Report for the 4th quarter
2020
Dear friends!

Thanks to you, in October-December 2020, 569 children and their families have received targeted assistance. You have transferred 39.17 million hryvnias for children. Thank you for making so many things possible!

Total expenses in the fourth quarter amounted to 25.93 million hryvnias. Administrative expenses – 3.1%.

The end of the year was no less difficult than the whole year 2020. It brought additional challenges and costs against the background of problems with public procurement and the lack of vital drugs in hospitals. We would not have coped without you. Only thanks to your tireless support and generosity children got everything they needed. Thank you!

To boldly begin the new year and new ambitious projects. Because your help gives confidence to us and hope to children!

To be continued

Your «Tabletochki»
Throughout the fourth quarter, a significant place in the work of the foundation was occupied by the problem of delays in the supply of drugs purchased at the expense of the state budget 2020. Let us recall that the procurement process in 2020 began only in June. Therefore, the medicines that were supposed to be purchased at the expense of the budget did not arrive even in December. At the end of the year, only 8 positions out of 131 were admitted in hospitals treating children with cancer. At the same time, the hospitals ran out of the remains of drugs that had been purchased earlier. There is a critical situation with antifungal, antibacterial and chemotherapeutic drugs, the lack of which our foundation is still trying to cover thanks to your help.

In the fourth quarter alone, we provided 13 oncology departments with medicines that did not arrive from public procurement on time. They were worth of 8.38 million hryvnias.

Among the biggest expenses was the purchase of such anticancer drugs as Vincristine, Cytarabine, Etoposide, Retinoin, Treosulfan. The last two have to be bought abroad, because in Ukraine they can be obtained only within the framework of public procurement, they are not sold freely in our pharmacies.

Also, due to the late start of the procurement process and imperfect legislation, 24 nomenclature items out of 131 could not be purchased from the 2020 budget, and the funding allocated from the state budget has «burned out», i.e. returned to the basic budget.

On December 30, the amendments to the budget legislation came into force, which allows to transfer of the unused balance of foundations to the next year. However, according to the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, it will be impossible to use this norm in relation to the 2020 budget, because it is necessary to amend a large number of bylaws first. As a result, now, we together with experts at the Ministry of Health, are looking for an opportunity to purchase the most critical of the 24 items at the expense of funds left unused from the 2019 budget.

Centralized public procurement is a difficult, complex, over-bureaucratized process in which many parties are involved, and at every stage, from the approval of the nomenclature to the delivery of drugs, there are regular delays. We make every effort and do our best to speed up this process and to make it more efficient.
Doctors created the Ukrainian Association of Pediatric Oncology/Hematology

The professional union was founded by specialists in the field of pediatric oncology and hematology «Okhmatdyt», the National Cancer Institute, and the Western Ukrainian Specialized Children’s Medical Center.

The vision of the Association — successful treatment, of every child with cancer is possible in Ukraine. The goals — to raise the professional level of physicians who treat children with cancer, to introduce modern methods of diagnostics, treatment and further monitoring in Ukraine, to develop international cooperation, to advocate for the interests of children with cancer at the state level, etc.

We welcome the establishment of the Association. All over the world, the professional communities of physicians are the driving force behind the development of pediatric oncology, as well as any branch of medicine.

The creation of such a non-governmental institution in Ukraine shows that society is mobilizing its efforts to fight children’s cancer. Because cancer cannot be defeated by anyone alone.

«Tabletochki» has signed a Memorandum of cooperation with the Association. In our joint plans, there is a launch of educational projects for physicians.
Three nurses have received grants to implement their own projects in the departments

In December, our first School of Leadership for Pediatric Oncology Nurses was completed. 22 senior nurses from Kyiv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Lviv, and Lutsk took part in the School’s trainings. During 5 online trainings, they developed leadership and management skills: personal effectiveness, strategic and operational management, personnel and financial management, etc.

At the end of the training, the participants had an opportunity to develop a project of improvement of their department and to compete for a grant from our educational program to implement this project. For example, it was possible to offer the project of arrangement of a nurse room or a repair of a procedure room.

This is the first grant for nurses in Ukraine and the first one in the field of pediatric oncology for public hospitals. The winners were selected by the following main criteria: the relevance of the project and the argumentation of its effectiveness, i.e. how the project will improve the effectiveness and the process of treatment of children.

This year, three graduates of the School of Leadership have received the grant:

**Oksana Shevchyk, Western Ukrainian Specialized Children’s Medical Center** — repair and equipping of the rest and training room for nurses

**Oksana Usenko, «Okhmatdyt»** — repair and equipping of a procedure room at the neurosurgery department

**Svitlana Vasylevska, Volyn Regional Children’s Clinical Hospital** — repair and equipping of the rest and training room for nurses of the neurosurgery department

Congratulations to the winners and each graduate of the School of Nursing Leadership! We are sure that this is just the beginning of a big project for Ukrainian nurses in pediatric oncology.

The amount of one grant is 60 thousand hryvnias* for the project implementation and another 15 thousand hryvnias* is a personal award to the author of the project, who is also the main supervisor of its implementation.

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1.5-year-old Vlad, who underwent the fourth unrelated bone marrow transplant in Ukraine, was discharged from the hospital.

The direction of unrelated bone marrow transplants continues to develop in «Okhmatdyt». Vlad is the fourth patient in Ukraine to have such a transplant. A 23-year-old guy from Poland became a stem cell donor for him.

Thanks to the donor and the team of the department doctors, the boy bravely overcame a rare genetic disease. For some time now, Vlad needs to attend the department regularly for check-ups, so he and his mother will live in our outpatient apartment. This is the housing that we rent near «Okhmatdyt», so that the families out of Kyiv could live in a comfortable safe apartment near the hospital for free. After the control period, Vlad will return to his native Kaniv.

The transplantation would have been impossible for Vlad without drugs, which, despite the development of transplantations, the state has not begun to purchase yet. Donors of the foundation covered the costs of drugs for Vlad for 162 thousand hryvnias.
In the BMT Department of «Okhmatdyt» medical staff arranges a celebration in honor of each child’s discharge

On the way to complete victory over cancer, there are many other no less important victories. Each of them needs to be celebrated. Discharge from the hospital after a bone marrow transplantation is the victory that is celebrated in «Okhmatdyt» by the whole department. Medical staff and other families, who are being treated, come to greet the child and its relatives. If the situation allows, the child is greeted by animators. The child loudly rings the winners’ bell, then blows out the candle on a cake and receives gifts. We are grateful to the doctors of the Bone marrow transplantation department for this incredible initiative.

We are glad that in Ukrainian hospitals doctors take care of the quality of children’s lives at the same high level as in the clinics of developed countries. After all, cancer should not pause childhood.
New Year’s holidays came to the children with cancer in the hospital and at home

Even if a child has to celebrate the New Year in the hospital, there must be a sense of a fairy tale. That’s why we helped to decorate all our 19 ward departments. Christmas decorations, twinkle lights and elven figurines were sent to the hospitals. Christmas trees were bought for Kyiv departments.

Kyiv Regional Oncology Center held a New Year’s Gift Shop, where each family could choose nice gifts. A concert of the SoloMia ensemble with Christmas carols was organized at «Okhmatdyt».

The wards of the palliative care program were greeted by our volunteers at home. Fairy-tale heroes came to the children with a bunch of gifts from you.
And the seven-year-old Mykyta has met the New Year yet in autumn.

The little one did not have time to wait for the calendar holidays. So he decorated the Christmas tree and celebrated when it was still warm. On the first day of winter, Mykyta died. But his family will always remember how they managed to celebrate one more New Year together.
A specially trained dog is now helping with the rehabilitation of children with cancer

A new direction has appeared in the foundation’s palliative program — canine therapy. This is a method of rehabilitation and psychological support with the involvement of dogs. The foundation’s palliative team first came across this technique in Swedish hospices in 2019.

Dogs provide emotional and psychological support to children and their families, help to distract from an illness, to switch attention to positive emotions. Classes are composed and adjusted for each child individually. Dogs with a certain type of psychics, stable nervous system and desire to interact are selected for this work. All dogs are trained and tested.

In Ukraine, such dogs help in the physical rehabilitation of children with disabilities, provide psychological support to war veterans in eastern Ukraine and their families.

Currently, The Miniature Schnauzer Lika is working with our wards. Lika, her cynologist Olha Smirnova and the foundation’s psychologist have already conducted 12 sessions for the families of our two wards — Maksym and Artem. And we plan to make such sessions regular for other children as well.
Cancer is a very complex and serious disease. It can be overcome, but recovery does not occur on the day of discharge. And sometimes it leaves consequences for life. Like a removed eye, as in some children with retinal cancer.

Such children need a long time for rehabilitation after treatment. They have to recover psychologically, learn to accept their new appearance, different from most children around, to adapt to look at the world differently than before the disease. Special dolls with the same feature as the child help to overcome this process faster and easier.

Inclusive toys are used in different countries. For example, abroad there are baby elephants and puppies «after retinal cancer treatment».

Doctor Lesia Lysytsia, an oncologist-ophthalmologist at «Okhmatdyt», suggested giving such a toy to the children in Ukraine too. And the Trembovetsky family (Podollyanochka brand) responded to our request to create it.

In December, the first three children already received their dolls — similar to them not only in eyes but also in hair color and other features.
In November, the largest charity event took place. Its name was «It concerns me. And you?», it involved people from all over the country to help children with cancer. Ukrainians bought tasty chocolate and tea worth 7 and 5 hryvnias, respectively, in the ATB market, as well as the goods of brands — partners of the event, 50 kopecks from the sale of which were also used to help children.

In three weeks we managed to collect more than 10 million hryvnias. We are infinitely grateful to everyone who made it possible. Thanks to the cashiers who were «at the forefront» and invited customers to join the charity.

ATB-Market, Olya Polyakova, DZIDZIO, OM OMD Group, Leo Burnett Ukraine, Contrabas video production and all-all-all, thank you for your concern!

10 million will allow us to be continuously helping children for 2-3 months. In December, 299 children in 11 regions already received vital medicines worth 4,96 million hryvnias.

Buyers of the ATB market raised 10 million hryvnias to help children in three weeks

Henkel, Freken BOK, Vodny Mir, MAY-Ukraine, SPLAT, P&G, NIVEA, Bonaqua from Coca-Cola Ukraine, Buvette, Batik tea from Solomia, Huggies.ua, Bon Boisson, Lactonia, Agusha Ukraine, Molendam, Mondelez, Gerber from NestléBaby, thanks for your support! 2020 has taught us how important it is to be together. This charity event showed what we are capable of together.
The most sincere charity race DobroRun raised more than 1,1 million hryvniyas for children

On the occasion of its 25th anniversary, the law firm Asters, which has been supporting the pro bono foundation with services for many years, held a charity race DobroRun for the benefit of our wards. Everyone could take part in the race from anywhere in Ukraine and the world. That’s what more than 1,200 charity runners did.

As a result of the race, children with cancer received more than 1.1 million hryvniyas. Thanks to Asters, all the runners and the companies that paid the registration fee for their teams!
For the New Year, children received the most useful «Gifts for health» for 3.3 million hryvnias

This year’s traditional charity event of the «Gifts for Health» foundation brought together 3,300 donors to help children. Some of them are the employees of the companies that also supported the charity event. The GlobalLogic and EPAM teams have gathered for children the most among all the companies. Twelve companies doubled their employees’ contributions from corporate budgets, and one even tripled it.

Thanks to everyone who came to our Gifts for Health shop and chose the most valuable gifts for sick children.

The charity event lasted from December 1 to January 15. Owing to it the children received assistance of 3.3 million hryvnias*

*Part of the funds actually arrived in January 2021.
This year’s traditional Festival of winners lasted a whole week

Cancer is not just about recovery, cancer is about winning at a high price.

That is why every year we gather the families of young winners, doctors, volunteers and donors to celebrate their victories, their endurance, determination, courage, strength, their thirst for life.

This year we will be celebrating a whole week online and we invite you to join right now, if you haven’t celebrated the children’s victories with us yet!

Watch our film about the winners; find out what Hlib is recalling, what Maryna is preparing for, and what Bozhena is dreaming of. Share it on your social networks — let as many people as possible learn about the victory over cancer!

On our website, you can read a column of the Director of strategic partnerships of the foundation Svitlana Pugach, who is herself a cancer winner.
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And finally, the star news! Singer NK became the first ambassador of the foundation!

From November 2020 NK | Nastya Kamenskykh is the official ambassador of «Tabletochki»!

By personal example, Nastya shows her audience that helping others is the norm in modern society. This year, the actress and her fans have already raised 250,000 hryvnias for the treatment of children, and also supported our campaign for the Day of Knowledge.

Official ambassadorship is an honorary status. This type of assistance to charity organizations is widespread in Western countries, but so far it is rare in Ukraine. Nastya is one of the few famous Ukrainian women who has taken on such a responsibility.

We are grateful to NK for being an ambassador. Thanks to which, children will receive more help.

Because when a person speaks about his or her help in public, three out of four people join the charity. We are sure that this ambassadorship will be a great example for hundreds of thousands of the singer’s fans and colleagues!
Cost structure

25.93 min hryvnias

12 340 230 hryvnias targeted help
6 961 565 hryvnias of it foreign drugs
8 079 897 hryvnias oncological departments assistance
1 629 250 hryvnias fund-raising costs
1 265 101 hryvnias other foundation's projects

988 294 hryvnias communications costs
803 652 hryvnias administrative costs
461 557 hryvnias educational program for physicians
365 370 hryvnias GR and advocacy

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