batter. The girls could see that nuggets can be fried as well as roasted, which makes the dish more healthier. We checked out recipes of various delicious nugget sauces and prepared them.

We chose this dish because it is one of the girls' favorite meat dishes. However they did not know how to cook it on their own. They tried it only in a cafe, but many of them find it expensive. The most joyful part of course, was the sampling at the end», said program coordinator Larisa Zhuk.

«I have never cooked nuggets before because I thought it was very difficult. But everything was shown to us and we tried to do it ourselves. It turned out to be easy», said Liuda.

«I really liked the sauces we made. Now I will not simply add mayonnaise or ketchup to meat, but I will try something more interesting and diverse», said Valia.

NUGGETS



«We try to consult girls individually on preparing food for themselves and their children. We explain them what foods are healthier for children, and when certain foods should be given, and how to keep groceries good, and so on», said the social teacher Veronika Durich.



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A PROGRAM FOR ASSISTING RISK

Nelly is a single mother with six children (her husband is under prosecution). Since 2015 they have lived in a small house in a village, and the house still belongs to the old owner. The house is not well maintained. There is no heating or gas, or running water. Nelly cooks over a fire. There is little furniture in the rooms, the six children and their mother only have two beds.

Nelly comes from a large and poor family. She did not go to school, and even now does not know how to write or read. She married very young, and at the age of 16 she already had her first daughter.



The village of Novo-Andriyashevka where she lives only has three streets and is cut off from other communities. Public transportation does not run to the village. There are no steady jobs in the village, so Nelly does all kinds of casual jobs to somehow feed the family.

Nelly told us how hard it has been for her family lately. In the winter they had no firewood and had to put in the furnace old things and whatever was at hand. At that time the family were all in the same room with a concrete floor.

The social workers of the Charity "Heart4orphans" have bought the family an assortment of groceries, a washing machine, a bunk bed, a closet for things, some bed linens and pillows. Nelly was particularly glad to get a two-point electric stove. Before then she cooked food over a fire.

Nelly is very grateful for the aid. Now it is going to be much easier for her to wash and cook. The family is in dire need of running water and heating in the house.

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).



The Lawyer Galina Mikhailova regularly holds consultations with our grantees, including families in difficult situations. So, for example, the Fedorenko family has been assisted in acquiring a house and doing all the necessary paperwork. The Ermolins have been assisted with the title documents for their apartment, and in settling some family issues, and filing for benefits for the children. The Papusha family has been assisted with some paperwork, the Zvyagintsev family - with preliminary registration and examination of documents for the purchased house.

