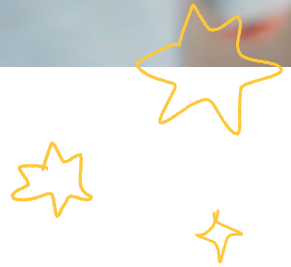
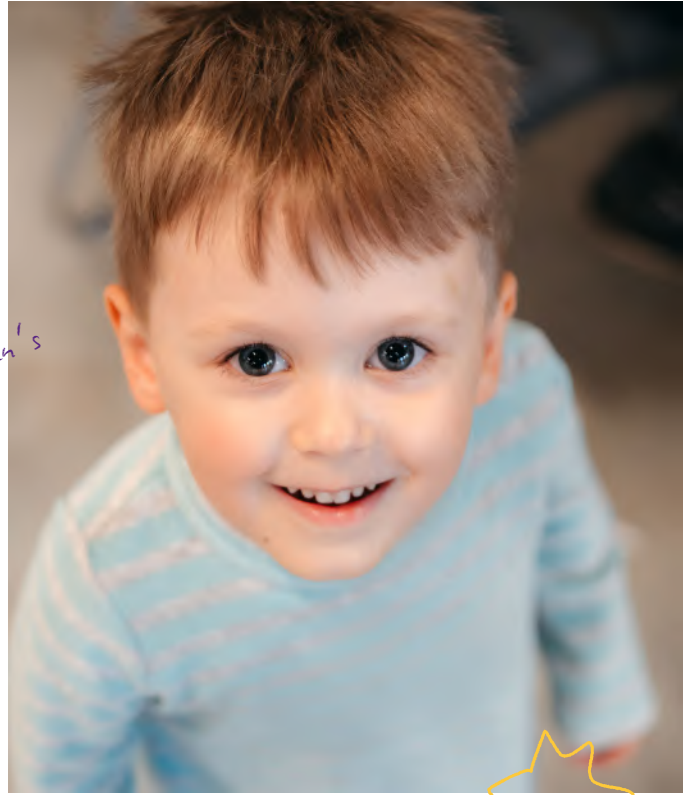




*13 Years
of Support
and Children's
Smiles*



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2025 ANNUAL REPORT**

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*We believe that childhood
is a sense of home, trust,
and the opportunity to dream,
even in the most challenging times.*

A young participant
at the "Family Day"
event



Since 2012, Ridni Foundation
has been working to ensure that
every child in Ukraine grows up
in safety, care, and a family
environment.



01 / ABOUT RIDNI FOUNDATION



*Our story began with the belief
that love and professional support
can change lives.*

We support orphans, children deprived of parental care, and other groups of children who require specialized social assistance. Our approach goes beyond one-time assistance. We create systemic solutions that protect children's rights and strengthen the capacity of families and communities.

The Foundation implements comprehensive programs in four key areas: orphanhood prevention, development of family-based care and foster care (patronat), work with teenagers and young people, and deinstitutionalization.

We provide integrated psychological, social, educational, and legal support, working with children, families, specialists, and communities in partnership with state and international institutions. This approach allows us not only to react to crises, but also to prevent their long-term consequences.

Over the years, Ridni has become a professional support community for children, families, and those who work alongside them every day.

VALUES

- > Child's safety and well-being
- > Teamwork and collaboration
- > Transparency
- > Responsibility
- > Effectiveness

MISSION

Supporting every child by creating a safe environment and strengthening the institution of the family.

WHAT WE DO

We work comprehensively to ensure that every child grows up in a loving family, guided by strong values and has the opportunity for a happy future. To achieve this, we:

> PROVIDE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WITH PSYCHOLOGICAL, SOCIAL, AND EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT

> SUPPORT FAMILIES FACING DIFFICULT LIFE CIRCUMSTANCES

> WORK TO PREVENT ORPHANHOOD AND STRENGTHEN FAMILY CAPACITY

> OFFER COUNSELING AND ONGOING SUPPORT TO ADOPTIVE PARENTS, FOSTER PARENTS, AND CAREGIVERS

> PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT TO ADOLESCENTS AND CHILDREN IN INSTITUTIONAL CARE, FOSTERING THEIR INTEGRATION AND SOCIALIZATION

01 / DEAR PARTNERS AND FRIENDS OF RIDNI FOUNDATION!

The year 2025 became a year of important decisions, internal maturity, and our continuous support for children and families who needed it most. In the context of war, support for many families is not a one-time gesture, but a long-term journey that helps them to stay resilient, preserve family unity, restore inner strength, and return to children a sense of safety and the joy of childhood.

This year, we focused on work that is not always visible or popular but is critically important: supporting families who have taken responsibility of raising children – foster families, guardians, and adoptive families. We also worked systematically with families in crisis. Our task was not to "put out fires," but to restore families' capacity to care for their children and remain together.

A special focus in 2025 was support for teenagers and youth who grew up without proper parental care or who are transitioning into independent life during wartime. We supported them in accessing education, developing independent living skills, strengthening psychological resilience, and building confidence in their own abilities. For these young people, our support means not being left alone with the difficult decisions of adult life.

We clearly understand that no organization can create sustainable change on its own. Therefore, one of the Foundation's key priorities has been to unite all stakeholders around the child and the family – communities, local authorities, social services, professionals, educational institutions, international



partners, and civil society organizations. This coordination allows us to avoid duplication of efforts, strengthen one another, and build sustainable solutions that outlast individual projects.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Foundation's team. These are people with open hearts who work daily with complex human stories, carry a high emotional load, and make difficult decisions. It is their commitment and professionalism that bring light where it is needed most.

We are deeply grateful to our partners and donors in Ukraine and around the world – individuals and organizations who care about the future of Ukrainian children and young people. Your trust, solidarity, and consistent support enable us to continue and expand our programs even in the most challenging circumstances.

I would also like to express our profound gratitude to the Armed Forces of Ukraine. Thanks to your courage and sacrifice, we can work, support families, and help build a future for children and young people in Ukraine.

Behind every figure in this report are real stories of children, young people, and families, as well as a network of people and partners united by a shared responsibility. Ridni Foundation will continue working to ensure that every Ukrainian child and young person has support, protection, and a chance for a dignified future.

*With gratitude and respect,
Mariana Romaniak
CEO, Ridni Foundation*

01 / CHALLENGES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

THE WAR IN UKRAINE CONTINUES
TO SYSTEMICALLY AFFECT THE LIVES
OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES,
UNDERMINING BASIC CONDITIONS
OF SAFETY AND STABILITY.

~70%

>3.5 MILLION UKRAINIAN CHILDREN HAVE
LIMITED ACCESS TO BASIC NEEDS.

(According to UNICEF data, as of 2025).

Russia's full-scale war against Ukraine continues to have profound and long-term consequences for children's development and future. A significant share of educational infrastructure has been damaged or destroyed, and about **4.6 million children face barriers to accessing education**. Ongoing attacks and frequent air raid alerts disrupt the learning process, while in frontline regions many schools remain closed due to security risks or the lack of shelters. **As a result, nearly one million children are forced to study online, often in conditions of limited resources.**

→ WHY SUPPORT
IS CRITICAL RIGHT NOW

According to Save the Children, prolonged instability and stress increase children's exposure to disrupted learning, psychological trauma, and the loss of a sense of safety. These challenges have long-term effects on emotional development, socialization, and children's ability to build their own futures.

In this context, support for children and families requires a systematic and responsible approach, focused on ensuring safety, access to services, and a family environment for every child.

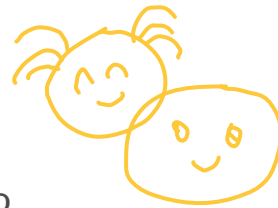
*Eight-year-old Zhenya stands
with his cat in one of the rooms
of his partially destroyed apartment
after Russia's invasion of Ukraine.*



Mykhailo Palinchak
Yagidne village, Chernihiv region, Ukraine

02 / RESULTS OF 2025

Each result presented in this report reflects a real and measurable improvement in the lives of children and families.



13,591

CHILDREN RECEIVED MATERIAL, EDUCATIONAL, AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSISTANCE

4,023

PARENTS AND FAMILIES RECEIVED COMPREHENSIVE GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT

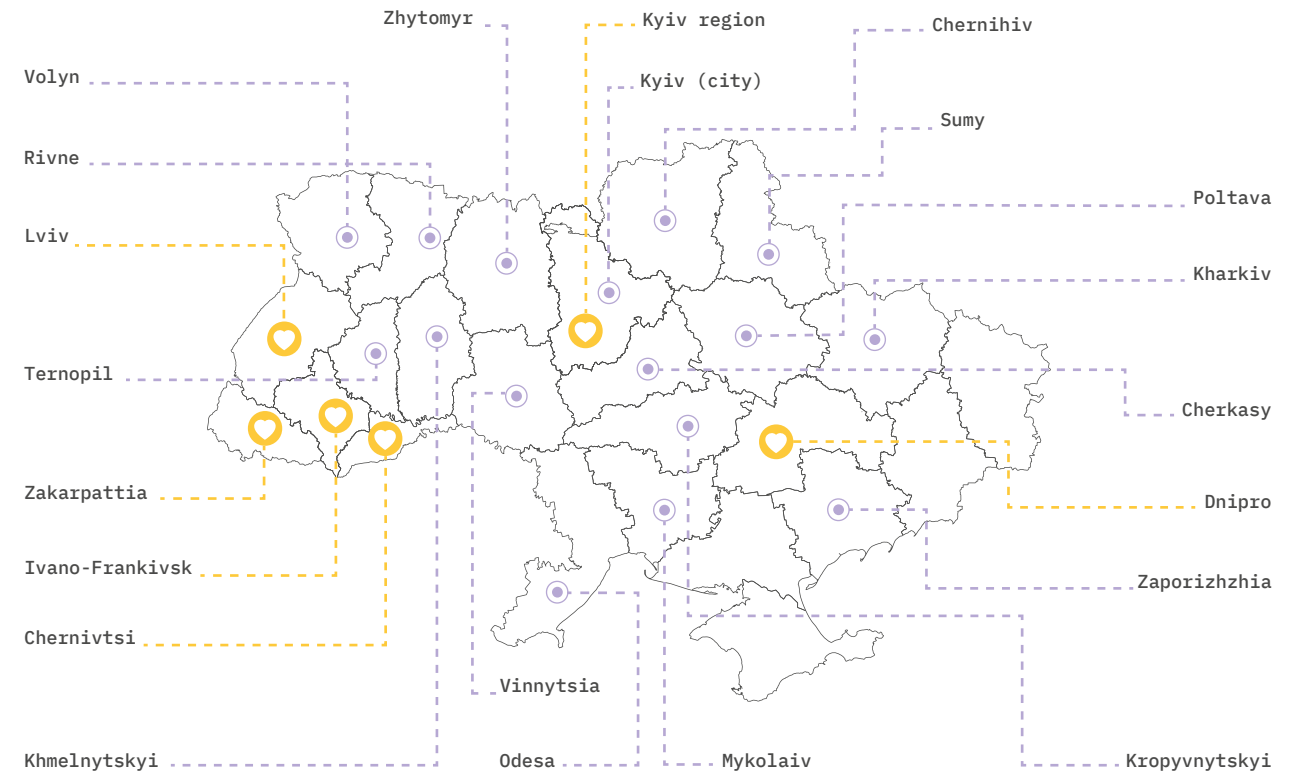
1,747

SPECIALISTS FROM ACROSS UKRAINE COMPLETED TRAINING AND RECEIVED PRACTICAL RESOURCES FOR WORKING WITH CHILDREN

116



CHILDREN FOUND NEW FAMILIES AND ARE NOW GROWING UP IN LOVE AND CARE



In 2025, we combined different formats of work - from direct presence in communities to remote support and online training. This approach allowed us to scale our assistance while maintaining depth and adaptability to regional needs.

GEOGRAPHY IN 2025

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 COMMUNITIES

21

 REGIONS AND THE CITY OF KYIV

/ OFFLINE 
/ ONLINE 

03 / THE CHILD AT THE CENTER OF ALL PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

All programs are designed around a child-centered approach and aimed at preserving or restoring a family environment.

The Foundation works with the child not in isolation, but in the context of the family, community, and support system.



IN 2025, THE FOUNDATION'S WORK WAS STRUCTURED AROUND FOUR INTERCONNECTED PROGRAMS THAT CORRESPOND TO DIFFERENT STAGES OF A CHILD'S LIFE AND KEY SYSTEMIC CHALLENGES WITHIN THE CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEM →

1

PREVENTION

Preserving the child's biological family, developing parental potential, and reinforcing the institution of the family. We work to prevent social orphanhood and violations of children's rights by developing preventive services in communities, capacity building for parents and professionals, and implementing mechanisms for early identification, prevention, and mitigation of social risks.

2

FAMILY-BASED CARE AND FOSTER CARE (PATRONAT)

Ensuring the best interests of the child through placement in family-based care or foster care. We develop and support family-based care and patronat, strengthen state and community services, provide counseling to candidates, and accompany families throughout the adoption and placement process.



4

DEINSTITUTIONALIZATION

Promoting reform of the childcare system by transitioning from institutional care to family-based models, ensuring that every child receives care and support in a family environment.

3

EMPOWERING TEENAGERS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Supporting the development of adolescents and young people in Ukraine by creating opportunities for personal growth, strengthening psychosocial well-being, developing young leaders, and engaging youth in decision-making processes at the community level.

04 / PREVENTION

↓ THE CHALLENGE

War and socio-economic instability increase the number of families in crisis, raising the risk of children losing a family environment.

↓ WHO WE SUPPORT

Families with children facing difficult life circumstances, as well as community-based professionals who work with them.

↓ HOW WE WORK

The program is implemented in cooperation with communities and local services. It focuses on early identification of needs, individualized family support, and strengthening the capacity of professionals working with children. This approach allows us not only to respond to crises, but also to prevent their escalation.

PROJECT: "STRENGTHENING CIVIL SOCIETY FOR RAPID RECOVERY AND WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN IN UKRAINE" IMPLEMENTED WITH THE SUPPORT OF WORLD VISION INTERNATIONAL

In partnership with World Vision International, Ridni Foundation implemented a project aimed at providing psychological support to children and families affected by the war in Ukraine. We joined forces to equip professionals – teachers, psychologists, and social workers – with new tools, while helping vulnerable groups, including internally displaced persons and families in crisis, restore resilience and a sense of stability.

- **249 specialists from 21 regions** participated in the "Points of Support" conferences;
- **85 specialists** mastered the "Khvylyalka" methodology;
- **4,877 children** participated in psychoeducational workshops across 18 regions;
- **30 participants** completed an online workshop on creating therapeutic fairy tales;
- **The "Helpers' Tales"** collection was created and distributed to **123 institutions and organizations**;
- A strategic session and project management training were conducted (KMBS).

PROGRAM PARTNERS



The implementation of the Prevention Program in 2025 became possible thanks to cooperation with international partners, public authorities, and local communities.

Participants of the "Points of Support" Forum in Dnipro mastering the Khvylyalka method



04 / PREVENTION

↓ RESULTS

STRENGTHENING THE SUPPORT SYSTEM



- **25 specialists** engaged to provide psychosocial support;
- **5 supervision sessions** conducted for specialists in Lviv region;
- **49 specialists** completed training using the "Batkivskyi Oberih" ("Parental Shield") methodology.

EARLY IDENTIFICATION AND RESPONSE



- **3,630 individuals** received psychosocial support (individual and group sessions with psychologists);
- **450 individual psychotherapy sessions** conducted;
- **133 children** received corrective services;
- **A study "Assessing the Needs of Children in Family-Based Care"** conducted (102 families, 249 children, 8 communities). The findings formed the basis for individualized solutions to protect each child's rights.

SUPPORTING AND STRENGTHENING PARENTAL CAPACITY



- **37 parent clubs** in 8 communities;
- **5 supervision meetings** held for parents.

PREVENTION OF DETERIORATION IN FAMILY LIVING CONDITIONS



- **22 families** provided with essential household appliances;
- **22 families** are currently in the process of receiving furniture.

IMPACT →

FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ↓

- > Families in crisis received timely support, helping children remain in a family environment and preventing the escalation of crises.
- > Children gained access to psychological and corrective services, reducing anxiety levels and stabilizing emotional well-being.
- > Parents strengthened their responsible parenting skills and acquired tools to cope with difficult life situations.

FOR COMMUNITIES AND SPECIALISTS ↓

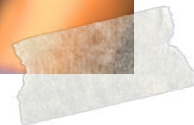
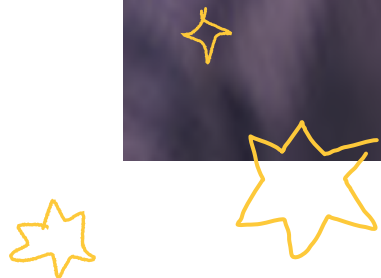
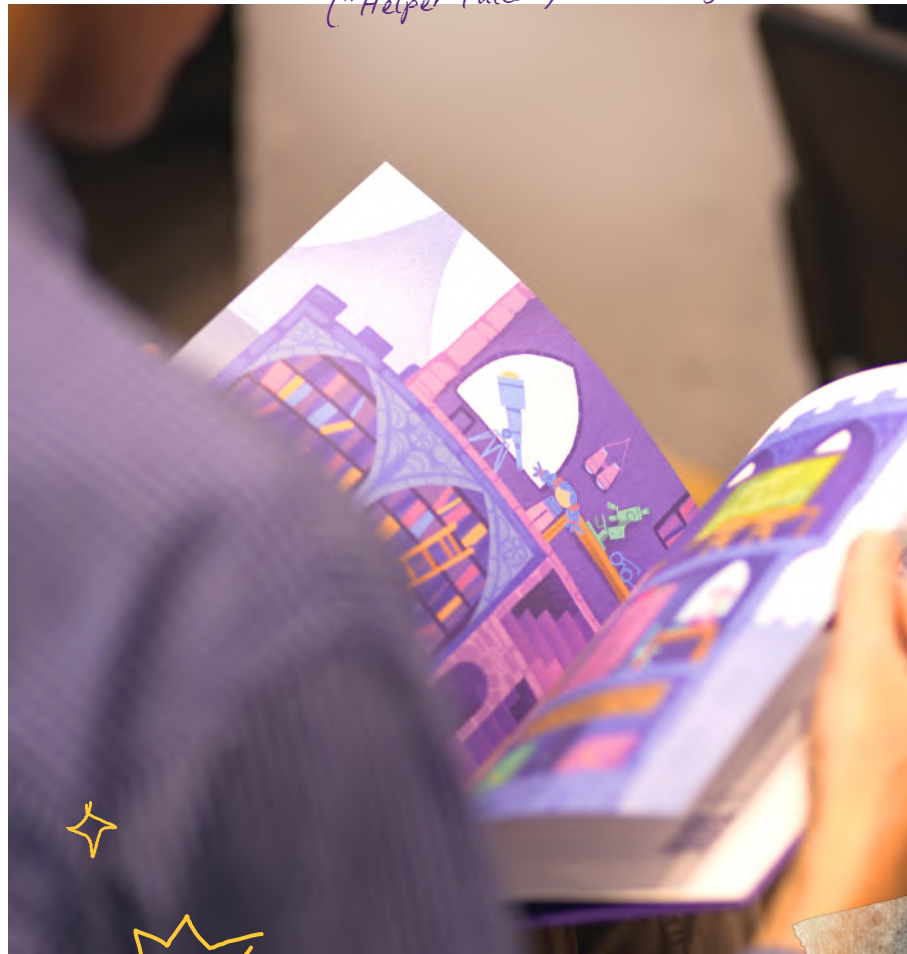
- > Communities enhanced their capacity for early family needs identification and crisis response.
- > Professionals gained practical tools and methodologies for working with children and parents that remain effective beyond project completion.
- > Psychologists, social workers, and educators formed a professional network of mutual support.

FOR THE CHILD SUPPORT SYSTEM ↓

- > Research findings on children's and families' needs became the basis for more targeted individual support and program planning.
- > The project strengthened intersectoral cooperation between the civil sector, communities, and partners in child and family support.
- > The foundation was laid for scaling the prevention program to other regions.



Pages of the "Kazky Pomichayky"
("Helper Tales") that bring warmth



Helping families find support
and self-confidence through the "Batkiivskiyi
Oberih" ("Parental Shield") program

04 / PREVENTION



Restoring internal resilience: experience of a Forum participant in Lviv

"I gained a deep understanding of my own resources for growth and well-being. Panel discussions, art therapy workshops, theatrical improvisation, and lectures on the role of communities helped me find inner points of strength and support during difficult moments. The event became an incredible source of inspiration, creativity, and new connections!"

From: *Olha*



Creativity as a resource: experience of a Forum participant in Dnipro

"At the forum, I realized how important it is to find inner resource even in difficult times. Through art therapy practices, I understood that creativity can be not only a form of self-expression, but also a powerful tool for emotional support and recovery."

From: *Stepan*



Fairy tales as a support tool: experience of a fairy tale creation course participant

"I truly enjoyed the interaction during the process of creating a fairy tale and discussing it afterward. I was happy to read my colleagues' stories and grateful that these materials are now accessible. Discussing the stories together was especially valuable - hearing how others perceived them mattered. A fairy tale can truly help overcome difficulties. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!"

From: *Participant of the online fairy tale creation course*



A methodology that works with emotions: insights from an online course participant and parents

"Working with the 'Khvylyalka' methodology, I noticed its positive impact on children's emotional states and family interaction. The method is highly adaptable and resourceful - it can be easily adjusted for different ages and needs. It helps reduce anxiety, supports emotional intelligence development, and strengthens family bonds."

From: *Oksana*

"Both of my children participated in the therapeutic doll workshops. I have two daughters, aged 9 and 17, and we are internally displaced from Kharkiv. The children were extremely stressed by the air raid sirens, but the doll helped them calm down. The older one holds it during alerts, and the younger carries it everywhere. Thank you for such healing help."

From: *Parents of a 9-year-old participant of a psycho-educational workshop, Poltava.*

PARTICIPANTS' FEEDBACK ↑

05 / FAMILY-BASED CARE AND FOSTER CARE (PATRONAT)

↓ THE CHALLENGE

Children deprived of parental care often end up in institutional settings. Families on the path to adoption require professional support and guidance.

↓ WHO WE SUPPORT

Children deprived of parental care, prospective adoptive parents, foster families, and patronat caregivers.

↓ HOW WE WORK

We provide psychological, legal, and social support, conduct training and support groups, develop patronat care, and cooperate with communities and child protection services.

PROGRAM PARTNERS



PARTNERSHIP WITH UNICEF

In 2025, Ridni Foundation continued its strategic cooperation with UNICEF to ensure every child's right to grow up in a family environment. As part of this partnership, the hotline continued its work on adoption, family-based care, patronat, and mentorship.

The project is implemented in Lviv Region by Ridni Foundation and UNICEF with the financial support of the Government of the United States of America (USA).

The implementation of the program in 2025 became possible thanks to cooperation with international partners, government institutions, communities, as well as the active support of businesses, private donors, and philanthropists who share the value of family-based care for every child.

THE POWER OF SUPPORT: THE STORY OF OLYA AND VITALIY'S FAMILY

The heroes of the third season of the podcast "Finally We Met", implemented by Ridni Foundation together with UNICEF, shared their personal stories. This story is a testament to how the Foundation's support helps families overcome crises.



"We were the only support for each other, but it turned out not to be enough. The help of the psychologists from Ridni Foundation literally pulled us out of crisis."



Olya and Vitaliy went through a difficult period of adaptation after adopting their daughter Nastia, when it became clear that the family could not cope without professional help.

The Foundation provided the family with comprehensive psychological support, which helped the parents and their daughter better understand one another, overcome tension, and preserve their relationship.

05 / FAMILY-BASED CARE AND FOSTER CARE (PATRONAT)

↓ RESULTS

CONSULTATIONS AND FAMILY SUPPORT



- **750+** legal and psychological *consultations* provided;
- **19 court decisions** supporting adoption processes;
- **31 children** placed in family-based care;
- **43 individuals** received psychosocial support;
- **328 calls to the hotline** regarding adoption, family-based care, foster care, and mentorship.

TRAINING AND SUPPORT FOR FAMILY-BASED CARE



- **225 participants** completed training for prospective adoptive parents and family-based caregivers;
- **47 participants** took part in support groups for family-based caregivers;
- **170 people** completed advanced training for existing family-based caregivers;
- **45 foster parents and children** in temporary care attended a three-day training retreat.

MATERIAL SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES



- **26 children** living in family-type children's homes and foster families received essential appliances and furniture.

PROMOTION OF ADOPTION AND FAMILY-BASED CARE



- **313 people** attended the "Child. Dream. Family" Forum;
- **15 meetups** were attended by 301 participants;
- **7 new episodes** of the podcast "Finally We Met" were released;
- **Awareness campaign "Foster Care Month"**, August 2025, Lviv.

IMPACT →

FOR CHILDREN ↓

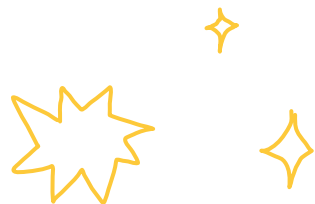
- > Strengthened implementation of children's right to grow up in a family environment by developing and supporting family-based care.

FOR FAMILIES ↓

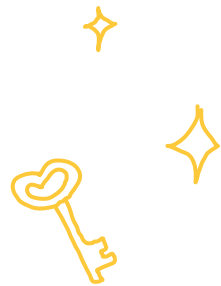
- > Increased capacity of foster parents and prospective caregivers to establish family-based care through comprehensive psychosocial, legal, and educational support.
- > Foster families strengthened their resilience through training, support groups, and ongoing guidance.

FOR COMMUNITIES ↓

- > Increased community awareness and positive attitude toward adoption and alternative family-based care.
- > Created an environment of mutual support and cooperation among families, professionals, and communities.
- > Established a foundation for the further development of foster care and family-based care as a sustainable part of the child protection system.



05 / FAMILY-BASED CARE AND FOSTER CARE (PATRONAT)



KEY EVENTS →

November 25, 2025
Lviv



"CHILD.DREAM.FAMILY" FORUM



The event was held in cooperation with the Lviv Regional State Administration. The forum brought together 313 participants - experts, government officials, and representatives of the civil society - around the topic of family-based care. Participants discussed the strategy for ensuring every child's right to grow up in a family, supporting foster and patronat (foster) families, and issues of youth socialization.

A highlight of the event was the announcement of the "Child's Journey" - a user-friendly service map designed to ensure faster support for families within their communities.

May 28, 2025
Lviv



"GIVING WINGS" FORUM

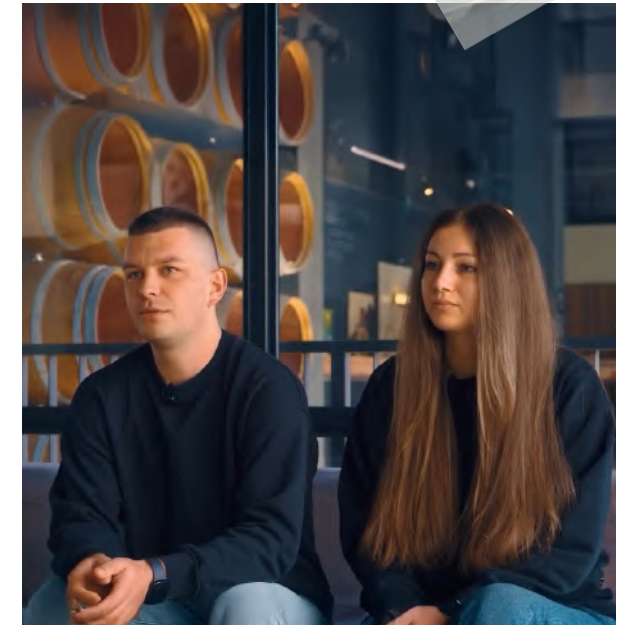


In partnership with the Children's Services Department of the Lviv City Council, the Foundation organized a forum dedicated to the development of patronat care as an alternative to institutional upbringing. Participants discussed the importance of patronat care and ways to respond to the real needs of children in institutions. The forum became a platform for open dialogue between professionals, communities, and potential patronat caregivers.

August 2025
Lviv



"FOSTER CARE MONTH"



Together with the Children's Service of the Lviv City Council, a large-scale awareness campaign aimed at promoting patronat care was conducted. The campaign provided community residents with clear and practical information about patronat care, helping to overcome prejudices, and increase interest in temporary family-based care options for children.

05 / FAMILY-BASED CARE AND FOSTER CARE (PATRONAT)

↓ STORIES



Lviv's First Patronat Family

The Pasternak family became the first patronat (foster) family in Lviv. For them, patronat care means being there for a child during their most difficult moments. By their example, they showed readiness to open their home and give a child a sense of safety that cannot be found within institutional walls.

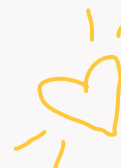
The Pasternak Family



A Child's Journey from an Institution

Lilya entered an orphanage at the age of 11 and still remembers the cold and loneliness of that time. Today she is convinced that if she and her sister had been placed in a patronage family instead of an institution, her path would have been much easier and clearer. Her story is a reminder that children always need reliable adults by their side.

Lilya Hnato



Patronat Care as a Bridge to a Family



Yuliia is the mother of two boys who, before their adoption, had experience living in a patronage family. Patronat care became a bridge for them that helped preserve their trust in family.

Yuliia Didula

"Children find it much easier to make contact and begin trusting the world again."



06 / EMPOWERING TEENAGERS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

↓ THE CHALLENGE

Teenagers and young people from vulnerable groups often lack support on their way to adulthood, which increases the risks of social isolation, educational loss, and uncertainty about their future.

↓ WHO WE SUPPORT

Teenagers and youth aged 14-23 with experience of institutional care, children raised in family-based care, internally displaced youth, young people with disabilities, and those who find themselves in difficult life circumstances.

↓ HOW WE WORK

We provide psychosocial support, non-formal education, career guidance, mentoring, and the development of youth communities, creating a safe environment for socialization, skills development, and future planning.

"SPILNOTA" (COMMUNITY)

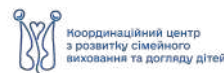
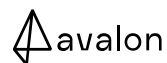
"Spilnota" is a support and development program for teenagers and young people aged 14-23 who need social guidance and new opportunities. Participants include orphans, children deprived of parental care, internally displaced youth, teenagers with institutional experience, young people raised in family-based care, and young people in difficult life circumstances.

The program provides a safe space for emotional and psychological support, where participants build trust and develop life skills. Through meetings, trainings, and outdoor activities, young people learn to better understand themselves, cope with challenges during wartime, and confidently plan their future. The program focuses on mental health, non-formal education, and career guidance.

In 2025, the program was implemented in five regions of Ukraine through several support formats:

- Transformation program Power4Girls (Ivano-Frankivsk, Zakarpattia, Kyiv, Kryvyi Rih, Lviv);
- Scholarships (Ivano-Frankivsk, Kryvyi Rih, Lviv);
- Mentorship (Zakarpattia, Lviv);
- Small Group Home "Spilnota-Ridni" (Lviv).

PROGRAM PARTNERS



+ Private donors



Participants of the "Create & Shine" event writing their plans for the future

06 / EMPOWERING TEENAGERS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

↓ RESULTS



1,245 TEENAGERS
AND YOUTH
REACHED



492 EVENTS
HELD



66 TEENAGERS
AND YOUNG PEOPLE
RECEIVED EDUCATIONAL
SUPPORT

IMPACT ↓

FOR TEENAGERS AND YOUNG PEOPLE ↓

- > Strengthened self-confidence and ability to independently choose education, profession, and future path.
- > Reduced educational and social barriers for vulnerable young people through access to career guidance, mentoring, and educational support.
- > Improved psychological resilience and life skills through safe spaces, support from adults, and peer communities.

FOR COMMUNITIES ↓

- > Established sustainable models for supporting young people during the transition to adulthood, particularly through mentorship and intersectoral cooperation.
- > Increased engagement of professionals and partners in working with youth with experience of institutional care, youth with disabilities, and those in difficult life circumstances.
- > Laid the foundation for scaling youth support programs as part of the broader child protection system and human capital development.

April 27, 2025
Lviv



SPILNOTAFEST



The third large-scale youth festival within the Spilnota project, supported by Ukraine Children's Action Project (UCAP) and in partnership with the NGO "3D - Let's Help the Children." This year's festival brought together more than 70 teenagers. SpilnotaFest became a space for support and mutual interaction, where through creativity and communication young people found strength and inner resilience during the war.

July 11, 2025
Ivano-Frankivsk



ALL-UKRAINIAN ART FESTIVAL "CREATE & SHINE" X SPILNOTA



A creative event with a series of workshops for vulnerable youth aged 12-18. Through working with text, illustrations, comics, and zines, participants had the opportunity to better understand themselves, express their emotions, and translate them into creative forms. The festival became a safe space for emotional support, self-expression, and recovery.

KEY EVENTS ↑

06 / EMPOWERING TEENAGERS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

↓ PROJECTS

Ridni Foundation supports young people in various ways: we help them choose a profession, provide educational support, and help them find reliable mentors.

MENTORSHIP →



Geography:
Zakarpattia, Ivano-Frankivsk, Lviv,
and Chernivtsi regions

Project Goal:

to provide children and teenagers with stable adult support during the process of socialization and planning their future.

Results:

- 95 applications received from mentor candidates;
- 26 mentors successfully completed training;
- 8 mentor-child pairs established within six months;
- 15 specialists trained in two partner institutions.

SMALL GROUP HOME "SPILNOTA-RIDNI" →



Geography:
Lviv

Project Goal:

to provide comprehensive support and development for youth, helping to break the cycle of orphanhood by preparing them for independent living.

Results:

- 13 teenage residents participated in the program and received support with education, clothing, footwear, and medical assistance;
- 2 camps (winter and summer) supported through charitable contributions;
- Residents were engaged in the Transformation Program and the Community in Lviv.

*Participant
of the "Create & Shine"
x Spilnota event*



EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT →



Geography:
Lviv, Kryvyi Rih,
and Ivano-Frankivsk region

Project Goal:

financial support to teenagers and youth in pursuing education and personal development.

Results:

66 teenagers and young people received educational support (tuition and tutoring services).



"SpilnotaFest" means having people who stand by you, believing in your potential even when you don't see it



*The Power of mentorship:
Sometimes, just being by someone's side is the
most powerful thing you can do*



06 / EMPOWERING TEENAGERS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

↓ STORIES

"At 16, I moved to the Small Group Home "Spilnota-Ridni". It was a step toward real responsibility."



From a Dream to a Profession: Valya's Story

Valia grew up in an orphanage from her earliest years. Despite the difficulties, she dreamed of learning how to "create stories" through photography and video. Ridni Foundation noticed Valia's interest and talent and invited her to join the volunteer content-making team. With the Foundation's support, Valia completed a professional video-making course, gained practical experience, and became part of the team. Today, she is independently building her future and working in the field she once dreamed about.

Valentyna Kushka



"I found true support in a family-type children's home created with the support of Ridni Foundation."



Support That Matters: Diana's Story



After losing her mother, 13-year-old Diana was placed in a shelter. Later, she moved to a family-type children's home, where she received psychological support and had the opportunity to continue her education in a stable environment. This helped her adapt to adult life. Today, Diana works at the Lviv Regional Communal Institution "Center for Social Support of Children and Families," helping children and families overcome crises by sharing her own experience of care and protection she once received through Ridni.

Diana Kit



07 / DEINSTITUTIONALIZATION

↓ IMPACT

The program aims to support the reform of the childcare system by transitioning from institutional care to family-based care, ensuring that every child grows up in a safe and nurturing family environment.

Ridni Foundation implements this program by strengthening family-based and patronat (foster) care, building the capacity of professionals, and supporting the transformation of residential institutions into centers for social support of children and families – as a temporary transitional solution within the implementation of the Better Care reform.

We believe that no institution can replace a family for a child. Therefore, our work focuses on fundamental systemic changes that ensure every child’s right to grow up in a safe and stable family environment.

SYSTEMIC CHANGES

→ Initiated the creation of a working group on the transformation of the children's shelter under the Children's Service of the Lviv Regional State Administration into the Municipal Institution of the Lviv Regional Council "Center for Social Support of Children and Families."

→ Developed the methodological guide "Reintegration of Children into Families: Practical Steps and Support on the Path to Return."

FOR CHILDREN ↓

> Strengthened the realization of the children's right to be raised in a family environment.

> Reduced the risk of repeated institutionalization and prolonged stays of children in institutional facilities.

FOR COMMUNITIES AND PROFESSIONALS ↓

> Increased the capacity of communities and child protection services to make decisions in the best interests of the child.

> Professionals gained practical tools, guidance, and interagency support for working with children and families.

FOR THE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM ↓

> Launched the transformation of residential institutions into centers for social support of children and families.

> Laid the groundwork for the sustainable implementation of the Better Care reform at the regional level.

↓ RESULTS



**20 TRAININGS
ATTENDED BY 401 PARTICIPANTS**

for child protection services and social work professionals in the Lviv region



**5 INTERAGENCY EVENTS
ATTENDED BY 426 PARTICIPANTS**



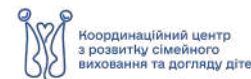
**8 SUPERVISION SESSIONS
ATTENDED BY 218 PARTICIPANTS**

for child protection services



**7 MEETINGS OF WORKING GROUPS
AND THE COORDINATION COUNCIL
ATTENDED BY 343 PARTICIPANTS**

PARTNERS



The program in 2025 was implemented thanks to cooperation with international partners, government institutions, and local communities, as well as the active support of businesses, private donors, and philanthropists who share the values of family-based care for every child.

07 / DEINSTITUTIONALIZATION

↓ PROJECTS

MUNICIPAL INSTITUTION "CENTER FOR SOCIAL SUPPORT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES 'RIDNI'" OF THE LVIV CITY COUNCIL

Supported by the UK Government, the project "Strengthening the Capacity of the Family Support Service Department of the 'Ridni' Center for Social Support of Children and Families" was successfully implemented.

The initiative is implemented by Ridni Foundation in close cooperation with the Children's Services Department of the Lviv City Council's Humanitarian Policy Directorate and the Municipal Institution "Center for Social Support of Children and Families 'Ridni'" of the Lviv City Council.

♥
40% OF CHILDREN SUCCESSFULLY RETURNED TO THEIR BIOLOGICAL FAMILIES →

KEY PROJECT RESULTS ↓

The project resulted in the development of the methodological guide "Reintegration of Children into the Family: Practical Steps and Support on the Path to Return."

The guide summarizes five years of the Center's systemic experience, which made it possible to achieve a key result: over 60% of children within nine months received the status of a child deprived of parental care, and 26.8% of them have already been placed in family-based forms of care.

such a result became possible thanks to the introduction of innovative practices and methodologies that lead to real, positive changes in the lives of children.



MUNICIPAL INSTITUTION OF THE LVIV REGIONAL COUNCIL "CENTER FOR SOCIAL SUPPORT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES"

In 2025, the Foundation initiated the creation and joined the working group on the transformation of the children's shelter of the Children's Services Department of the Lviv Regional State Administration into the Municipal Institution of the Lviv Regional Council "Center for Social Support of Children and Families." This is an example of the practical implementation of the National Strategy to ensure the right of every child in Ukraine to be raised in a family environment.

The uniqueness of the Center lies in its comprehensiveness: in one place several important departments whose main goal is to help children return to their biological families or find new ones as quickly as possible, while providing families facing difficult life circumstances with the strength and resources needed to strengthen relationships and thrive.



08 / PARTNERSHIPS

PLATFORMS AND ASSOCIATIONS →



DONORS AND PARTNERS ↓



08 / PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES



LIAM TO LVIV

↓ €20,000 RAISED

A geography teacher from the Netherlands Liam cycled more than 1,600 km in 29 days to support Ukrainian children and youth.

The funds were directed to organize a summer camp in the Carpathians and to support children from frontline communities.



"Liam's journey is a story of courage and a big heart. It reminds us that one person truly can change someone's life. For us at Ridni Foundation, it is yet another confirmation that kindness knows no borders, and support can come from any corner of the world. We are sincerely grateful to Liam and to everyone who joined this initiative."



Mariana Romaniak,
CEO of Ridni Foundation

08 / COFFEE WITH ST. NICHOLAS



An annual pre-holiday charitable initiative to support children in family-based care.

→ UAH 342,992.99 RAISED

Funds will be directed to support children in family-type children's homes and foster families in the Mykolaiv region.



↓ 17 PARTNERS IN 2025



08 / PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES

@UKRENERGO

RIDNI × NATIONAL POWER COMPANY "UKRENERGO"

Career-oriented meetings for teenagers from vulnerable groups and participants of the Spilnota program from the Dnipropetrovsk and Lviv regions.

♥ RESULT ↓

> "Energy Quest": 11 participants immersed themselves in the world of energy, studying different types of power generation and mastering the principles of energy-efficient behavior;

> "Step to the Goal" online meeting: Ukrenergo experts shared with students their professional development experience: from choosing a major to daily work challenges.

Вчасно

RIDNI × VCHASNO

A charitable initiative for St. Nicholas Day to support children in difficult life circumstances.

♥ RESULT ↓

182 children from the Lviv and Mykolaiv regions received over 600 kg of individually selected personalized gifts based on their interests and dreams.

"Cooperation with Ridni Foundation for us is about trust, shared values, and genuine desire to support children and be with them in difficult times."

The Vchasno Team

avalon

RIDNI × AVALON

Career guidance days for teenagers from vulnerable groups, residents of the Small Group Home "Spilnota-Ridni".

♥ RESULT ↓

> 20 teenagers immersed themselves in the real world of professions, visited a developer company and realized that their dreams about future careers are real and achievable.

08 / PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES



RIDNI x ORNER



A creative charity initiative – the "City of Happy Childhood" puzzle, where every piece tells a story of care, equality, and inclusion.

♥ RESULT ↓

UAH 29,200 has already been raised. All profits from sales will be directed to support the All-Ukrainian art festival "Create & Shine" for children from vulnerable groups. The initiative is ongoing.



We sincerely thank our partners for their trust and support.



RIDNI x OLD LION PUBLISHING HOUSE



A joint limited collection of book accessories – tote bags and covers with inspiring quotes.

♥ RESULT ↓

UAH 24,800 has already been raised and will be directed to psychosocial support for teenagers and youth in difficult life circumstances. The partnership continues.



CHARITY INITIATIVE "KUKHARI" (CHEFS)



A joint initiative with Foodicine and FoodieSpace restaurants. Over three months, guests had the opportunity to try a unique dish – a lula kebab roll, created by children together with the chef.

♥ RESULT ↓

UAH 66,015 was raised and will be directed toward:
- Organizing a summer camp for teenagers and youth from the Small Group Home "Spilnota-Ridni";
- Training specialists who provide daily support to these children in their development and adaptation.

09 / FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

According to the conclusions of the international auditing company BDO, the Foundation's financial statements fairly and accurately present the financial position and results of the Foundation's activities and were prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and International Standards on Auditing (ISA).

RECEIPTS ↓

85,169,947.56

FUNDING SOURCES >

In-kind donations

1,154,549.80

1%

Individual donors

1,720,517.02

2%

Corporate donors

4,966,444.23

6%

Other income

14,049,081.27

17%

Institutional donors

63,279,355.24

74%

** All amounts are presented
in the national
currency — Ukrainian hryvnia*

09 / FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

TOTAL EXPENDITURES ↑

79,995,473.05

DIRECTIONS >

Deinstitutionalization

16,088,892.29

20%

Family-Based Care and Foster Care (Patronat)

16,175,814.13

20%

Prevention

21,154,408.45

27%

Empowering Teenagers and Young People

26,576,358.17

33%

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currency — Ukrainian hryvnia*

09 / AUDITS 2025

Transparency, accountability, and compliance with international standards are the core of Ridni Foundation's work.



BDO AUDIT

Since 2022, the Foundation has undergone an annual independent audit by BDO.



UNICEF AUDIT SPOT CHECK



UNICEF AUDIT MEAL



STREET CHILD AUDIT



VERIFIED BY PHILANTHROPY
IN UKRAINE.
HIGHEST TRANSPARENCY RATING.



TOP 100+ PUBLIC TRANSPARENT CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS IN UKRAINE

According to the transparency assessment conducted by the Association of Charitable Organizations of Ukraine.



"Mariana Romaniak, CEO of the Foundation, was awarded 1st place as 'Manager of the Year in Charity' at the National Contest 'Charitable Ukraine - 2024'. Additionally, Ridni Foundation won the 'Charitable Lviv Region - 2024' contest."





10 / TEAM

Throughout 2025, the Ridni Foundation's team continued to grow and strengthen its capacity: 19 new employees joined the Foundation, and nearly 30 training programs and learning events were implemented to support team development.

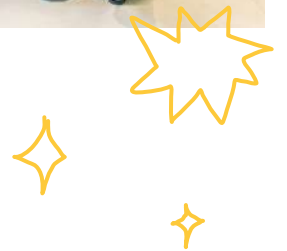
Every success and every achievement of Ridni Foundation is, first and foremost, about people - their expertise, commitment, and daily work with children and families. Together, we are a reliable support system for every child.

RIDNI AMBASSADORS

This program helped young people gain professional experience in the social sector, work on the Foundation's projects, and contribute to creating a safe environment for children and families.

♥ RESULTS →

> 20 active students from Ivan Franko National University of Lviv and the Ukrainian Catholic University were involved.



> 7 events were held with the participation of students, including workshops for teenagers from the "Spilnota-Ridni" Small Group Home and children at the Ridni Center for Social Support of Children and Families, participation in forums, and preparation of the Power4Girls project.

> One program participant was employed by the Foundation within a joint project with UNICEF, confirming the effectiveness of the ambassador model as a talent pipeline.

11 / PLANS FOR 2026

PREVENTION ↓

- > Expanding support for families in difficult life circumstances in the southern and eastern regions.
- > Early identification of crisis and strengthening parental competencies.

FAMILY-BASED CARE AND FOSTER CARE (PATRONAT) ↓

- > Further promoting foster care as an alternative to institutional care.
- > Strengthening guidance for foster families, patronat families, and family-type children's homes.
- > Deepening cooperation with communities and child protection services.

In 2026, Ridni Foundation will focus on expanding its activities and improving the quality of services in the field of child and family support. Our strategic focus is on systemic solutions, sustainable programs, and strengthening our presence in regions with the greatest needs.

EMPOWERING TEENAGERS AND YOUNG PEOPLE ↓

- > Developing the "Spilnota" program and supporting children and youth in difficult life circumstances.
- > Scaling the mentorship program.
- > Continuing educational support and career guidance initiatives.

DEINSTITUTIONALIZATION ↓

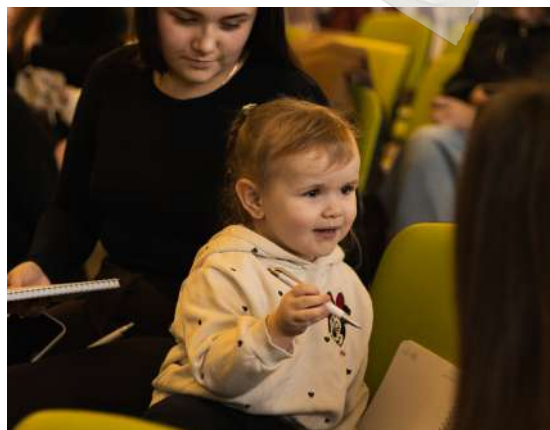
- > Scaling the model of centers for social support of children and families.
- > Strengthening the capacity of professionals through training and interagency coordination.
- > Supporting the transformation of institutions into modern child-centered services.
- > Launching Ukraine's first municipal rehabilitation center for teenagers.



12 / INVITATION TO PARTNERSHIP

According to estimates by international organizations, including UNICEF, humanitarian needs of children and families in Ukraine will remain high in 2026. It is projected that millions of children will continue to require support, particularly in the areas of psychosocial aid, education, child rights protection, and the strengthening of social services in communities. This means that long-term, systemic solutions and partnerships will remain critically important.

Ridni Foundation is open to new partnerships and joint initiatives. Together with businesses, international organizations, government institutions, and civil society, we can create a safe environment and a future for every child – a future where care, support, and love have a place.



Every positive change in a child's life becomes possible thanks to joint efforts.

We sincerely thank our partners for their trust, support, and responsibility for the future of Ukrainian children.





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