

Activity Report 2021

Ridni Charitable Foundation

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Ridni

About Ridni Foundation

About us

Ridni Charitable Foundation is a community of support for orphans, deprived of parental care and children in difficult life circumstances, working through systematic and comprehensive work with families and institutional settings in Ukraine.



Our goal

For all children to grow up surrounded by dear people and have a happy future!

Our mission

Overcoming orphanhood and developing the institution of the family.

We work in order to ensure that every child grows up in a loving family with spiritual values and has a happy future.

Values

- Safety and well-being of the child
- Teamwork
- Transparency
- Responsibility
- Effectiveness



Motto

Ukraine without orphans.

Appeal from the Founder of the Foundation



All of the projects we implemented together with our partners are aimed at ensuring that every child grows up in a safe, loving family with spiritual values. Consequently, one of our priorities is to support families in difficult life circumstances. After all, my team and I realize that at this stage we can help children avoid institutional care and orphan status.

Thanks to the support of our partners, the unity of open-hearted people and the productive work of our team, we manage to work daily to ensure a happy future for every child in need!

Teamwork and a strong daily commitment to achieving our goal are key drivers for our foundation in 2021.”

*Yurii Fedoriv,
Founder of the Ridni Foundation*

Appeal from the Head of the Foundation



During this year, we worked to develop the team and the values of the foundation, strengthened the activities of our powerful Ridni Center for children and families and made every effort every day to integrate orphans and children deprived of parental care into society.

Together with the foundation's team, we provided professional information and psychological support for adoptive parents, foster parents of family-type orphanages and foster families.

Thanks to the large number of projects, we managed to increase the community of benefactors and partners, with whom we are now moving together towards a common goal. After all, all our efforts are for the sake of creating high-quality changes in Ukrainian society and ensuring a happy future for every child!"

***Mariana Romaniak,
Head of the Ridni Foundation***



2021

2021 of the Ridni Foundation in figures

Key results of the foundation in 2021

600+

orphans and children deprived of parental care received the necessary support.

130

families in difficult life circumstances received assistance.

300+

responses were provided to the adoption hotline calls.

20

children from the institutions found their mentors.

36

teenagers received career training.

300+

orphans and children deprived of parental care receive psychological support.

Key accomplishments of the foundation in 2021

- ✓ **10 stories** of adoption were told on Channel 24
- ✓ Conducted training for **100 foster parents**
- ✓ Raised **UAH 243,480** through charitable activities of the foundation
- ✓ **25 children** were involved in the School of Christmas
- ✓ Attracted **12 interactive programs** for children from Ridni Social Support Center
- ✓ Provided assistance from psychologists and the foundation team for **9 institutions** in the city and region
- ✓ Mentors for **20 children** were found
- ✓ The social photo project **“Behold me”** was implemented
- ✓ Raised **UAH 730,474** at “Sporidneni” charity auction
- ✓ Received over **300 calls** through an adoption hotline
- ✓ Implemented creative workshops for **50 children**
- ✓ Attracted **5 new Child Guards**
- ✓ We continue taking care of **2 family-type orphanages** in Lviv
- ✓ Gave healthy smiles to **20 children**
- ✓ Engaged **360 children and 100 educators** through the “Health Education” project

PROJECTS

**Ridni Foundation
projects**

Promotion of adoption

“Ridni” media project

In collaboration with Channel 24, 10 adoption stories were told as part of the second season of the “Ridni” media project.

The project was able to cover the whole country through the constant coverage of the themes of adoption and overcoming orphanhood in Ukraine.

“There are 6,000 orphans in Ukraine” was the phrase used to end each episode.

We are glad that, thanks to the “Ridni” media project, the number of such children is decreasing, as several viewers of the program have already started the adoption process.



Partner which enabled the project to be realized



Promotion of adoption

With the support of the Lviv City Council, a social advertising campaign was launched on billboards in the city to promote adoption.



The foundation's team organised and actively participated in conferences, roundtables and educational events on the topic of adoption and promotion of other family forms of fostering.

The Ridni Foundation also became a member of the coordination councils of the city and region on DI-reform (deinstitutionalization) issues in 2021.

Family-type orphanages

Since 2016, the Foundation has supported **2 family-type orphanages** in Lviv, established with the help of the city's Department of Children's Services.

Today, **20 children** with an orphan status live confidently and safely in their new homes. Caring and nurturing caring parents and psychologists are there to provide them with full conditions and opportunities for growth and development.

2021 has turned out to be an eventful year:

- useful lectures
- interesting meetings
- new knowledge
- participation in winter and summer camps

Partner



Ridni Center

Municipal Institution “Ridni Center for social support of children and families”
of Lviv City Council

During the year of operation of
the Ridni Center for social support
of children and families
**14 children returned to
their families.**



45 families continue to receive psychological support and work with professionals for quality changes and a speedy return of the children.



The Center was set up in partnership with the Lviv City Council.

Within the Center there is a branch of the foundation “**Prostir Do**” which provides Maths, English and Art therapy classes for children. Around **30 volunteers** have joined the #EducateRidni initiative and help the children with their homework.

The goal of the project

To keep the family together and return the child to their families!

The Center has **the Urgent placement of children department** for temporary accommodation and social protection of children deprived of parental care, orphans and children deprived of parental care, children in difficult life circumstances, abandoned, found children and foundlings from birth to 18 years. **The Family Support Services department** also operates.

Partners



Dream and Go ahead

Educational program for teenagers

As part of the “Dream and Go ahead” educational program, each participant had the opportunity to visit universities in Lviv, improve their time-management and CV-writing skills, learn different tips regarding training and development, and meet potential employers.

The main mission is to help orphans, children deprived of parental care, children from families in difficult life circumstances and children from foster homes to socialize and integrate into society.



The goal of the project

To help children with social status choose their career path.

Within the first intake, there are **14 teenagers** who became our graduates. They are now actively working on bringing their own project to life, ready to present it to the foundation team and the Lviv community.



Partners which enabled the project to be realized



Feedback from participants of the “Dream and Go ahead” project



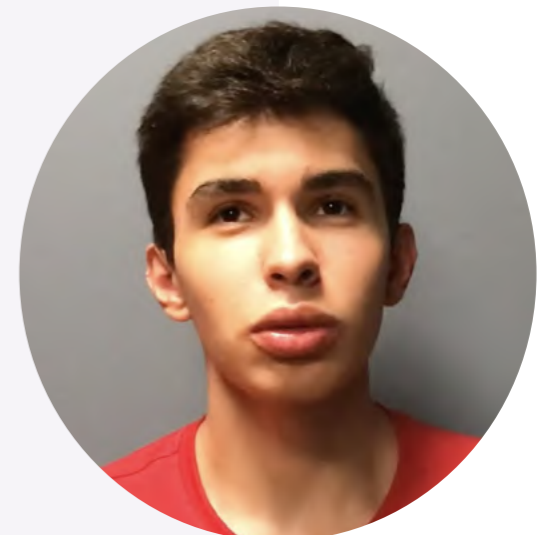
The educational program of the project was very rich. We gained valuable skills that we lacked. For example, we learned how to write a resume and pass a job interview. In addition, we worked on farms, where we got our first practical knowledge.

Oleksandra, “Dream and Go ahead” project participant



Most of all I remember our camp and the hike up to Parashka mountain. It really united our team and gave us new emotions and impressions. Together we conquered our first common summit and it became a symbol ahead. There are many more small and big victories ahead of us.

Tygran, “Dream and Go ahead” project participant



Thank you to the invited guests and speakers for their advice and instruction. Now I want to write the coolest resume and find the best job to make everyone proud of me!

Sofiia, “Dream and Go ahead” project participant



Health Education

Health education project

The educational project for children between the ages of 10 and 18 living in institutions. The foundation's team of doctors and psychologists provide hands-on training and lectures to children in order to improve their health and well-being. The project partners work with educators and teachers.

HEALTH EDUCATION

Goal of the project

To provide teenagers with the knowledge and skills to maintain their own health, well-being and dignity, build respectful relationships, understand and be able to protect their rights throughout life.

In the current phase of the project, it has been possible to attract:

- 360 children
- 100 boarding school employees

Partners which enabled the project to be realized



Teeth

Project about health

Dental clinics in Lviv provide examinations and treatment for orphans, children deprived of parental care, children from families in difficult life circumstances and children from foster families.



The goal of the project

To help children in orphanages develop a caring attitude toward health.

Within the project involved:

- **17** children from the Ridni Center for social support of children and families
- **5** children who successfully completed treatment
- **6** partners



Partners of the project



On the wave of parenthood

Online school

Online school for parent-educators of family-type orphanages, guardians, foster parents, for adoptive parents, and for those who are just getting ready to take a child into a family.



The foundation's psychologists hosted an online school and recorded:

17 lectures for 80 participants from all over Ukraine and abroad

The goal of the project

To provide parents with the information, skills, and resources they need to be happy parents.

Feedback from project participants



Initially my ideas about adoption were a little chaotic, built more on emotions. Now the knowledge is structured. I am "armed" and ready for practice.

Mariia, Kyiv

I got more information, watched films, took the tools to influence the child and myself.

Oksana, Mariupol

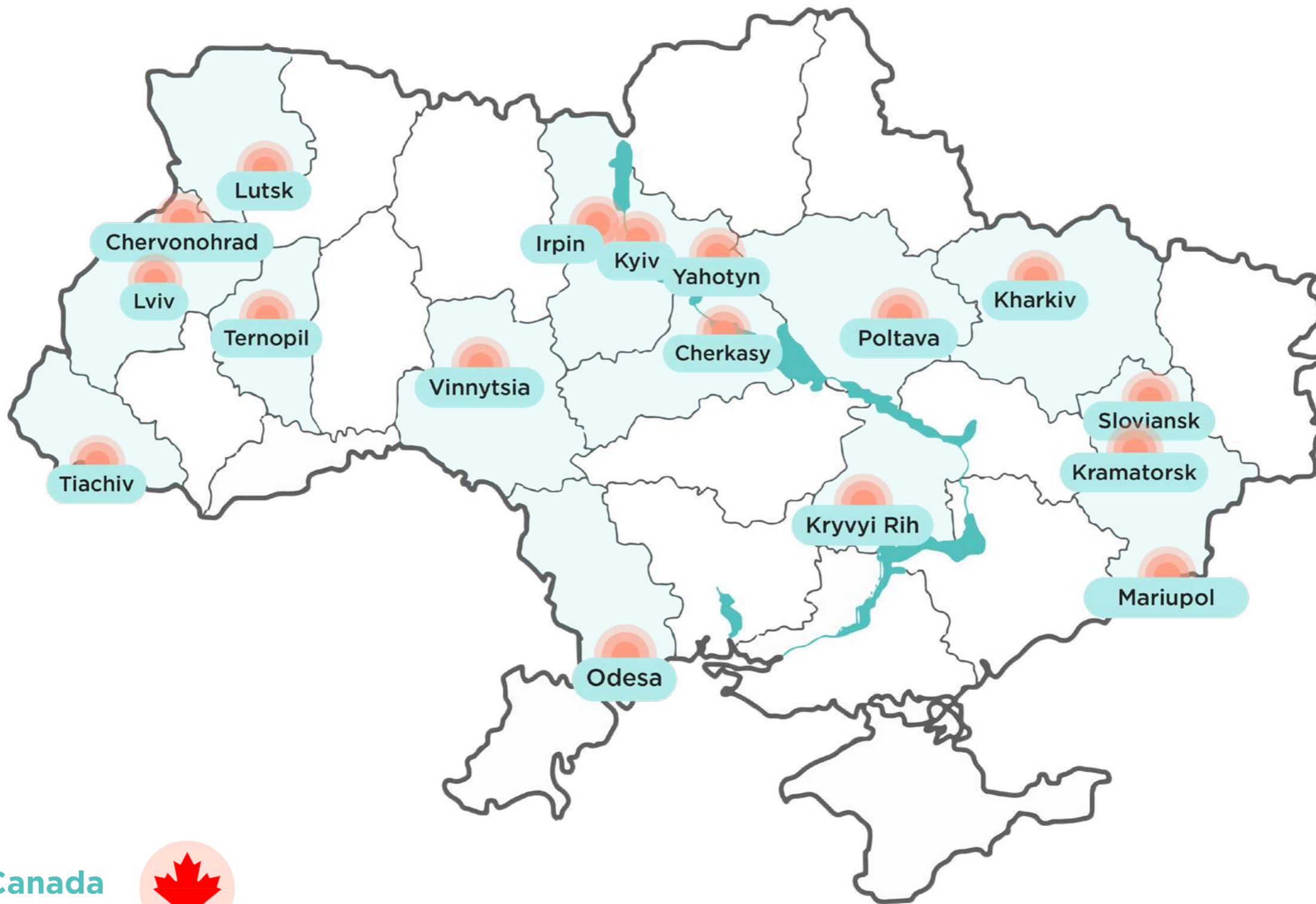


In my opinion, your course is the greatest achievement of Ukrainian-language content for foster parents and adoptive parents. Thank you for the systematized information.

Yevhenii, Vinnytsia

Geography of the participants of the “On the wave of parenthood” project

Ukraine



Canada



80 participants from all over Ukraine and abroad

Blanket for mum

Support Club

The support club for adoptive parents and all adoptive parents continue to operate in an offline meeting format.

Ковдра для
МАМУ

The goal of the project

To create a permanent support group for parents who have adopted children from institutions to share experiences, gain new thematic knowledge, and fill in a resource.



“

Each story is a clue, shaping the journey we take together with the participants of the parents' club. Among them are foster parents, guardian parents and those who are just about to become such parents.

Behind the happy and pretty picture of adoption is daily work, countless trials and patience. It is important for foster parents not only to be part of the process, but also to see themselves through the eyes of those who are on a similar path.

Anna,
host of the “Blanket for Mum” parents' club

Sporidneni 2021

Charity art project



sporidneni

“Sporidneni” is a charity art project created in partnership with Gallery 101, the Dziga Art Centre and the Andriy Sheptytsky National Museum in Lviv. The main partner of the project is the International Renaissance Foundation.

We managed to organise a large-scale project for the social adaptation of children aged from 8 to 16 by engaging them in the art.



Project stages

1. Creative encounters between a child and an artist.

14 children and 14 artists created collaborative works of art.

2. Exhibition.

The works created in collaboration between the child and the artist were exhibited in museums and galleries in Lviv.

3. Auction.

The works were presented at a charity auction held at the National Museum of Andriy Sheptytsky in Lviv on 12 December 2021.

The goal of the project

To create a cultural and artistic environment for orphans and children deprived of parental care, support children’s talents, and promote mentoring as an important area for the social integration of children.

Sporidneni 2021. Auction

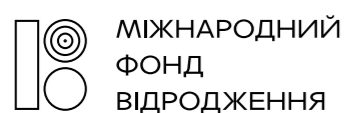
A high-profile auction included a presentation of collaborative work by children from orphanages and well-known artists.

In the end we managed to collect **UAH 730,474** of charitable donations.

50% of the amount of the sold lot was given to the children who took part in the project, and the rest was used to create **the Sporidneni art space** for the pupils of the orphanages.



Partners which enabled the project to be realized



Sporidneni. Art Forum

An art forum was held as part of the Sporidneni project. The speakers of the event were psychologist Andrii Kozinchuk and Gallery 101 Founder Marta Trotsiuk.

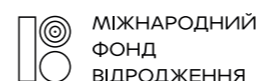
They gave lectures on healthy parent-child relationships and talked about the development of critical and creative thinking in children abroad.

The goal of the event

To increase the socialisation and cultural involvement of children from boarding schools. The program also included workshops on painting, quilling and grattage for children.



Partners which enabled the project to be realized



Behold me

Photo project

A photo exhibition of children in need of being adopted was held in Lviv. The heroes of the project were little pets of orphanages and family-type homes aged 5 to 15.

The project was realised in cooperation with photographer **Marta Syrko and the Dzyga Art Centre.**



The goal of the project

To draw attention to the problem of adoption.

“We really believe that this photo exhibition will show children as real, show their sincere eyes, show that they have their dreams, they have their desires and they, like ordinary children, need our support and love the most in order to live in a good full-fledged family”

– said Mariana Romaniak, Head of the charitable foundation.



Guardians of childhood

Meetings of famous people and children

In 2021, Ridni continues to represent the meeting of famous people and children who are growing up without relatives.

The goal of the project

To inspire and motivate children to develop their talents and present new experiences and warm emotions.

During the project, children met Bohdan Lohvynenko, founder of the Ukrainer project, the popular rap singer Vova zi Lvova and many other talented Ukrainians.



Theater for a baby

Charity project

“Theater for a baby” project is a program of aesthetic education, social adaptation and development of creative abilities through engaging children in the theater arts.

UAH 33,401 were raised with the help of benefactors and partners. Thanks to these funds, children will attend performances in the theaters in Lviv as well as take part in reflection sessions together with the foundation’s psychologists.

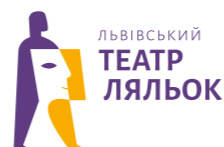


The goal of the project

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



Partners of the project





Partners of the event



The foundation team together with the theater studio “Panatseia” Halychpharm created a real fairy tale. The play “The Snow Queen” was attended by 80 children from Lviv’s institutions and the Ridni Center for social support of children and families.

At the end of the play, St. Nicholas waited for all the participants and brought them a lot of cool gifts.



Mentoring

Project of the Ridni Foundation

As part of the “Mentoring” project, everyone had the opportunity to be trained and become a mentor for a child in an orphanage who needs love and support!

During this time, we were able to find mentors for **20 children** from institutions, who are very enthusiastic and eager to visit the children and spend time with them.



НАСТАВНИЦТВО
ПРОЄКТ ФОНДУ «РІДНІ»



**Photo of mentor Mykhailo and his mentee Vlad*

The goal of the project

To find mentors for children deprived of parental care and to create a friendly environment in which teachers can share experiences and make children happier.

School of Christmas

It is a place where children are immersed in a festive atmosphere and prepare for the winter holidays. By singing carols and creating Vertep, they revive Ukrainian traditions.

ШКОЛА
Pizgiba



The goal of the project

To form in children a respectful attitude to the traditions of celebrating Christmas holidays.

This year **25 children** from the Center for social support of children and families of Ridni took part in workshops and rehearsals as part of the “School of Christmas”.

Hotline

Everyone interested can find out how to start the adoption process and what the next steps will be.

In order to do this, you need to call:

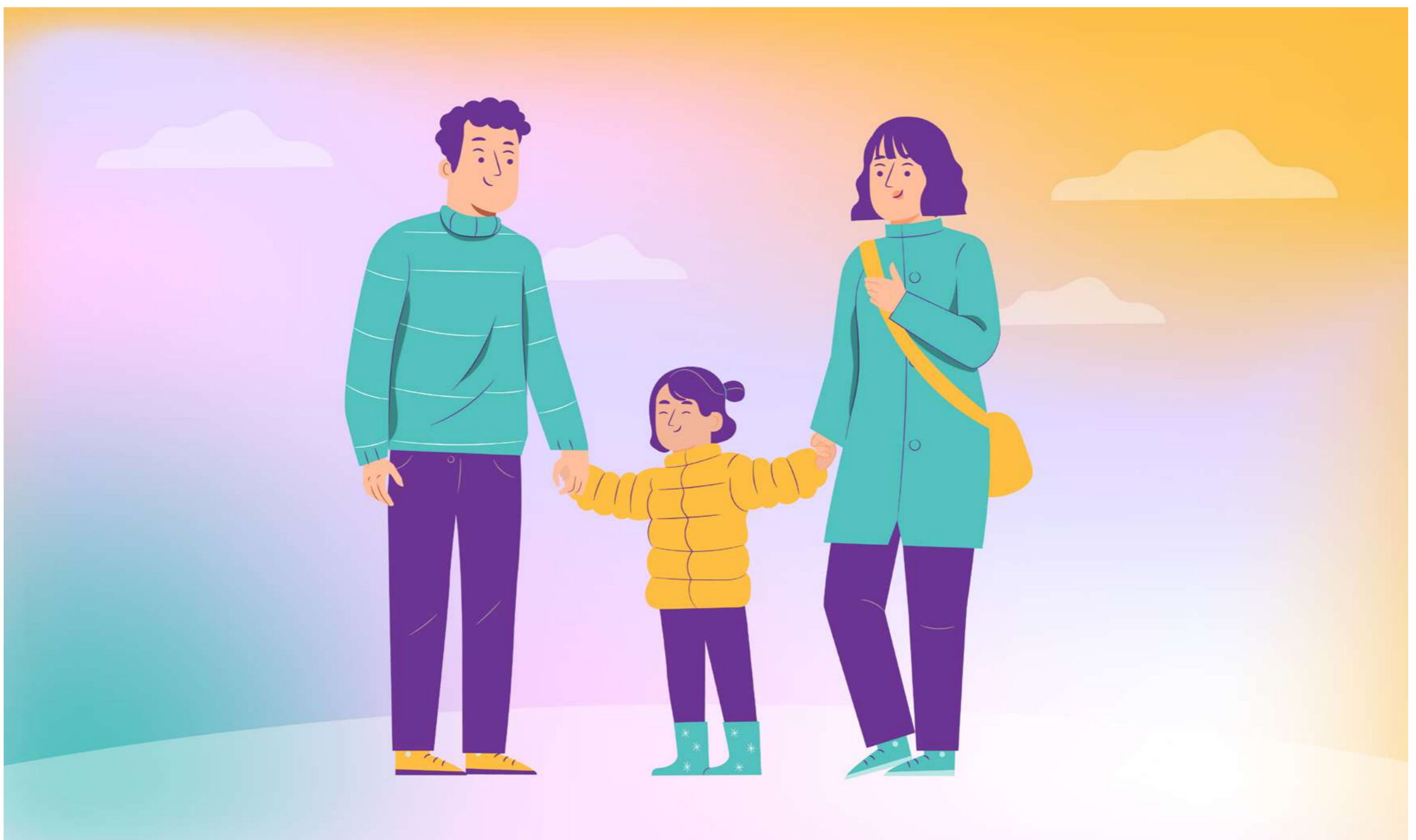
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The goal

To provide informational, psychological and legal advice on adoption.

The hotline provided **more than 300 answers** in 2021.

** The Foundation is not engaged in intermediary activities and does not replace the functions of the state in the adoption process.*



ACTIONS

Charity actions of the Ridni Foundation

Coffee with St. Nicholas

Charity action

The action, in which everyone could buy a charitable lot in the form of a dish or drink in the restaurants of Lviv.



The goal of the action

To attract people to charity and give a holiday to children of the Ridni Center for social support of children and families.

It was collected **UAH 38,743** in the restaurants that took part in the action.

These funds were used for organization of the holiday program by St. Nicholas Day for the children in care of the foundation.

Participants of the action



ГРУШЕВСЬКИЙ
COFFEE BAR

100
ПРО
КАВА



ATLAS

coffee
Lab



Carry out good deeds with Ri and Di

Благодійна акція

As part of the action, everyone could join in creating a happy future for children growing up without relatives.

Everyone who wished could buy a dish or a drink from the chain of restaurants.

**Thanks to our common efforts we managed to collect:
UAH 71,336**

The goal of the action

To support orphans, children deprived of parental care, and children in difficult life circumstances.

These funds will be used to support the “Health Education” project, which aims to provide teenagers from institutions with the knowledge and skills to maintain their own health and well-being.



Participants of the action

ATELIER19
pizza & lovely food

Львівська Майстерня Шоколаду
LVIV HANDMADE CHOCOLATE

Mood
STREET FOOD

Кебаб уя

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Sophie
CAFE BAKERY

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ПРЯНИКІВ
«ЮРАШКИ»

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Become a St. Nicholas

Charity action

Charity action, which was realized by the foundation together with the FuturaHUB space. Everyone received a letter from a child growing up without relatives and made their wish come true in the role of a secret St. Nicholas.

Partner: FuturaHUB



We managed to deliver presents to **30 children** from boarding schools, family-type orphanages, and the Ridni Center for social support of children and families.



Charity meditations with Igor Zaitsev

Charity action

The goal of the project is to collect 100 thousand hryvnias for educational courses for 10 children in the new year. These are orphans, children deprived of parental care, and children whose families have found themselves in difficult life circumstances.

Foundation Ambassador Igor Zaitsev and the Ridni Charitable Foundation team united for a common goal - to help the children.

Thanks to the benefactors we managed to collect **UAH 100,000**, which were used to buy English language courses, driving courses and cooking courses for the “Dream and Go ahead” project participants.

The goal of the action

To provide children with knowledge with which they can learn, understand themselves and fulfill themselves in the modern world.



Partner: Dobro.ua
crowdfunding platform



Easter action

Charity action

On Easter Eve we organized a campaign for families in difficult life circumstances, in cooperation with Enzym Company.

The goal of the action

To develop support for families in difficult life circumstances.

Thanks to the company's support, we were able to put together 150 food kits.

In these, each family found everything they needed for the table, as well as ingredients for festive baked goods produced by the company.

Partner: Enzym Company



FINANCES

Financial statements 2021

Foundation assets

Data are presented in the national currency – hryvnias

Real estate involved in realising the mission of the foundation

Family-type orphanage on Porokhova Street	5 845 908
Family-type orphanage on Chornovola Street	6 200 895
Ridni Center for social support for children and families of Lviv City Council	11 013 337
Kindergarten building	24 772 163

Administrative real estate

Office (Porokhova Street)	1 538 287
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Total	43 370 590
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Financial statements 2021

Data are presented in the national currency – hryvnias

At the beginning of the year **4 208 322**

At the end of the year **3 583 756**

Incomes **4 436 790**

Voluntary donations from companies	1 702 037
Voluntary donations from individuals	202 170
Charity actions	607 230
Grants	347 771
Incomes from operations	1 517 883
Other incomes	59 700

Expenditures **5 061 356**

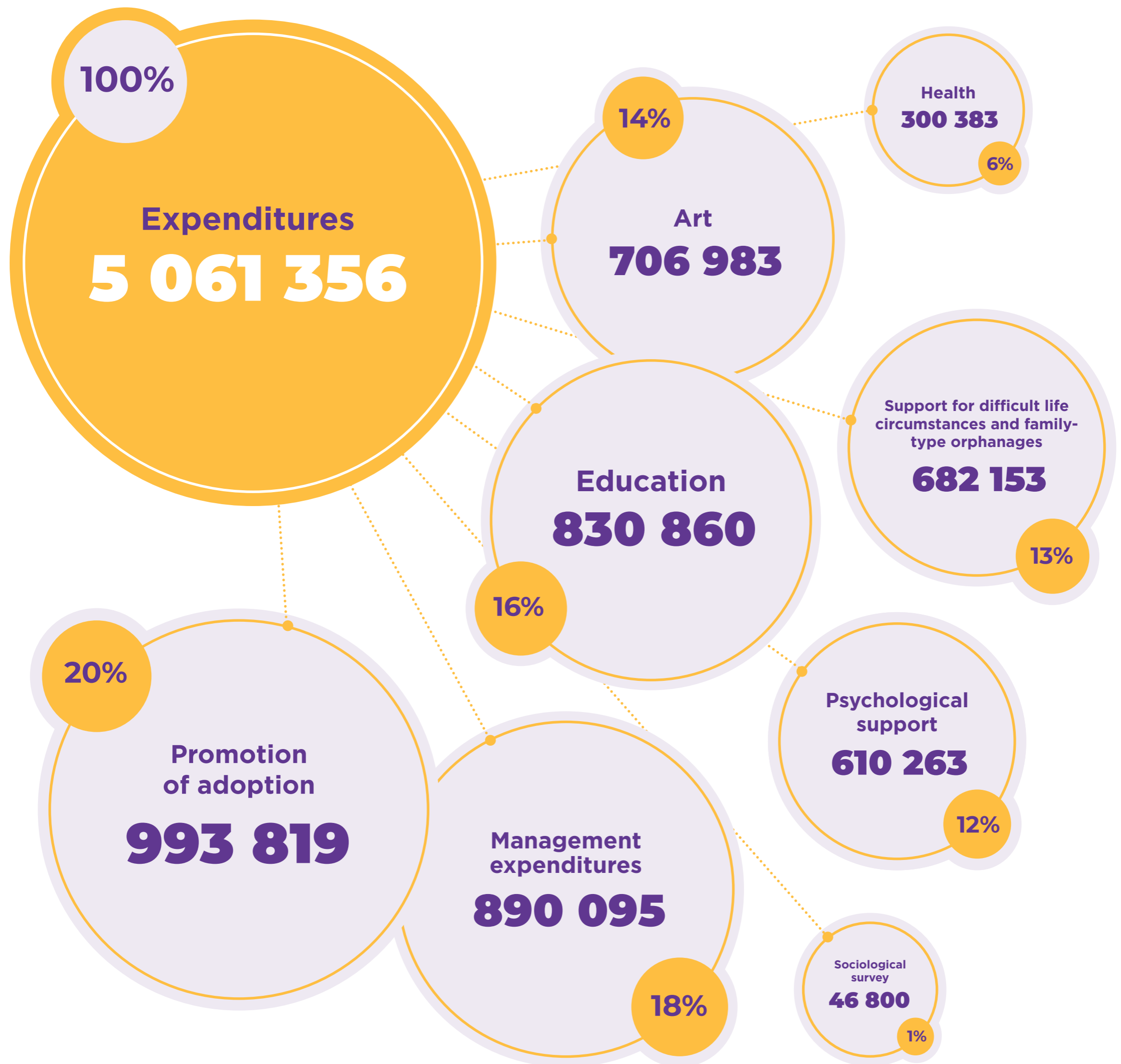
By projects: **4 171 261**

Material Aid project	484 771
“Hotline” project	43 025
“Sporidneni Auction” project	673 339
“Theater for a Baby” project	33 644
“School of Christmas” project	41 114
“Health Education” project	152 925
“Prostir Do” project	149 553
“Dream and Go ahead” project	640 193
“Teeth” project	70 870
Photo exhibition “Behold me” project	45 496
“Carry out good deeds with Ri and Di” project	74 278
“Easter Action” project	136 157
“Coffee with St. Nicholas” project	45 834
“Mentoring” project	91 372
“Adoption” project	813 926
“Covid-19” project	2 310
Celebration for children	15 391
“On the wave of parenthood” project	610 263
Sociological survey	46 800

Management expenditures **890 095**

By area of activity

Data are presented in the national currency - hryvnias



PARTNERS

Partners of the Ridni Foundation

Partners

of the Ridni Charitable Foundation

Thanks to our partners, we are able to better implement all of our projects and initiatives to create a happy future for children growing up without relatives.

Through our mutual efforts, we support talents and provide new opportunities for the socialisation and adaptation of the children our foundation deals with.





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