

CHARITABLE FOUNDATION "RIDNI"

Performance report 2023



Charitable Foundation "Ridni"
Lviv, Ukraine



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About the Ridni Foundation



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.

Our mission

Overcoming orphanhood and developing the institute of family.

Values

- ✦ **Child safety and welfare**
- ✦ **Teamwork**
- ✦ **Transparency**
- ✦ **Accountability**
- ✦ **Performance**



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◆ **Message from the Founder of the Foundation**

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Since the beginning of the full-scale war our task has remained unchanged — to provide support to children and families in difficult life circumstances and those affected by the war.

Dear friends and partners,

Together with you, our partners, philanthropists and people with open hearts, we have managed to do many good deeds. Together we have provided thousands of children and families with comprehensive support.

Safety and well-being of every child remains our core value.

Despite all the challenges and difficulties, we continue to work hard to create the conditions for their happy and secure future.

Only in cooperation and synergy we can change the lives of Ukrainian children for the better. I am sincerely grateful to everyone who supports us on this journey!

***Yurii Fedoriv,
the founder of the Ridni Foundation***

✦ Message from the Head of the Foundation

Dear partners, benefactors and the entire Ridni team!

I would like to thank you for working together this year for the well-being of Ukrainian children and their families.

We are united by a common goal — to create conditions for a happy and safe life for every child. You give us the opportunity to create, influence and improve the lives of thousands of Ukrainian children. Your support is the driving force behind our work!

Team, you are our main asset. Your sustainable and comprehensive work aimed at making a real difference in the lives of children is impressive and inspiring. Benefactors, volunteers, and everyone who helped and supported us — you are incredible.

Thank you for your kind hearts and shared concern for Ukrainian children.



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Together with you, we take care of the human potential of our country and help children and young people grow up in safety, creating their own happy future.

*CEO of the Ridni Foundation
Mariana Romaniak*



In the year 2023 the Ridni Foundation has been continuing to work actively and to provide support for Ukrainian children and families. We've achieved great results and here they are.

The year 2023 of Ridni Foundation. Highlights



Results achieved in 2023



♥ **100 000 +**

children and families have been supported by the foundation;

♥ **2 000 +**

educational, cultural and social events were implemented to support children;

♥ **10 000 +**

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



**The Foundation's activities
and psychological products
are distributed all over Ukraine.**

Key achievements of the Foundation in 2023



2984 families and children

in difficult life circumstances received individual support from the Foundation.

500 000+ people

have learned about the adoption and alternative forms of family care with the help of the Foundation's joint programme with the United Nations Children's Fund, the UNICEF.



We began cooperation with a new partner, the

UNICEF – the United Nations Children's Fund.



We opened the Spilnota space

for teenagers and youth from the vulnerable categories of population.



We began cooperation with more new partners:

Ukraine Childrens Action Project and The Ambassadors Platform.

As a part of the project, in partnership with Street Child, «Rejoice Again — the Power of the Game» we held offline events attended by

1000+ specialists from 200 educational institutions.



We organised a charity photo exhibition

“Snap the war”

In Switzerland, the main purpose of which was to draw the world's attention to the consequences of war and violations of children's rights.



Together with the Ombudsman's office, we created a series of unique scarves with drawings of children's dreams

500+ specialists

received the Foundation's psychological products. The specialists provided services for about **1000 children**.



“Come Back Home”, “Sunflowers” and “Crimea”.

In cooperation with Lviv Angels, we conducted **8 excursions** on historical and patriotic themes for **64 children** from among children deprived of parental care and IDPs.

Together with partners, Global Education Connection provided

135 children

received their long-awaited gifts for St Nicholas Day, as a part of the «Take Care» charity event.

400 children

with the necessary stationery for their studies.



Together with its partners, the Mamai Charitable Foundation, we provided

211 children from Kherson Oblast

with gifts for St Nicholas Day.



Main Activity Areas of the Foundation in 2023



**Cross-sectoral
sustainable
development
projects**



**Working with
vulnerable families
and prevention
of orphanhood**



**Psychosocial
support for
children, parents,
and professionals**



- ✦ Spilnota Space
- ✦ Social support centre for children and families «Ridni»
- ✦ Family-type children's home

Cross-sectoral sustainable development projects



spilnota



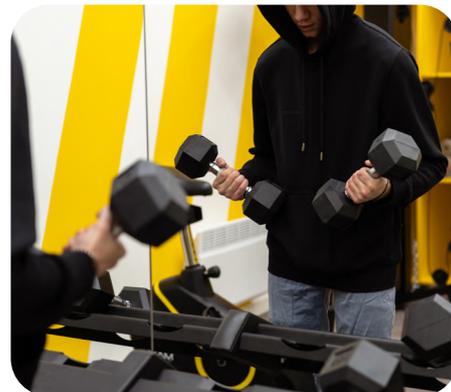
Spilnota is a unique space that offers young people a safe environment, opportunities for development, and learning on the path to adulthood. It serves as a support system for young individuals who aspire to grow and are willing to take responsibility for their lives.

The cooperation between charitable foundations, local authorities, business partners and experts from various fields has helped to create a full-fledged environment for children in need, providing them not only with living conditions, but also with opportunities for development and socialisation.

✦ The goal of Spilnota

is to shape strong personalities — individuals who are not indifferent and take responsibility as citizens of Ukraine and their communities.

The Spilnota space began to work in October 2023 and was officially inaugurated in December.





The Spilnota space works in the formate of collective house for teens and youth deprived of parental care.



Non-formal education programme functions within the framework of the project comprised of thematic classes and events for its residents and 250 young people from Lviv from socially vulnerable categories.

Ridni Centre

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

✦ **The main goal of the Ridni Centre is preserving families and returning a child to their family.**



As part of its support for the Centre, the Foundation transferred the fully equipped premises to the Centre. It also helps to build, train and develop its team, to organise classes, excursions and workshops for children.

The Centre operates the Urgent Placement of Children department, which provides temporary accommodation and social protection for orphans and children deprived of parental care, children in difficult life circumstances, abandoned, found children and foundlings aged from birth to 18 years, as well as the Family Support Service department.



Results of the Ridni Centre's work in 2023:

- ◆ **98 children** were returned to their biological families;

- ◆ **8 children** were adopted/ taken into care;

- ◆ **38 children** were placed in foster families and family-type children's homes;

- ◆ **4 foster families** were created;

- ◆ **13 children** were placed in their next of kin families.



Over the three years of the Centre's operation, 183 children have returned to their biological families.



Thanks to our long-standing partner, GETEC international company, a playground and a football field have been built for children staying at the Ridni Centre.

Family-type children's home

Since 2016, the Foundation has been supporting **2 family-type children's homes in Lviv**, which were founded with the support of the city department of the Service for Children.

Currently, these homes are home to **20 orphans** who receive all the necessary conditions for safe growth and development from caring parents and psychologists.

✦ **In 2023, children from our family-type children's homes continue to actively pursue education in educational institutions, which indicates successful adaptation and integration into society.**

Some of them have already started their career paths and found their first jobs, which indicates successful socialisation and readiness for independent living.





The Ridni Charitable Foundation, with the support of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), is implementing a project aimed at supporting families with many children, internally displaced persons and families in difficult life circumstances.

Working with vulnerable families and prevention of orphanhood



The project «Strengthening Communities for Child Well-Being»

The Ridni Charitable Foundation, with the support of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), is implementing a project aimed at supporting families with many children, internally displaced persons and families in difficult life circumstances.



The project has 3 tracks:

- ♥ **Psychosocial support for children and their parents;**

- ♥ **Work with vulnerable families;**

- ♥ **Promoting alternative forms of family upbringing;**

It covers 4 oblasts
within the Western
region:

- ◆ Lviv
- ◆ Ivano-Frankivsk
- ◆ Volyn
- ◆ Zakarpattia





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The project «Strengthening Communities for Child Well-Being»



We conducted training for 1516 professionals

working with children in Lviv, Zakarpattia, Volyn and Ivano-Frankivsk regions;



We held 2 mass camp forums

on family forms of upbringing and adoption «Child. Dream. Family» in Lviv and «With a child, for a child, for the sake of a child» in Uzhhorod;



We organised 6 family festivals

in Lutsk, Kovel, Novovolynsk, Morshyn, Slavske and Novyi Rozdil;



30,336 children and parents

received psychological assistance;



25 case managers

work with children and families in Lviv and Zakarpattia regions;



2984 families and children

received individual support from the project's case managers;

Key project achievements in 2023





2379 people

learned about family-based forms of education at the Family for Every Child meetings and forums in Lviv and Uzhhorod, as well as online broadcasts;



We created a podcast that reached over 6,000 people

about family-based forms of education on YouTube, where foster parents share their experience of adopting a child into a family, discuss interesting topics, refute stereotypes about children deprived of parental care and answer questions from the viewers;



15 psychologists

work with families and children in Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Volyn and Zakarpattia regions;



500,000+ people

were reached by the media campaign.



- ✦ Resource and training programme
«Rejoice Again. The Power of the Game»
- ✦ Psychological products of the Foundation
- ✦ Educational project «I am from Ukraine»

Psychosocial support for children, parents and professionals



Annual resource and training programme «Rejoice Again. The Power of the Game»

March-September 2023

In cooperation with the international foundation Street Child Ukraine, we implemented a year-long resource and training programme called «Rejoice Again. The Power of the Game».



The main goal of the programme

is to provide skills, support and resources to professionals involved in the processes of psychosocial support for children in times of war, making up for educational losses, mine and explosive safety, as well as logistical assistance to schools in Kyiv and Lviv regions.



The Foundation's team of psychologists has developed an integrative multi-level model for restoring a state of joy on the way to consciously regulating one's own internal states and nurturing personal integrity on the physical, emotional, cognitive and spiritual levels.

Within the framework of the project, the following was carried out:

10 offline events

for training and psychological recovery of teachers, psychologists and social workers;

40 children affected by the war

took part in rehabilitation, recreation and relaxation at a camp in Truskavets;

10 schools in the Kyiv region

received material and resource support;

1,000+ specialists from 200 pre-school, secondary and non-formal education institutions took part in these events;

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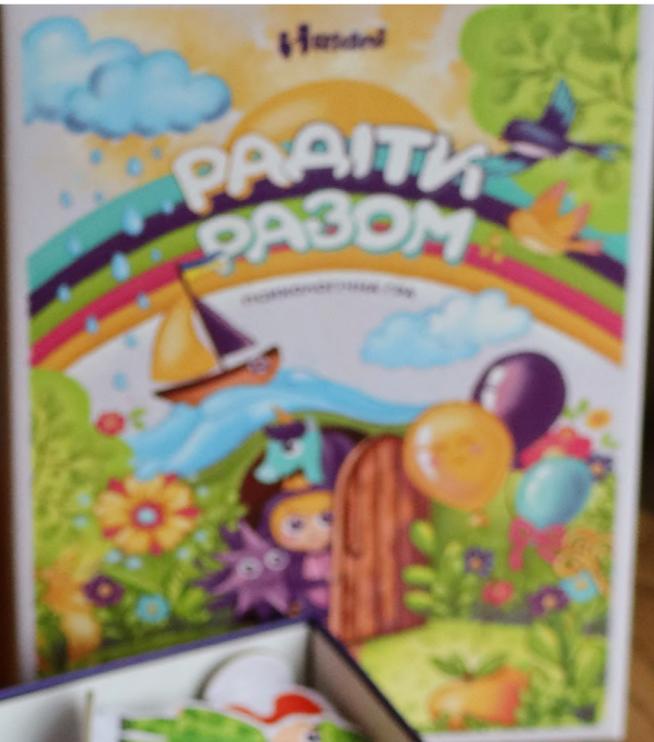


Psychological game «Rejoice Together»

- ◆ More than 100 specialists have been trained and certified and are already successfully applying the methodology in their work.

A unique methodology developed in collaboration with Victoria Nazarevych allows children to develop the skills of quick adaptation to new conditions of reality, see their own positive image and find emotional peace.





Methodology set «Khvilyalka — assistant in the palm of your hand»

A tool that helps to release internal anxieties, teaches you to express your emotions and look for positive solutions.

◆ More than 1500 specialists across Ukraine use the Khvilyalka in their practice.





Collection of therapeutic fairy tales «The Tale of the Helmet / When the day will come»

The stories are intended for children of all ages and adults alike.

The collection consists of 11 cycles of prose and 1 cycle of poetic fairy tales, which partially recreate the unpleasant events caused by the war. They were written by practical psychologists who successfully completed training in fairy tale therapy under the guidance of the trainer and supervisor Liudmyla Pidlypna.



Fairy tales can be used in art therapy, including fairy tale therapy and play therapy, adapting the way of reading to the needs of each child and creating a new way of telling each time.



Methodology set «Therapeutical Hedgehogs – Mom and child»



This methodology set is an innovative approach in psychological support of children, especially in stress situations like war conflicts.

The main idea of the set is to create means of support and relaxation in the shape of a stuffed hedgehog which symbolises maternal care and protection.

✦ **The methodology set is successfully used by the specialists. Over 1000 children in acute stress situation were able to acquire a new experience.**





Набір матеріалів для роботи з методикою
Iridni

Терапевтичний їжачок

Набір матеріалів для роботи з методикою
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Терапевтичні кейси дітям

Набір матеріалів для роботи з методикою
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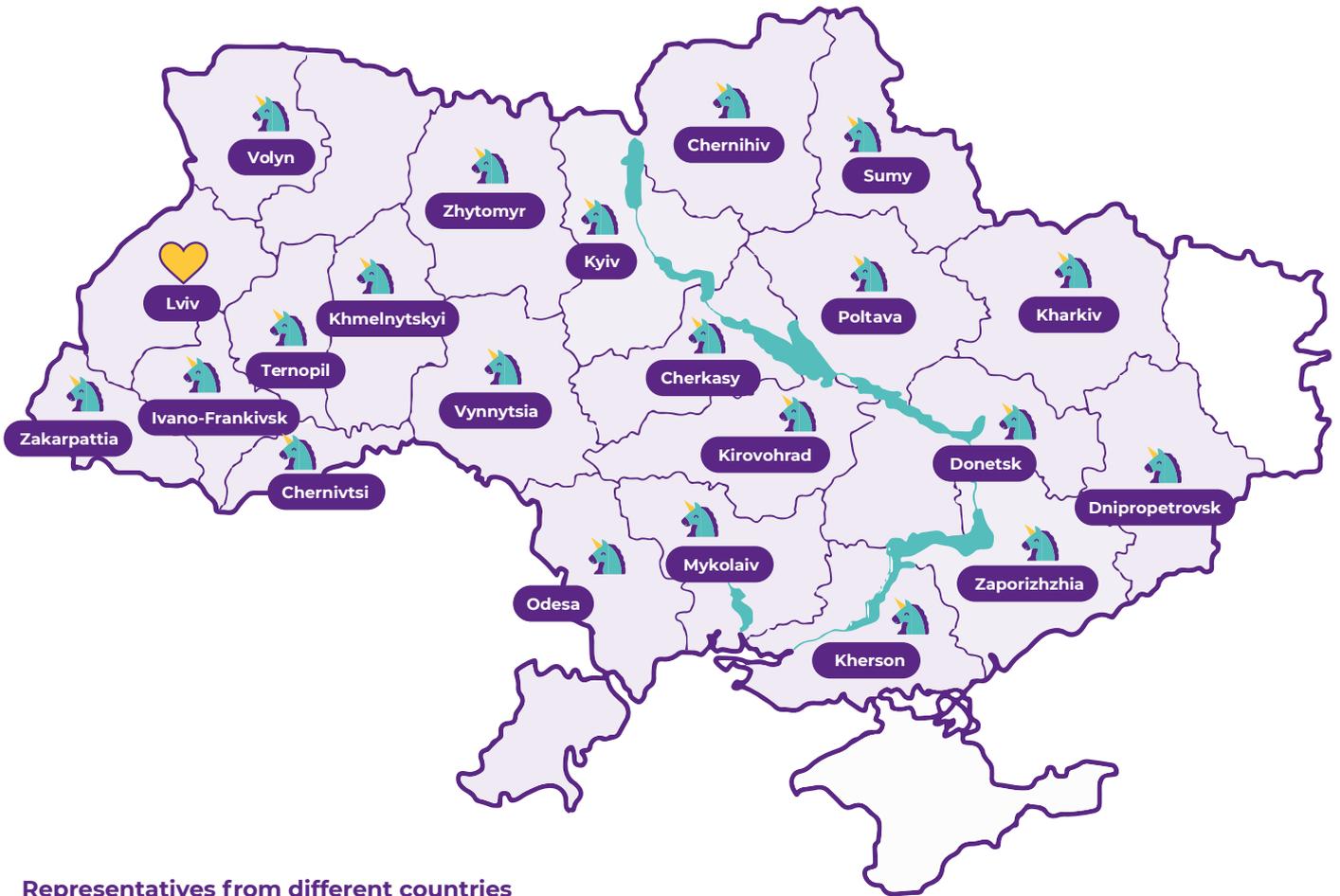
Foundation's unique products went into different parts of Ukraine and the world

They help specialists in child care to lower the levels of stress and anxiety among children and to ecologically get through the traumas received in the war.



- ◆ Collection of fairy tales «The Tale of the Helmet / When the day will come»
- ◆ Psychological game «Rejoice Together»
- ◆ «Khvilyalka»
- ◆ Set of materials «Therapeutical Hedgehogs»

Foundation's psychological methodology sets and products are represented in **22 regions of Ukraine:**



Representatives from different countries joined the trainings in psychological methodologies:



Czech Republic



Italy



France



The United Kingdom



Germany



Poland



Spain



Romania

Educational project «I am from Ukraine»

An educational project aimed at the socio-cultural, sporting, and psychological development of children and teenagers who were forced to move to Lviv due to the military operations in Ukraine and live in modular towns.

As part of the project, each participant had the opportunity to attend interesting, creative and sports master classes, excursions and quests around Lviv museums and take part in the one-day festival «I am from Ukraine».

All this contributed to their comprehensive development and strengthening of their active citizenship attitude.



✦ **With the support of our partners, we held 17 events involving 50 children and teenagers.**



- ✦ Carry out good deeds with Ri and Di
- ✦ Coffee with St Nicholas
- ✦ Take care
- ✦ Children Are Our Flowers

Charity events



Carry out good deeds with Ri and Di

Every year, the Ridni Charitable Foundation, together with its partner institutions, initiates a charity event that anyone can join by purchasing promotional food, drinks or goods.

The main goal of 2023 campaign is to support young people from vulnerable categories.



This year, the funds raised from the campaign were used to implement a non-formal education programme called «Spilnota» for young people from vulnerable categories.

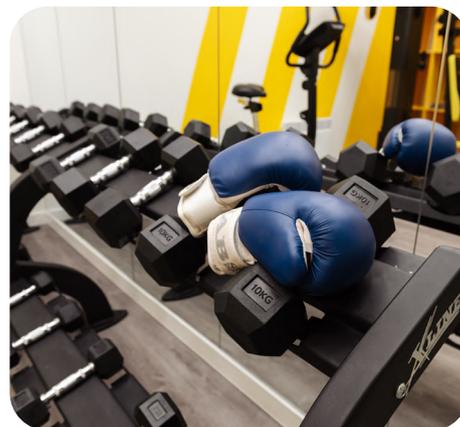
As a result of the campaign, we equipped a gym where young people and teenagers can take care of their health and improve their sports skills.

Partners of the campaign:



◆ Thanks to joint efforts with our partners, we managed to raise

107 873 UAH



Coffee with St Nicholas

A charity event where everyone could buy delicious coffee drinks, aromatic beans with special stickers and goodies in the cafes that joined the initiative.

The aim of the campaign

is to give faith that miracles happen on St Nicholas Day to children affected by the war and young people from vulnerable categories.



This year, the proceeds were used to support children affected by the war and young people from vulnerable categories on St Nicholas Day.

As a result of the campaign, we purchased a vacuum cleaner, a coffee machine, an iron, dishes and tableware to develop the residents' independent skills and improve their common life.

Video report:



Partners of the campaign:



coffee Lab

Breakfast club

✦ Thanks to joint efforts with our partners, we managed to raise

109 975 UAH



Take care

For St Nicholas Day, the Ridni Charitable Foundation collected children's letters and, together with partners Nat coworking and Capsula branding, implemented the «Take Care» campaign, in which everyone could become St Nicholas' assistant for children affected by the war and children from families in difficult life circumstances.



Video report:



◆ **135 children received their coveted gifts on St Nicholas Day thanks to the support of benefactors and partners.**



St Nicholas was supported by philanthropists, including Ukrainian companies **Kormotech, Romexsoft, Levi9 and Elitex.**

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Children Are Our Flowers

The charity event «Children Are Our Flowers», initiated by our partners Lviv Angels, was open to everyone, including children from the cheerleading school, to help the children under the care of the foundation.

The main goal of the initiative

was to support children and adolescents deprived of parental care, as well as those internally displaced and children affected by the war.



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- ◆ **The proceeds from the campaign were used to organise 8 interesting excursions to Lviv museums for 64 children and teenagers.**



The Ridni Foundation in the media



The Foundation's CEO's column in **NewVoice** «What is the circle of orphanhood and how to break it».



An article about the foundation's activities on the occasion of its birthday in **The Village media** outlet «Fighting stereotypes about adoption: how the Ridni Foundation gives children a chance for a happy future».



Harvard Business School

The Foundation's CEO spoke about her experience of studying at the Harvard Business School's Governance for Nonprofit Excellence (GNEV) programme at the site of the **Harvard Business School**.



The Vatican News wrote about the meeting with Pope Francis, which was attended by the Foundation.



Swiss media reported on the photo exhibition "SNAP THE WAR", organised by the Ridni Charity Foundation.



International events

Participation in the World Economic Forum in Davos.



Mariana Romaniak, CEO of the Foundation, emphasised the priority of supporting Ukrainian children in her speech at the Ukrainian House: «Now it is extremely important to advocate for the return of hundreds of thousands of children deported by Russia, it is important to work on their early return home and it is important to provide the necessary services to children returned to Ukraine. This is a contribution to preserving human capital in Ukraine.»

Participation in the annual W4UA Summit in Rzeszow, Poland.



The team spoke about the Foundation's activities, met with representatives of various foreign and Ukrainian organisations and companies that are ready to work with us to ensure the well-being of Ukrainian children.

Ridni Team took part in international meeting of children and youth with Pope Francis



The foundation's team joined the discussion of the safety of our children and the war in Ukraine. This trip was also the first trip for our residents of the Spilnota-Ridni Small Group House. It was an unforgettable experience for them, which revealed to them the grandeur and beauty of Rome and the Vatican.

We are happy to be able to inspire young people to actively participate in global processes and contribute to their personal growth.

Photo exhibition in Switzerland SNAP THE WAR

The photo exhibition «SNAP THE WAR» was held in Switzerland (Bern) to show the world how Russia's war is killing the childhood of Ukrainian children and their chance for a happy future. The exhibition was organised

in collaboration with Ukrainian photographers Mykhailo Palinchak and Roman Bordun, who shared photos from the battlefield from the first days of Russia's war against Ukraine.



«Our foundation, together with the authors of the photos, are now the voices of these children. We are appealing to you on their behalf for protection and help. Every day in Ukraine, children are killed, they get horrific injuries and traumas, children are abducted and taken to Russia, children lose their parents and relatives.

Our children have been deprived of the right to a happy, peaceful childhood, the opportunity to study, they have been expelled from their homes, their world has been completely destroyed. This exhibition is another reminder, another cry from our children for help,»

*says Mariana Romaniak,
CEO of the Foundation.*

The aim of the exhibition



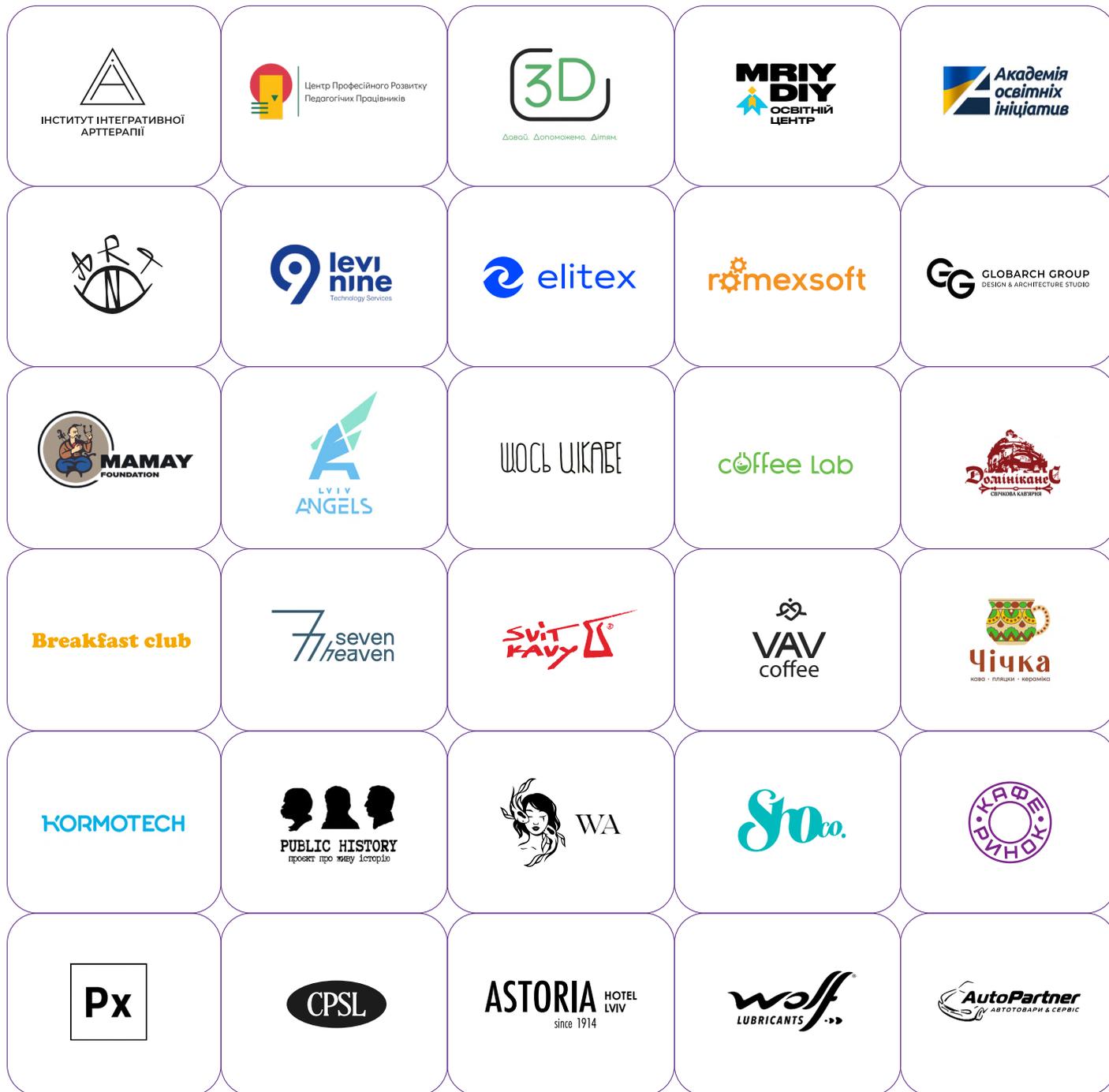
is to draw the attention of the international community to the consequences of war and violations of children's rights. These photos show children who have survived the horrors of war. Among them are a 2-year-old Denis, who lived for a month in the underground metro,

hiding from constant shelling; a 17-year-old boy who spent a month in the basement with his fellow villagers until the Ukrainian military liberated them from the Russian invaders; and a 10-year-old boy who lost his father while he was defending the city of Irpin from the Russian invaders.



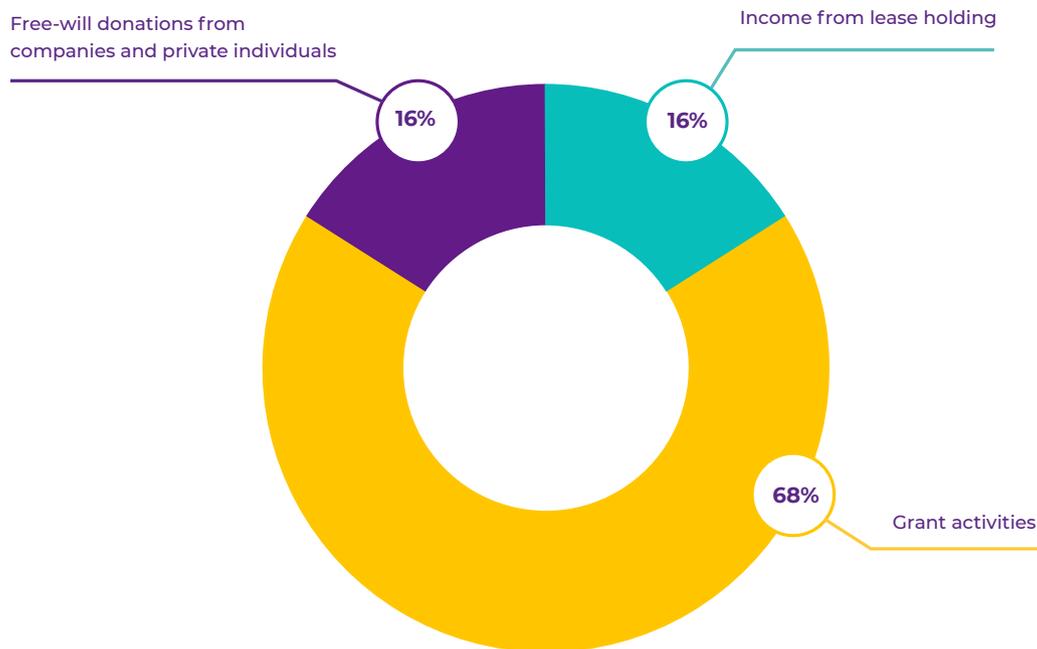
Partners of the Ridni Charitable Foundation





Foundation's income sources

Data are in Ukrainian hryvnas (UAH)

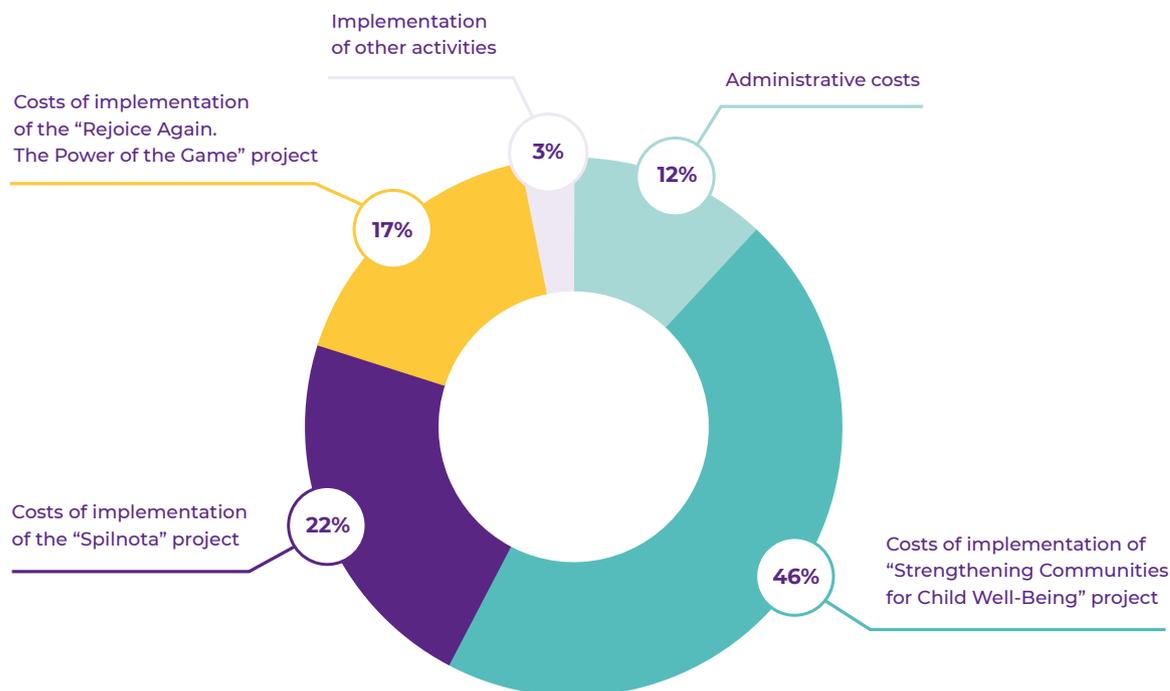


■ Grant activities	68%	27 938 789
■ Free-will donations from companies and private individuals	16%	6 660 042
■ Income from lease holding	16%	6 591 750
Total:	100%	41 190 580

** Results for the year 2023 are represented with "cash machine" methodology and were not subject to audit. The results from the independent audit of activities in 2023 will be published on the Foundation's web-site.*

Foundation's expenditures

Data are in Ukrainian hryvnas (UAH)



■ Costs of implementation of "Strengthening Communities for Child Well-Being" project:	46%	20 859 231
- Mental health and psychosocial support		5 391 611
- Case-management and social services for vulnerable families		6 753 122
- Popularisation of alternative ways of upbringing in the communities		4 117 428
- Programme management		4 597 071
■ Costs of implementation of the "Spilnota" project	22%	10 099 035
■ Costs of implementation of the "Rejoice Again. The Power of the Game" project	17%	7 634 620
■ Administrative costs	12%	5 394 931
■ Implementation of other activities	3%	1 379 049

Total: 100% **45 366 867**

Foundation team



The team took part in the programme «Leadership in the Mountains in the Face of Uncertainty» from the Lviv Business School of UCU. Emotions, courage, and unforgettable moments helped us to get closer, turn challenges into opportunities, and show that even in the most extreme situations, our leadership carries a powerful force for change.



The Ridni held a team-building event with the participation of Svitlana Buhay, a trainer at UCU Business School.



Every year, the foundation's team conducts strategic planning.



Every success and victory of the Ridni is the result of the interaction and daily work of each team member. Despite all the circumstances, we continue to work together with our

Ukrainian and foreign partners, philanthropists, the government, and volunteers to ensure the safety and happy future of Ukrainian children.



♥ Your open hearts make a positive difference in the lives of orphans, children deprived of parental care, families in difficult circumstances and children affected by war.

You are our great support in achieving our mission.



**We dream that
all Ukrainian children
will grow up in safety
in a peaceful and free
Ukraine, and we believe
that our dream will
come true very soon 🇺🇦**



We are grateful to each and every one of you who continue to help us in this difficult time for Ukraine. Your support makes us stronger.



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