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#### **About us**

The «Ridni» Charitable Foundation is a community of support for orphans, children deprived of parental care, children in difficult life circumstances and children affected by the war in Ukraine. The Foundation works systematically and comprehensively with families and institutional facilities.



#### Our purpose

We want all children to grow up in a family environment and have a happy future!

#### Our mission

Overcoming orphanhood and developing the family institution.

We work to ensure that every child grows up in a loving family with moral values and has a bright future.

#### **Values**

- Child safety and well-being
- Teamwork
- Transparency
- Responsibility
- Effectiveness



# Message from the founder of the Foundation

Since the beginning of the full-scale war, our priority has been to support children and families in difficult life circumstances and those affected by the war.

Thanks to cooperation and synergy with powerful partners, philanthropists and people with kind and open hearts, we have been able to implement many good deeds to help children and their families.

After all, despite everything, our core values remain the safety and well-being of every child."

Yuriy Fedoriv, founder of the «Ridni» Foundation

## Message from the head of the Foundation

The year 2022 brought many challenges and became a test for all Ukrainians, including the «Ridni». The foundation's team managed to adapt to new realities, establish effective work and expand the network of Ukrainian and foreign partnerships to support and protect children.

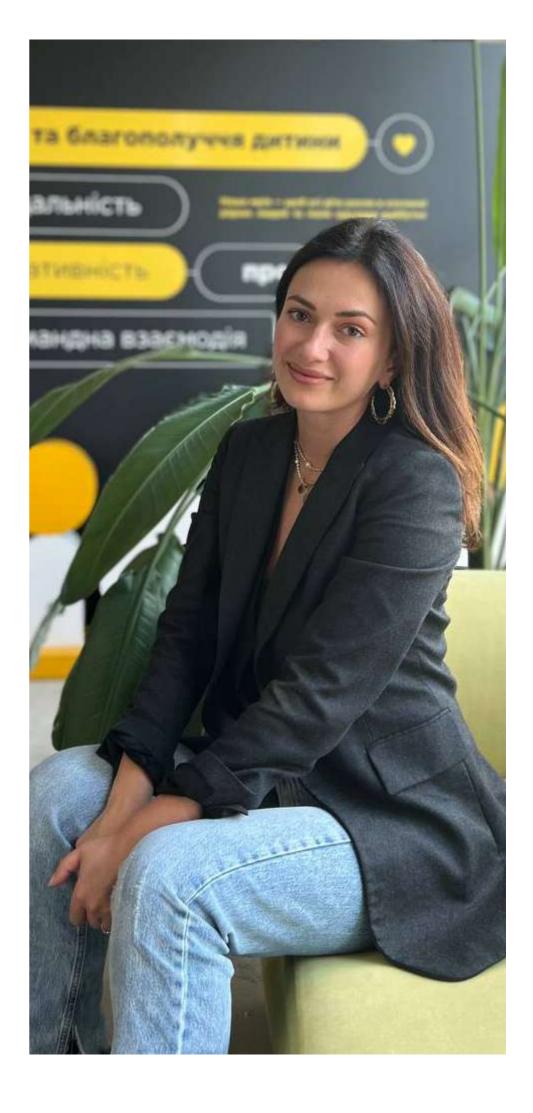
At the outbreak of full-scale war, we focused all our efforts on finding a safe place and supporting children and their families affected by the war.

Throughout the year, we worked with our partners to implement educational, social, psychological, and charitable projects and initiatives to provide comprehensive support to children and parents. The team started cooperation with representatives of the governments of Italy, Switzerland and Poland, and significantly increased the number of new partners among large international and Ukrainian companies.

Thanks to systematic support from philanthropists, the Foundation has managed to help thousands of children and families, including those who have found themselves in difficult life circumstances due to the war.

We continue to work and do our best to ensure that every child grows up in safety and has a bright future!

Mariana Romaniak, Head of the «Ridni» Foundation





# 2022 at «Ridni» Foundation. Highlights

# Foundation's key results in 2022

10 000+

children were supported by the Foundation.

1000+

specialists have been trained and started working with children who have suffered psychological trauma due to the war.

250+

children and their guardians have found a safe place abroad with the support of the Foundation and partners.

600+

families received support from the Foundation.

200+

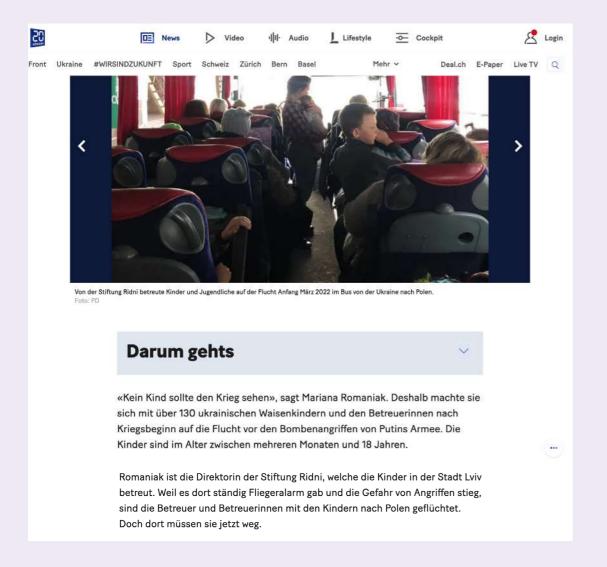
tonnes of humanitarian aid was provided to Ukrainian cities.

# Foundation's key achievements in 2022

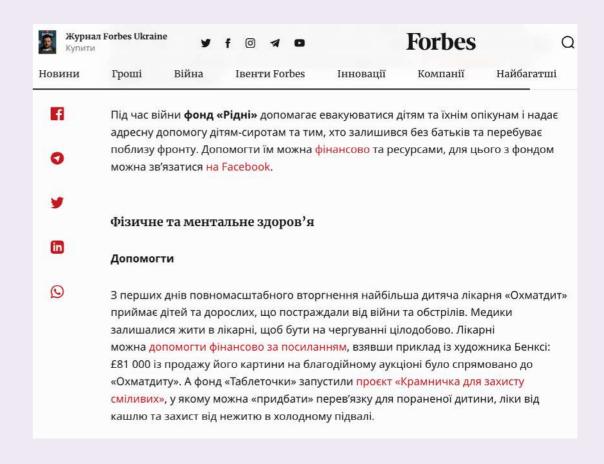
- We began cooperation with new partners: OCHA, Street Child, The Life Is Good Playmaker Project, and the Office of the Ombudsman of Ukraine.
- We engaged about 700 children and 200 adults in educational activities as part of the «Radity znovu» project (Kyiv region).
- We implemented 22 activities for more than 200 children with the support of GETEC Group.
- About **200 specialists** specialists were provided with an effective tool in the form of the «Planet Ridni» hand theatre for working with children.
- We involved more than 150 children in educational, culturaland sports events as part of the educational project **«I am from Ukraine».**
- More than 130 children were involved in cultural development as part of the «Theatre for Kids» project.
- We held art workshops for more than 100 children, from modular towns.
- A year-long support program for 10 families in difficult life circumstances was launched.
- **50 children** took part in art workshops as part of the **«Sporidneni»** project.

#### «Ridni» in the media

Publication about the Foundation in the Swiss media **20 minuten.** 



**Forbes Ukraine** released an article about the foundation. Three million Ukrainian children have left their homes because of the war. Which is more than 40%. How to help and how to get help for children.

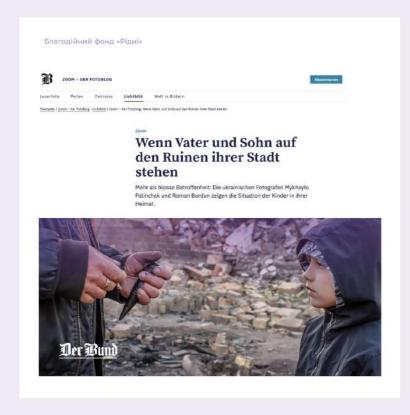


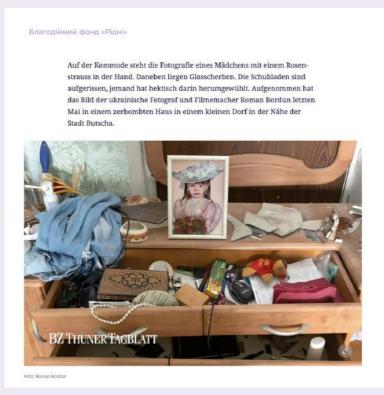
#### Photo exhibition «SNAP THE WAR» in the **Swiss media**



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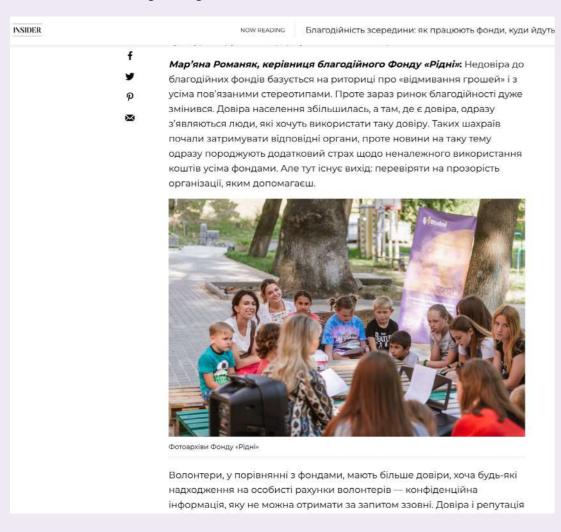




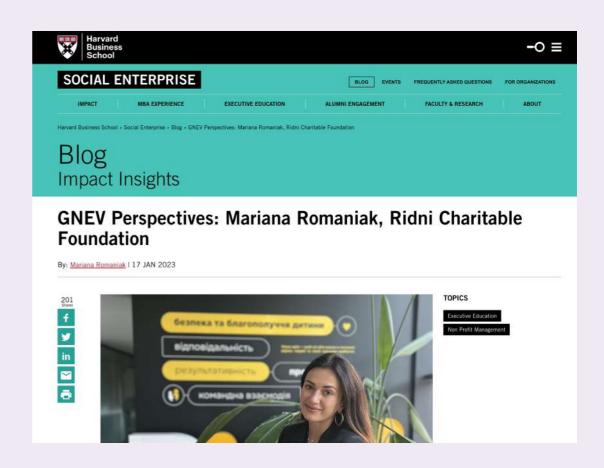


#### «Ridni» in the media

Interview of the Foundation's CEO about charity from the inside in the **Insider.ua media** together with the Zagoriy Foundation, CO «Perespektyva 21.3», CF «Zhyttelyub».



Mariana Romaniak, Director of the Foundation, spoke about the experience she gained while studying at Harvard Business School Executive Education and about the Foundation's activities during the war in the **Harvard Business School blog.** 





Representatives of the «Ridni» Foundation visit **Vatican News.** 

# Main areas of work in 2022

- Full cycle programs
- Working with children, families and communities
- Psychological area
- Advocacy for children's rights
- Humanitarian aid during the war





# Full cycle programs

#### Family-type orphanages

Since 2016, the Foundation has been supporting **2 family-type orphanages in Lviv**, established with the assistance of the city department of the Service for Children.

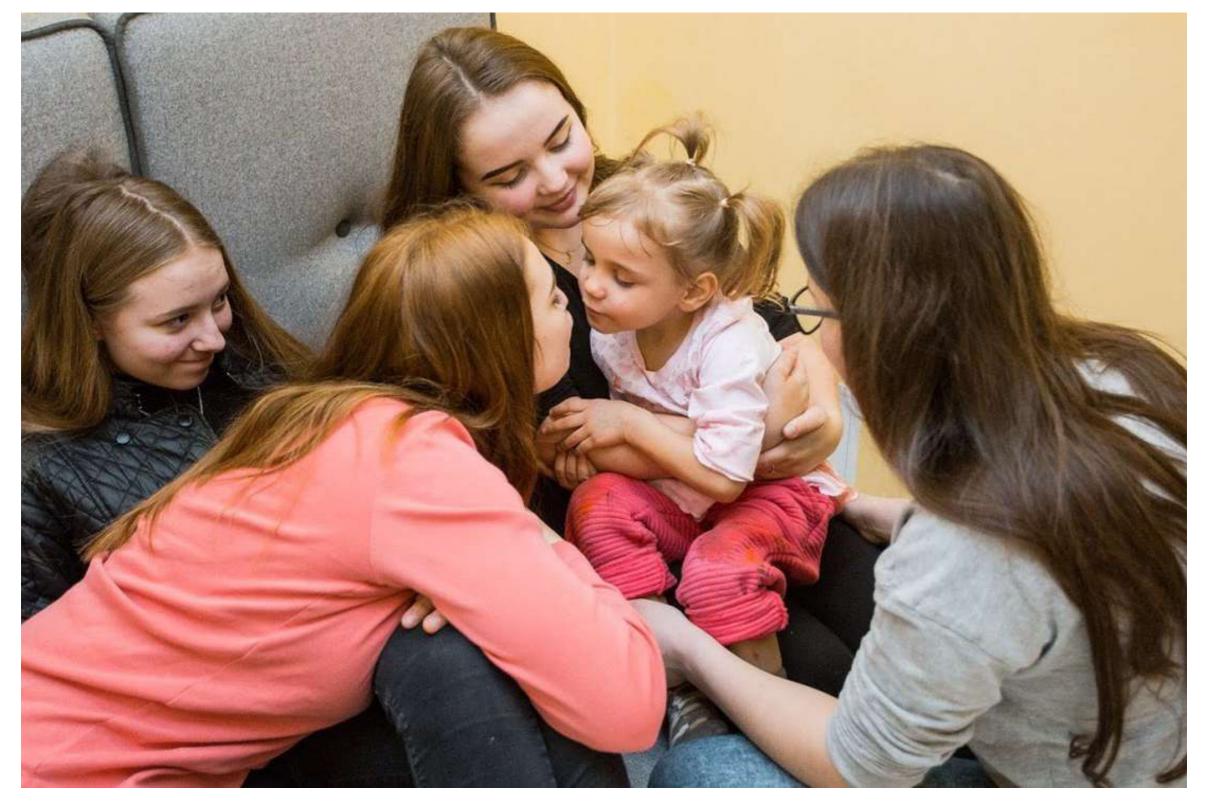
As of today, **20 orphans** live confidently and safely in their new homes. They are cared for by caring foster parents and psychologists who provide them with the best possible conditions and opportunities for growth and development.

#### 2022 was full of events:

The children continue their education at educational institutions, and some have already started their careers and found their first jobs.

**Partner** 





#### Centre «Ridni»

Municipal Institution Centre for Social Support of Children and Families «Ridni» of Lviv City Council



The main goal of the «Ridni» Centre is to preserve the family and return the child to his or her family.

As part of its support for the Centre, the Foundation helps with conducting classes and workshops for children.

At the beginning of the full-scale war, the Centre became a temporary shelter for children and their guardians who were forced to leave their homes and subsequently evacuated to safety.

The Centre has an «Urgent Accommodation of Children» department for temporary accommodation and social protection of children without parental care, orphans and children deprived of parental care, children in difficult life circumstances, abandoned, found and abandoned children aged from birth to 18 years, as well as a «Family Support Service» department.

#### **Partners**







#### **Spilnota**

#### **Expanse**

**«Spilnota»** — is a unique centre that aims to provide comprehensive support and development for young people and help break the cycle of orphanhood by preparing teenagers for independent living.

Young people (boys and girls) from boarding schools, family- based care and young people from families in difficult living conditions affected by the war, aged 16 to 23, will live and study here.

#### Our goal:

is to prepare adolescents for independent living, create an environment for developing their own skills and talents, learning about themselves and the world, forming a community of active and successful young people and laying a solid foundation for a moral and social position.

**Project implementation date** — August 2023



The project is being implemented in cooperation with the «Ridni» Charitable Foundation and the Lviv City Council's Children's Service.

Business representatives also contributed to the implementation of the space, in particular, the construction and development company Avalon, which donated the premises, and the international company GETEC, which assisted financially.











# Working with children, families and communities

#### Rejoice Again

**Project in Kyiv region** 

#### The main goal of the project

Is to empower children and adults affected by war with valuable skills and techniques for further recovery and coping with stress.

- The project involved 970 participants, including about 819 children.
- About 100 educational and psychological events were held.
- We provided material and resource support in the amount of 1,5 million UAH million to equip a shelter in Bucha school and improve technical facilities in Fastiv school.

The project was implemented in the Kyiv region, namely in: Bila Tserkva, Motyzhyn, Bucha, Tetiiv and Fastiv.

#### Partners who made the project a reality:

Let's do it, Ukraine Bila Tserkva, Building Ukraine Together, English Monsters, Public History, Charitable Organisation «Ukrainian Family», Fastiv City Council, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities of Bila Tserkva National Agricultural University













#### I am from Ukraine

#### **Educational project**

As part of the «I am from Ukraine» educational project, each participant had the opportunity to attend lectures, workshops and meet with representatives of various fields to gain new knowledge and skills and discover their own talents.

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#### Main goal

Is ensuring the socio-cultural, sporting and psychological development of children, including those who were forced to leave their homes due to the war, children deprived of parental care and children from families in difficult life circumstances.

The project included about 50 different events for more than 150 participants.



**Project partners** 



















#### **Guardians of Childhood**

A new phase

In 2022, the Guardians of Childhood project was implemented in partnership with The Life Is Good Playmaker Project, an American organisation.

Together, we launched a psychosocial recovery initiative aimed at training adult professionals working with children to protect the social and emotional well-being of children.

**Partner** 



As part of the cooperation, 40 specialists in the field of work with children took part in the training and gained valuable skills in creating corrective experiences through intentional play.

Among them were specialists from the Lviv City Children's Services, the Ridni Centre for Social Support of Children and Families, and the foundation's team.

The training session was held in Poland.



#### **Guardians of Childhood**

#### **Children meeting celebrities**



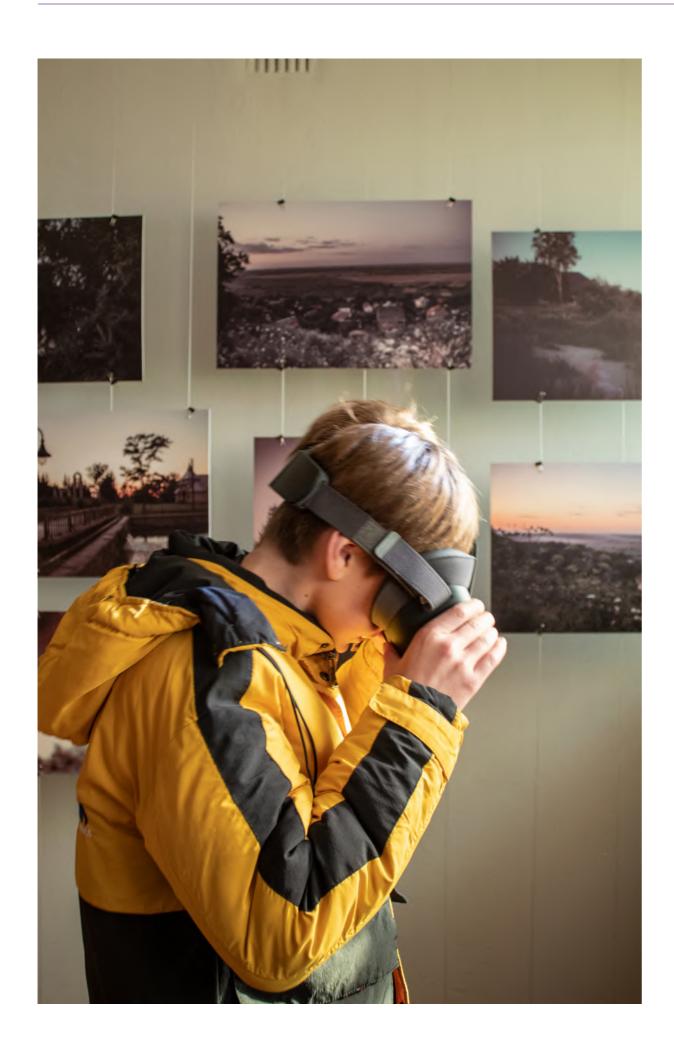
We also continued to organise meetings between famous people and children who grew up without relatives and those affected by the war.

#### **During the project, the children met:**

- singer Jamala,
- singer Oleksandr Chemerov,
- **Bohdan Logvynenko**, founder of the Ukrainer project, popular rap singer **Vova zi Lvova**,
- and many other talented Ukrainians.

#### Ridni & GETEC Group

Supporting children affected by war



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**Project partner** 

#### The international company GETEC Group, a leader in the energy sector in the European

a leader in the energy sector in the European market, has become a partner of the fund.

As part of the cooperation, we held 22 events for 200 children between the ages of 5 and 17.

The company also contributed in the creation of a children's playground.

#### **Activities include:**

- 10 master classes
- 6 excursions to Lviv museums
- 5 excursions to castles and fortresses of Lviv region holiday of professions



#### **Theatre for Kids**

#### **Charity project**

The Theatre for Kids project is a programme of aesthetic education, social adaptation and development of creative abilities through the involvement of children in theatre.

This year, we managed to attend 6 wonderful performances and engage more than 130 children

to cultural development within the project. The children also saw the backstage of the theatre, met the actors, and took part in a reflection session with the foundation's psychologists.



**Project partners** 







#### **Project goal**

To promote the socio-cultural and psychological development of children aged 1 to 18 who are deprived of parental care and live in residential institutions, children from family-type orphanages, children from families in difficult life circumstances and orphans.

#### Theatres visited by the children:

- Lviv Regional Academic Puppet Theatre:
- The First Academic Ukrainian;
- Theatre for Children and Youth;
- National Drama Theatre named after Maria Zankovetska;
- Lviv Theatre of Variety Miniatures
   «People and Dolls»

## Support for families with difficult life circumstances

The programme to support families in difficult life circumstances is a one-year programme that includes financial assistance, psychological and career guidance work with 10 families. Among them are family-type orphanages, parents and guardianswith children affected by the hostilities and who have taken refuge in Lviv and the region.

The project started in autumn 2022 and will continue in 2023.

The first stage of the programme, career guidance, has now been completed, with 26 programme participants gaining knowledge about career development and continuing to attend training courses. The Foundation's team also provides psychological and material support to families according to their needs.

The project was made possible thanks to the support of GETEC Group, which provided financial assistance.



Main partner

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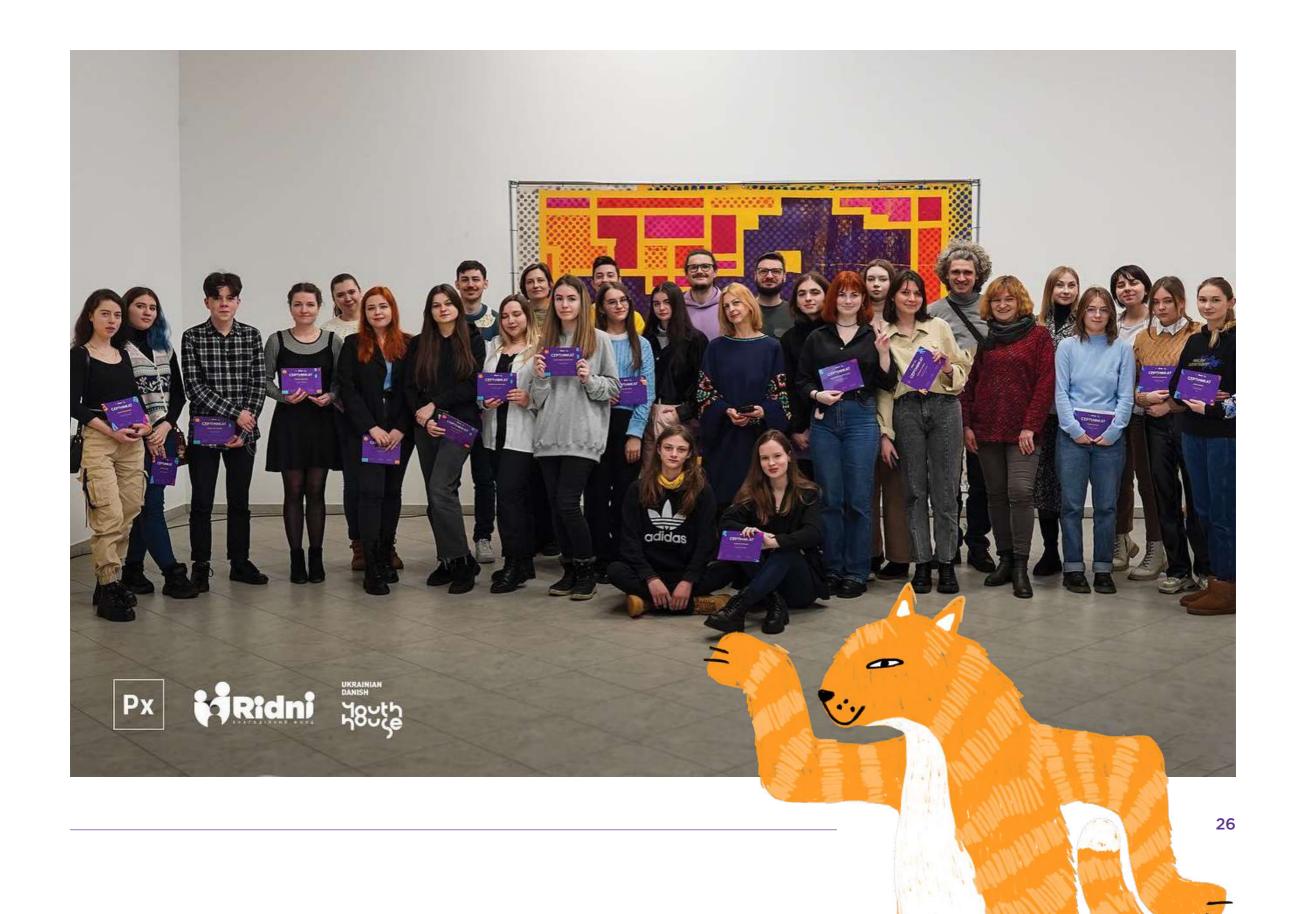
#### Project with Pixlab «Designing Life»

The Ridni Charitable Foundation and the creative space Pixlab have collaborated to launch 6 courses in various design fields for young people aged 16-25.

The result is that in **3 months** of training, **60 young people** have successfully started their journey in design and received practical tools for their future professional path, as well as inspiring environment and new friends.

#### The goal

Is to give talented young people in difficult life circumstances the opportunity to study.



#### Art project «Sporidneni»

Within the framework of the «Sporidneni» projectproject, we held a series of workshops for 30 children, living in a modular town.

All this was made possible thanks to the funds raised last year at a charity auction.

Part of the fundraising was used to implement creative activities for children growing up without family members and for children affected by the war.

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#### **Partners**

Ivan Trush Art Memorial Museum





# Psychological area

#### Project «Rejoice Again»

Training for professionals working with children

As part of the project, we have trained more than 1,000 psychologists and childcare professionals.

The training is based on a unique methodology created by the Foundation's psychologists in collaboration with art therapist Victoria Nazarevych, which helps professionals process trauma and facilitate children's ability to construct and systematise their experiences in a way that is safe and environmentally friendly for them in the future.

This is a special opportunity for professionals working with children to safely address the trauma, stabilise safety, create new meanings and legalise children's joy.

**Partners** 







#### Feedback from the participants of the project «Rejoice Again»

I truly thank you for the opportunity to regain my joy and restore my energy to help others.

Iryna Taran, Donetsk region

Amidst all these sirens, rocket hits, and worries about your family, you try to keep studying to distract yourself a little, to gain resources to live, to enjoy yourself a little, to give your children the opportunity to enjoy themselves again!

I had the honour to take part in the educational project from the Ridni Charitable Foundation. Together with #Pomohayko, we are on the path to bring joy back to children in these terrible days and nights.

Svitlana Lokotkova, Kharkiv

I am sincerely happy about this new tool for psychological assistance.

Through creativity, we bring JOY back into the lives of children.

Now more than ever it is important to light a spark of interest in their eyes.

Thank you for this valuable opportunity!

Svitlana Omelnytska, Berdiansk

#### Hand Puppet Theater «Planet Ridni»

As part of the Theatre for Kids project, we developed a Hand Puppet Theater called «Planet Ridni».

The main goal of the hand puppet theatre is to help professionals establish contact with children, express their own emotions, and analyse and live them in a safe way.

#### The Foundation managed to send about

**200 kits** for specialists, teachers, psychologists and institutions working with children affected by the war in Ukraine.



#### **5** unique characters became the heroes:

Anxiety, Anger, Shyness, as well as the girl Di and the unicorn Ri.





#### Psychological Game «Rejoice Together»

The foundation's team is working on the implementation of the psychological game «Rejoice Together», which aims to create conditions for overcoming crisis conditions in children and adults, restoring happiness and joy for life.

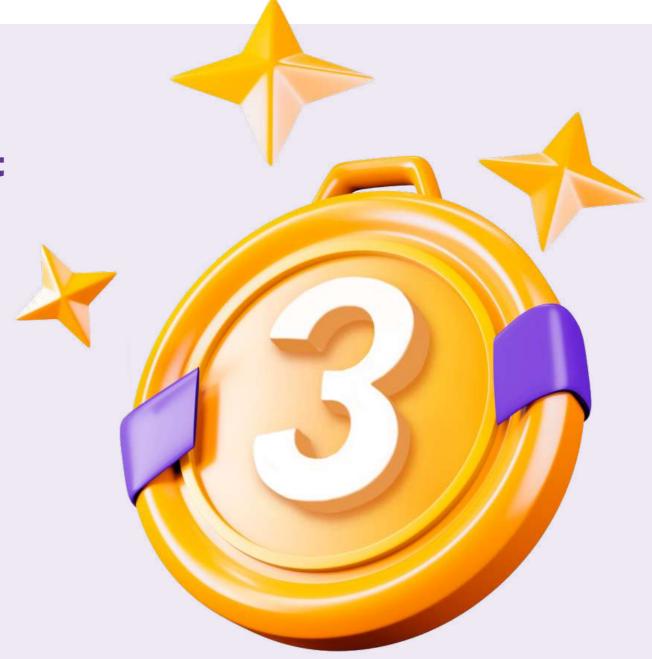
The game allows children to develop the skills to quickly adapt to new conditions of reality, see their own positive image and find emotional peace.

This year the project «Rejoice Together» project took 3rd place in the nomination

**«Best project using games and gamification»** 

in the all-Ukrainian competition of projects in the field of adult education.

Supported by the DVV International Representative Office in Ukraine.



**Partners** 







# Advocacy for children's rights

# Photo Exhibition «SNAP THE WAR»

The Photo Exhibition «SNAP THE WAR» was held in Poland (Warsaw) and Switzerland (Bern) to show the world how Russia's war is killing Ukrainian children and their chances for a happy future.

The exhibition was created in collaboration with Ukrainian photographers **Mykhailo Palinchak** and Roman Bordun, who shared photos from the battlefields from the first days of Russia's war against Ukraine.



#### **Project goal**

Is to draw the attention of the international community to the consequences of war and violations of children's rights.

Photo exhibition in Warsaw









#### **Partners**

Dmytro Liubinets, Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights, Embassy of Ukraine in Switzerland





Photo exhibition in Switzerland

#### Sociological survey

«Stereotypes and prejudices of the population of Lviv region towards orphans, children deprived of parental care and different forms of family placement»

We would like to share the results of a sociological survey on the topic: «Stereotypes and prejudices of the population of Lviv region towards orphans, children deprived of parental care and different forms of family placement»

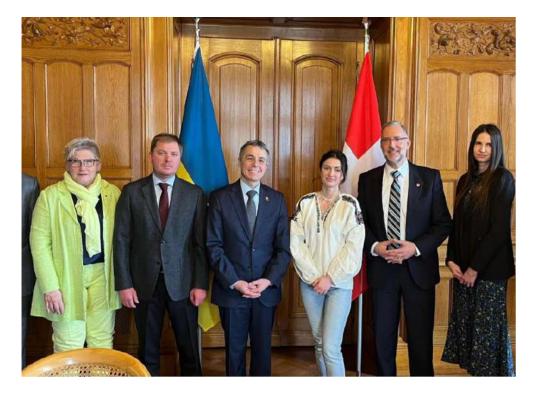
Please note that the study was conducted in November 2021 - February 2022, before the full-scale war with Russia. In connection with this and changes in the adoption process, the data obtained can only be used for information and comparison of the pre-war situation to which this study relates and the post-war situation.

The survey was conducted by the NGO «Institute of Youth» with the assistance of the State Institute of Family and Youth Policy and with the support of the company's partner «Sparrow Capital».

The report will provide you with information about existing stereotypes and prejudices among the population of Lviv and Lviv region. You will also gain a better understanding of the general readiness of the population to adopt.



# Advocacy for children's rights abroad



## Meeting the President of Switzerland Ignazio Cassis and the President of the Swiss Parliament Irene Kälin

Thanks to the support of the government, a group of orphans and children deprived of parental care and their guardians from Ukraine have found a comfortable and safe place to live in Switzerland.



**Meeting Pope Francis** 

### **Evacuation of children: Poland, Switzerland**

Supported by Zamek Janów Podlaski







A roundtable discussion with Italian parliamentarians and representatives of foundations, government and civil society in Ukraine and Italy

### Press conference on «Protection of children's rights» with Italian MPs

Mariana Romaniak, head of the Ridni Charitable
Foundation, and the director of the Ridni Centre
for Social Support of Children and Families of the
Lviv City Council, took part in a press conference
on the protection of children's rights and
delivered a speech at the Italian Parliament.

Participants included MPs, civil society, and human rights activists who are working and helping evacuated families and children who were forced to leave Ukraine because of the war.



# Cooperation with the Italian foundation Misericordie

Support for children affected by the war









With their support, the Foundation was able to provide safe accommodation for the evacuated children and ensure financial and resourcing support for medical institutions in Lviv.





## Cooperation with the Ombudsman's Office

The Ridni Foundation and the Office of the Ombudsman of Ukraine signed a Memorandum of Cooperation to protect the rights of children in Ukraine and abroad.

We join forces to work together to protect the rights of children in Ukraine and abroad, including orphans and children deprived of parental care.

The cooperation will involve the implementation of cultural, humanitarian, psychological and other helpful projects in the field of child protection, as well as cooperation with international institutions and local foundations in the countries where children are staying.

As part of this cooperation, we are also preparing to implement an important project to provide comprehensive support to orphans, children deprived of parental care, children from families with children in difficult life circumstances, children affected by war, and their parents, caregivers, teachers, and social workers.





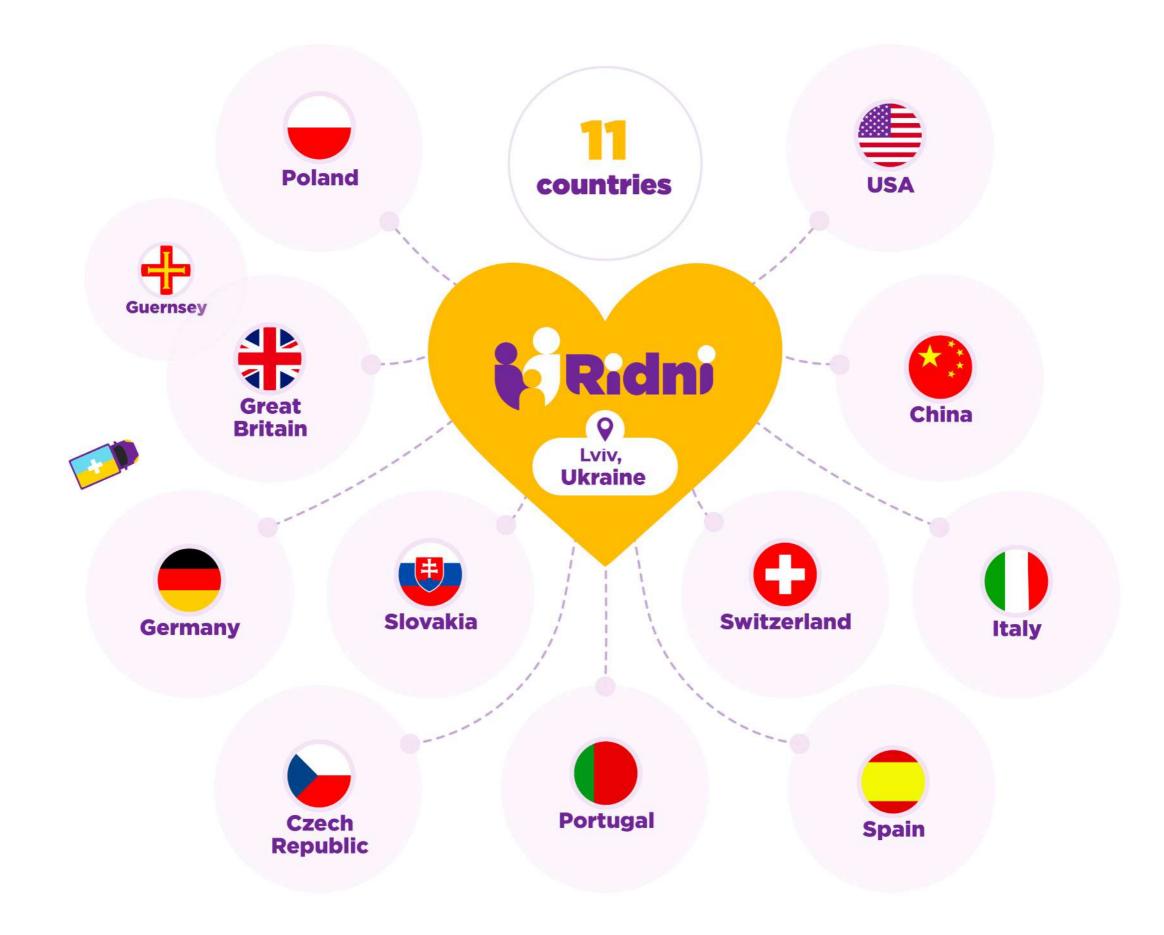


# Humanitarian aid during the war

#### **Humanitarian aid during the war**

#### «Ridni» received strong humanitarian support from foreign partners

(USA, Switzerland, United Kingdom, Germany, Poland, Italy, Portugal and others).



**Partners** 













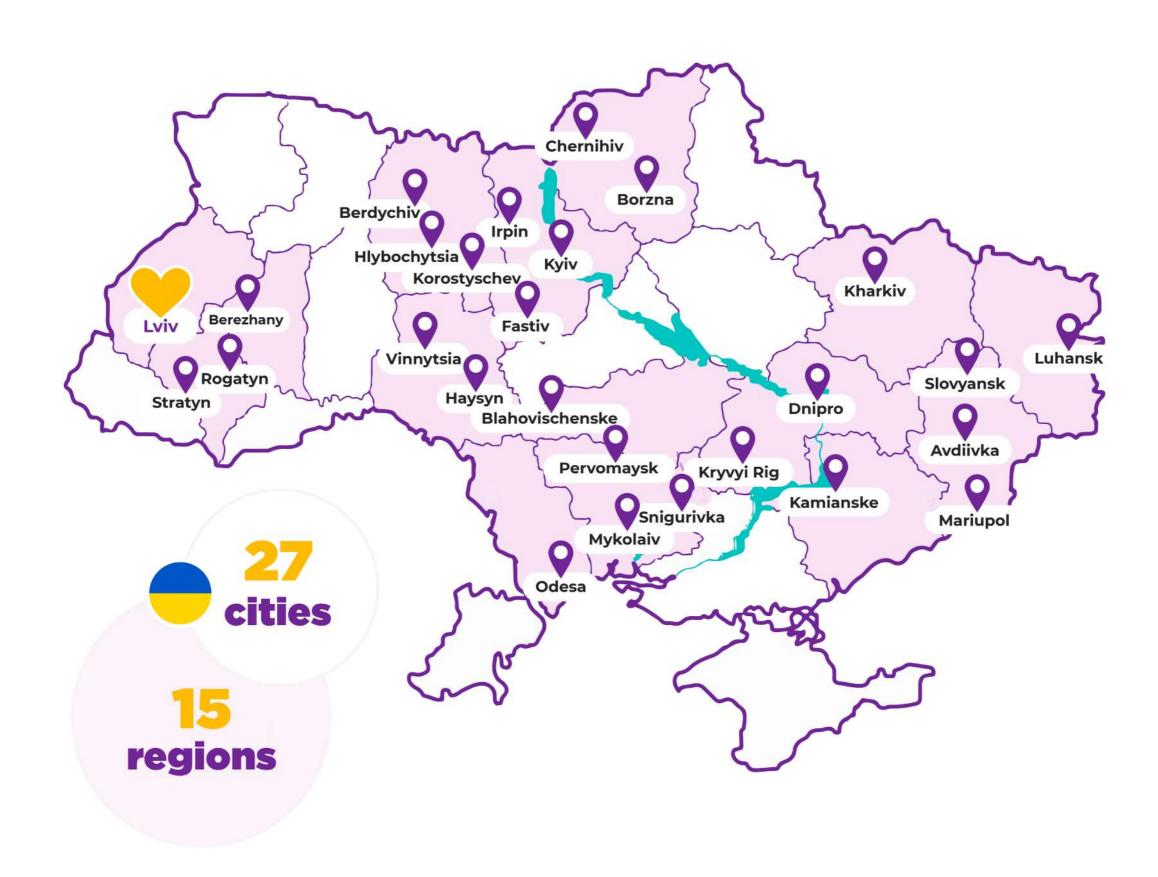












With the support of philanthropists, we managed to deliver humanitarian aid to 27 cities and 15 regions of Ukraine.

More than 200 tonnes of humanitarian aid was handed over by the Ridni team, both directly from the Foundation's humanitarian hub and from third parties engaged by the Ridni Foundation directly to the aid recipients, namely: territorial communities to provide for internally displaced persons, as well as to individuals in need who suffered as a result of Russia's military aggression against Ukraine.

#### **Humanitarian aid during the war**

More than 250 children and their guardians have found a safe place to live abroad thanks to the Foundation's support.



The foundation's team also took care of **aid boxes for newborns** for maternity hospitals in Lviv, and systematically supported the mother and baby room at the railway station.





**Partners** 

























# Charity events of the «Ridni» Foundation

### **Coffee with St Nicholas**

#### **Charity event**

A charity event where everyone could buy special coffee beans at the Svit Kavy café.

The funds raised will be used to provide warm clothes to orphans, children deprived of parental care, children, families in difficult life circumstances and children affected by war.

#### The purpose of the event

was to give warmth to children in need.

**Event partner** 





## Carry out good deeds with Ri and Di

**Charity campaign** 

Following a good tradition, Lviv restaurants launched a charity campaign in partnership with the Foundation during one month. Every visitor could buy a meal or drink in the participating restaurants.

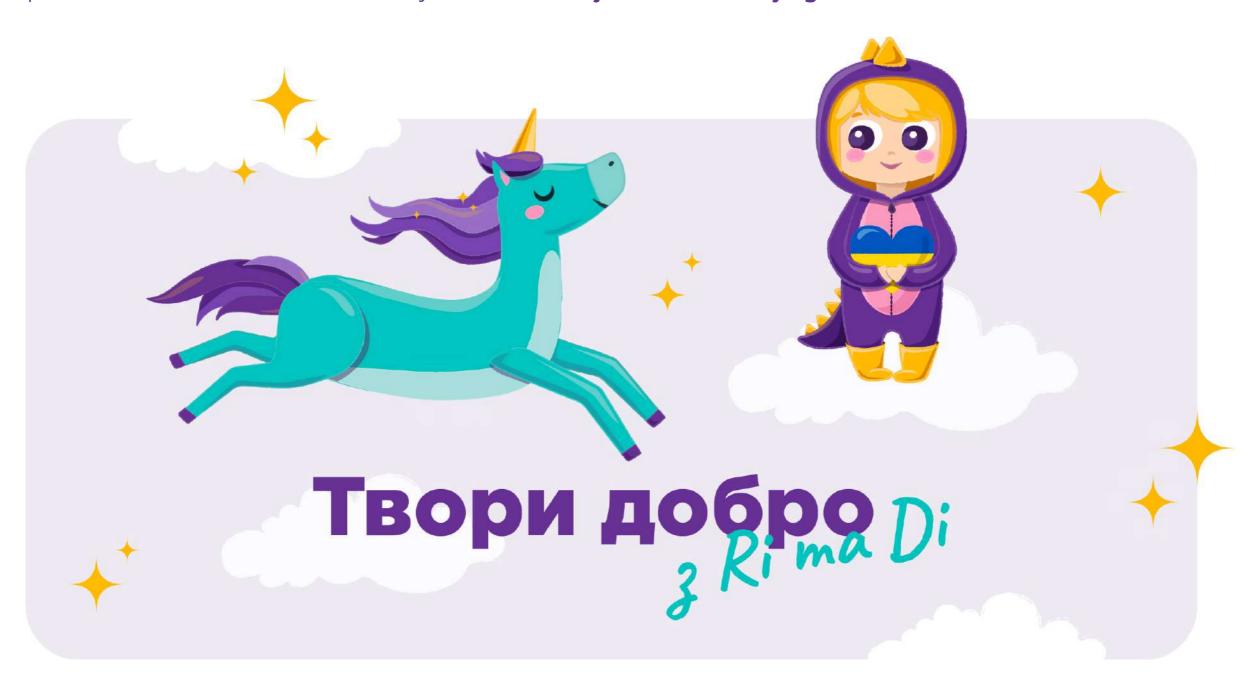
The purpose of the campaign

To support orphans, children deprived of parental care and children affected by war.

Visitors were able to buy a meal or a drink at the participating restaurants.

Thanks to joint efforts, we managed to raise: 77 300 UAH

The funds will be used to create and equip art therapy spaces in places where children affected by the war are staying.



Participants of the campaign













### **Letters to St Nicholas**

**Charity event** 

On the occasion of St Nicholas Day, the Ridni collected children's letters and organised the #LetterstoStNicholas campaign, which gave an opportunity to become St Nicholas' helpers for children affected by the war and those in difficult life circumstances. Each volunteer chose a child's letter and brought a gift.Кожен бажаючий обрав лист дитини та приніс подарунок.











«The war continues, and the childhood of our children continues too, and most of them dream of a holiday and gifts from St Nicholas. We really wanted to take care of the children, including those who suffered from the war and had to leave their homes. This campaign was aimed at uniting philanthropists, partners and all those who care and making children's dreams come true, which they wrote about in their letters.» — says Mariana Romaniak, director of the foundation.

The team of the Ridni Foundation together with its partners did not stand aside and also became St Nicholas' helpers for more than 50 children.



### **Easter gifts**

#### **Charity event**

The foundation's team also organised a joint
Easter lunch with children from the Ridni Centre
for Social Support of Children and Families of the
Lviv City Council, as well as children who were
forced to leave their homes because of the war.

With the support of our partners, we managed to prepare 100 Easter packages for evacuated children and their families.







**Partners** 





# Fund expenditures in 2022

Data are presented in the national currency, UAH

32, 7 million

The funds were spent in the following areas:

- Working with children, families and communitiesFull-cycle programmes
- Administrative expenses
- Psychological area
- Advocacy for children's rights
- Humanitarian aid during the war\*

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### **Partners**

#### of «Ridni» Charitable Foundation

Thanks to our partners, we are able to better implement all our projects and initiatives to create a happy future for children who grow up without family.































































































































# Team of «Ridni» Charitable Foundation

The teamwork and daily work of everyone is behind all the achievements and victories of the «Ridni» team. The fear for ourselves and our lives did not overcome us, all our thoughts were about the children who needed help and for whom we had to continue working.

By joining forces with Ukrainian and foreign partners, philanthropists, the government, volunteers and people with open hearts, we have been able to ensure the safety and well-being of the children and families we continue to support.

And while our Armed Forces continue to fight for Ukraine's victory, we are taking care of the smallest Ukrainians on the home front.

We are sincerely grateful to everyone who has helped and accompanied us on this journey. Thanks to your support, we continue our work for the children's happy future.

We believe that very soon they will grow up in a free and peaceful Ukraine!

