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Greetings!

We are sincerely grateful to you for the long-term support of the Father's House in the field of protection of the rights of children and other vulnerable categories of citizens in Ukraine. The tedious day-to-day work in various programs, with the support of many of our partners, gives hope for a happy future to hundreds of orphans, graduates of boarding schools and young mothers who are in difficult circumstances. Thank you for the prayer support of our ministry. It gives us strength and inspiration to work harder for the Lord!



WEBSITE

Our educational project "Source" completed its first year and started the second with a new breakthrough. Starting from this year, we receive remote support of the Kyiv school, which has a common name with our project. All the children who receive training from us are officially enrolled in the school, and teachers are released from the weekly reports before the pedagogical



board of Svyatopetrivska school, which previously injured not only children but our teachers, who are now fully engaged in working with children. We already see some results of such work and enlightened eyes of children who are happy to go to school. Christian values, which we instill in them daily, are already giving out sprouts.

All children who stay in the Father's House temporarily, get to the guest family living in the Center for Family Education. Today we have 4 such families, each of which has up to 10 children, taking into account biological ones. From the first days, as children are settled in the

family, we see positive changes. They want to go home to their parents, feel safe and loved. This is very important, especially during the rehabilitation period. 38 children live in the center now. In 2017, 22 children were enrolled to the center, and 27 left its walls: 13 were returned to biological families who went through rehabilitation, 9 were placed under custody of relatives, one child moved to a family-type children's home, two children were adopted and two went into adulthood independent life.



We continue ministering to foster families and promoting adoption. During this year, we held many meetings with parents and with those who think of accepting a child in their family. Seminars are held with various specialists, that give parents additional knowledge on their work with children and relationships in marriage. We had a wonderful holiday for the adoption day in the courtyard of Father's House, which has already become traditional. We could honor parents who took their children from boarding schools and orphanages, and also to make pleasant presents to each family. The warm family atmosphere of the holiday encouraged us and new partners for further ministry to the children. The Big Heart Club continues growing and now consists of 33 families, that take care of 135 children in total.



Our children are happy to participate in different projects, ministries that develop their talents. Nine of our girls started the way of realizing the dream profession in the framework of the Successful Youth Movement, together with our partner Ukrainian Business Women. Within 3 months, they weekly learn different spheres and activities, adopting the experience of coaches and successful people. Another 15 children are involved into developing our cafe "Faith, Hope, Love", where they learn how to cook, lay the tables and receive guests. In this way, children acquire skills that will help them in the future and earn money for personal needs. Several dozens of children are happy to play sports in our refurbished gym - they go to the judo, dance and gym classes, which are held by coaches from the Kyiv District Olympic School. The section on kickboxing is conducted by our pupil of the youth center Kolya Kosyuk, who engages children in this sport, sharing his personal experience. In the summer, all the children had active rest in the tent camp "Treasure Island".



Three years ago we accepted two siblings Vitya and Olya at the age of 5 and 3. They looked abandoned and untidy. They kept saying that they lost their mother, were sad, scared and often fell sick. The girl was afraid of medicine,

bath, could not say her name, had low fine motor skills and was very stubborn, aggressive and reserved. The boy had a very low self-esteem and aggressive behavior. They both needed attention and care. In two years we saw a big change, we noticed how happy, active and independent they became. They found friends among kids but still waited for someone to



become their parents. The God's answer came in two years, when Vitya and Olya received a real family, a mother and a father who love them. It is a God's miracle for these children after hard years.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Please, pray for the transfer of the office of the organization and the Youth Center to the Palace of Dreams, to free up office space for the arrangement and reception of new family groups;
- Pray also for the search and acquisition of land for the construction of 10 children's homes of family type;
- Support us in prayers for the completion of our Palace of Dreams.



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