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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 61 families, which is 286 people and 196 of them are minor children.

A PROGRAM FOR ASSISTING RISK



DUMINIKA NINA, contacted us for help. She lives with her husband and five minor children. The family belongs to the Roma ethnic group. Recently, they have experienced a lot of financial difficulties.

Nina and Vitaly have been together for 17 years. They live in love and harmony, though they are very poor. A few years ago, the family moved from a very small village Novo-Andriyashvka to Tiraspol.

Both spouses do not have a complete secondary education. Vitaly completed 9 grades, which amounts to incomplete secondary school education. Nina completed only 1 grade and later, when she was already a teenager, she learned to write and count a little. Nina's mother had her secretly so the guardianship authorities would not know. At that time the family was already booked, and her three older children had already been taken away to an orphanage because of poverty. Her mother did not want to send her to school. She was afraid that if someone knew about Nina, she would also be taken away. This situation with children's children in Roma families, unfortunately, is common.

A while ago Vitaly had to leave to work a job. It was difficult to find a job, but because of the pandemic it became completely impossible. Abroad, he was deceived: after working for three months, he did not get his pay. Because of that he could not send money to his family even for food.

Nina could not get any job, as she could not place her children in a kindergarten due to paperwork problems. In desperation, the woman turned to us because they literally had nothing to eat. Thanks to the financial support of the charity "ChildAid", we were able to help them with food, detergents, clothes for children. We also referred Nina to our lawyer to help her draw up some documents and send the children to kindergarten.

We also involved a psychologist who will talk to Nina and tell about the area of activity she should pay attention to in the first place, given her situation with education. The social worker will help Nina to register with the Employment Center. Talks are currently underway with the Center's specialists.

Nina also got moral and psychological support from us, as she was in severe depression. The woman was very happy to get the help. The support of the fund turned out to be the only hope in a difficult hour for her.

Vitaly is still abroad. He has already found another job and is waiting for his first pay in order to send money to his family for food. Of course, he really wants to return to his wife and children, but so far it is not possible. We are looking for ways to help him.

Six months ago, the family bought a house at a low price. The previous owner ran large utility bills. The family managed to pay off their debts and take over the house.

The house only has one room for two adults and five children. There is a kitchen, but no toilet or bathroom. The dream of Vitaliy and Nina is to add on a few more rooms for their children, install plumbing, and make a toilet and a shower room. The family has already begun planning the extension. It remains now to save the money for it. And, of course, there are plans to plant some vegetables and herbs in front of the house so that the children can have fresh salads. Despite the fact that the house where the family lives is very old, the inside is clean and tidy. Children are neat and healthy. It is obvious that the family is this way because of poverty, and not because of neglect.

The family is very grateful to the fund for the help they have received at a difficult time. They thank sponsors from England who support families like them and help them get through a difficult time. Nina and her children began to go to church. She says that the staff of the fund was sent to her by God himself.



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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 THE KARPENOK FAMILY +1

There is great joy in the family of Lydia and Igor Karpenok. The girl Eva, who they visited in the orphanage, is already in their home. Lydia says that everyone is a little worried, but they pray and believe that they can become good parents for the girl.

Lydia, Igor and Eva came to fund office. We met the girl. She is 6 years old and looks above her age. The girl attracts attention with her openness. She is uninhibited and knows what she wants, and confidently answers questions from adults. Eva spoke with interest about her foster family. She called everyone by name, told what kind of animals there are at home, and how she loves to play with them. Mother sometimes allows us to take the little dog Dixie into the house. They bathe her and leave her to sleep in the house. Eva likes to be at home. She plays with her older brother when he comes home from work and with her older sister who is in 11th grade. But most of all, Eva loves to spend time with her dad. They play a lot of active games. On the whole, the girl is very animated, she is always on the move: she runs, jumps, leaps and laughs while at it. Her parents are glad that Eva is so nimble. They say she finds it is easy to be preparing for school: learning letters and numbers. She is already putting syllables together and learning to read. Eva often talks to her foster mom about her biological mom. She remembers how she used to beat her and keep her hungry. She says that her mother gave wine to her, and vodka to her little sister. Eva spent a month at home, getting used to it. And now she has been placed in a kindergarten. She has already met some children: Sasha, Kolia, and Masha. Mother says it does not feel like Eva has only been with them for a month, it seems the girl has always been with them.

Lydia and Igor are planning to take in another child, but so far they are thinking whether it is going to be a boy or a girl. They are praying about it. It was not easy to decide on Eva, and they are going to have some difficulty choosing a second child.



A MEETING WITH FOSTER CHILDREN

During the school break in January, we had a Christmas event with children from foster families. In total, 28 children 8 to 14 years old took part in the event. They were from Tiraspol, Bendery, Sukleya, Blizny Khutor, Nezavertailovka, Pervomaisk.

It was much fun seeing the children. We had seen many of them at the summer camp in July, and they had changed a lot in six months. We had not seen some of them even longer, but had only been updated from their photographs sent by their parents. All the kids had grown and changed a lot.

"Many children already know each other, but there were also new ones who joined a family in 2021. And they were happy to say their name and tell what they love to do. Some were modest and shy, but not scared and withdrawn. This is a very important observation for us," said the Foster Family Program coordinator.

We also talked about Christmas. "Children themselves actively told this wonderful story of the birth of Jesus Christ. We did not even have to add and correct anything. We also talked about immaterial gifts and made gifts of service for someone close to us. And, of course, there were many outdoor team games. All the children enjoyed participating and cheering for their teams. After the games, the girls and boys had a hearty lunch and hot tea. Sitting comfortably in armchairs with popcorn in their hands, they watched an interesting film," Tatiana said.

"It was very nice to see that the children have very good manners. They offered help and responded to our requests, the older ones helped the younger children. No one was a bother while watching the movie. Everyone took out their plate and glass, leaving the place clean. Many thanks to the parents for this. "It is obvious that a lot of work went into it, and the children got a lot of attention," said the social worker Valentina Babayeva.

As they were leaving, all the children said thank you for the event and asked when we would see each other next time. Also, they wanted to know if there would be summer camp, which they love so much. Of course, we ourselves love to organize this event very much, and we would very much like to hold a camp next summer. We will try to find funds for it.



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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



Angelina got pregnant but she did not tell anyone until her stomach began to show, which was about 25 weeks into pregnancy. Accordingly, she went to the doctor late, but, thank God, the baby developed well, and the boy was born healthy and calm.

Angelina has been supported by the fund for about a year now. Previously, we only helped her at her request. When her child fell ill, we bought medicines. From time to time Angelina asked for groceries and diapers. Recently, she was offered to be part of a new project for the social and professional integration of young people. We did career guidance for Angelina, chose a profession, and paid for a hairdressing course. At first, she was very happy about all that was going on. She enjoyed her classes and was inspired by the prospect of having a profession and being able to earn a living for herself and her child. But soon we learned that she was missing classes, and she would not get in touch with us. We learned that she was deceiving us and the other people who were trying to help her.

Unfortunately, her difficult childhood and youth had a negative effect on Angelina's psychological condition. According to the fund's psychologist, she is very unstable emotionally. Any little difficulty unsettles her. The training had to be suspended, but we continue the follow-up work. Knowing her difficult financial situation, we offered her to stay at the center with us. We could offer her round-the-clock assistance, but Angelina refuses. Whenever possible, we call her and try to support her. Work with beneficiaries has its ups and downs. We are sympathetic about what is happening, and try not to give up.

ANGELINA SAVCHENKO is 19 years old, and she is raising a 1.5-year-old child by herself. The boy's father denied paternity. Angelina also grew up without a father. Her mother had to work very hard, and Angelina and her brother were often left alone. The children were left to themselves, wandering the street all day long. They were always hungry. They often did not even have a piece of bread in the house. According to Angelina, one day she and her brother were hungry and ate icicles with sugar. Sometimes in the summer her mother and brother would go to the field and dig up potatoes. Of course, now Angelina understands that it was theft. But at that moment, her mother had no other way out. When her mother had some money, she even tried to buy some toys for the children, so that they would not feel different from others.

Angelina said that she often skipped school. She remembers that she and her brother did not have a normal school uniform and a schoolbag. She wore a pair of old pants, that she used while walking in the forest. Obviously, all the children laughed at her, and called her names. Her mother could not buy her notebooks, and the teachers did not understand that and told her off. No one in the class was friends with her. She came to school in silence and left school in silence. She was able good at mathematics, and the teacher once said that she had a mathematical mindset, and if she went to school regularly, she would be a good or even excellent student.

She did not tell her mother that she was offended at school. She understood that her mother had a difficult time and got tired. Angelina recalls different moments of her life and understands why it is now so difficult for her to communicate with and trust people and share about her problems.



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INDEPENDENT LIFE PROGRAM

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.

I AM THE GENERATION OF EQUALITY

We hold weekly meetings for boys and girls, who are participants of the program "Wings for the Youth of Pridnestrovie", where we discuss various social and life issues.

"The purpose of our meetings is to teach young people to develop and maintain self-esteem, to learn to observe, identify and control their feelings and emotions. These skills will increase the level of socialization and professional communication of the participants. That is the goal of the project "Wings for the Youth of Pridnestrovie," said the social teacher Elena Kotik.

"We introduced boys and girls to the concepts of "gender" and "gender stereotype". They discussed their self-image, assessed their ability to analyze a situation from another person's perspective, discussed gender stereotypes, roles, positions, and purpose of men and women in society. The topic of the training was not easy for them. We watched with interest how the girls argued on some issues, and how the boys did not agree with their opinion. During brainstorming, targeted exercises, discussions of some issues, the participants concluded that it is very important to learn to listen and talk to each other, learn to compromise, and most importantly, respect your interlocutor, no matter whether they are a man or a woman", - said the coach.

"We argued a lot with the guys, but everyone had an opportunity to speak. In the course of discussions on many issues, we finally reached a compromise," said Viorica, a participant of the training, with us.

Project statistics



VALENTINA PURICHE is an orphan. The girl has had a very creative mind since her childhood, she is a person of art. As far back as she can remember, she has always been into drawing. Thanks to the project "Wings for the Youth of Pridnestrovie", she has gone through the training as a manicurist and received a diploma. Valentina chose this profession because she really likes to work with women, take care of their hands, and make them well-groomed. Valentina's creativity will come in handy in making nail designs. The social workers helped her buy most of the equipment, and she has already started her work. We monitor her performance and offer her expert advice including a psychological counsel. In the near future, some extra tools and consumables will be purchased, as well.

DANIEL KUSCHEVOI is the oldest child in a large family. Their family is big and very friendly. Dan's two younger brothers are adopted. The parents are trying very hard to help their oldest son Daniel, but they cannot pay for his education. Thanks to the "Wings for the Youth of Transnistria" project, Daniel got a training as a barber-hairdresser. Previously, when he went to get a haircut, he watched the guy and somewhere deep down he also wanted the same profession for himself. And now his dream has come true. Dan is currently working with a social worker to develop a business plan for his personal start-up. The search for suppliers for the purchase of professional equipment is underway. It is planned to purchase the necessary tools to be able to start his own business. A job in a barber salon has been selected.

Also, 5 more people have been accepted into the start-up program: 3 boys and 2 girls.



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**IN 2022,
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16 YEARS OLD**

We thank
all our partners
and friends
who help us
in our activities!

NEEDS OF THE FUND

ROOF RECONSTRUCTION AND WALL INSULATION

The charity will be 16 years old this spring. Over the years, thanks to our partners, we have been able to help thousands of adults and children. Many orphans have found families, many residential school leavers have received social, legal, and psychological support. Many children from at risk families did not end up in orphanages.

All this cannot be measured in concrete numbers. Warmth, love, care, joy, hope, kindness, happy children's smiles are the very thing we all need. That's what our fund exists for.

3.5 years ago, an important event happened. We moved into our own building. Before that, we huddled in small rented premises. We purchased a complex of buildings, one of which was designated as an office and a temporary residence center for girls and women at risk, one as a training facility to hold events for our participants, several buildings as a garage, a warehouse, and a boiler room.

We intended the rest of the premises to be used as social housing: two flats for families with foster children, and two flats for boys at risk.

We are currently doing repair work in the flats. During the repairs, the builders discovered that a serious mistake was made in the design of the buildings. The visor of the roof is too short, and therefore when we have heavy rains and wet snow, the walls of buildings get wet, and it gets damp and moldy inside. Roof renovation is urgently needed.

Initially, this complex of buildings was not designed to be residential, and the walls were built quite thin. Now a family lives in one of the flats. This winter it turned out that all the walls urgently need to be insulated. This requires

LANDSCAPING

We have a lot of children living in our complex. They are children from foster families and children of women who find themselves in a predicament. During construction, the previous owners cut down all the trees. We would like to green up our premises in order to have some shade and more oxygen for children in the yard. Since all of our sidewalks are tiled, we came up with the idea of planting ivy on one side of the complex, and potted plants on the other.

GATES

If theater begins with a hanger, then a residential complex begins with a gate. The gate, that protects the resident young mothers and their children as well as vulnerable resident youth from unwanted passers-by, already needs a replacement. It is rusty and does not open or close well, and it does not look good.

THE GARAGE ROOF

Recently, we have purchased a car in order to be able to extend our charitable assistance to those in need throughout Pridnestrovie. We have a garage, but the roof is leaky and calls for a major repair.