

 **Tabletochki**

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# Foreword

When children are diagnosed with cancer, it is a huge stress for their families. But when catastrophic diseases have to be fought during the war, the stress increases a hundredfold, and providing help to families and hospitals becomes much more challenging.

Thanks to Ukrainian and international donors, partners, and healthcare professionals, we are doing everything possible to ensure that children have access to treatment. We must save pediatric cancer care in Ukraine and continue improving it for generations to come, regardless of the circumstances.

## Currently, Tabletochki focuses on four directions:



targeted assistance to families in Ukraine and abroad,



support for Ukrainian hospitals treating children with cancer,



professional development of medical personnel,



and advocating for changes in health care.

We provide help at every stage of treatment, as before the full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine. At the same time, the aid in some programs, such as psychological support, has increased. In addition to renting outpatient apartments in Kyiv, we started the outpatient housing program in Lviv, which also became a medical hub for children with cancer from all over the country.

Thanks to you, we pay attention to the capacity building of Ukrainian children's oncology centers, including hospitals in Cherkasy and Lviv. Hospitals in different regions also receive medicines and necessary household and hygiene products.

Your support allows us to work actively on providing medical personnel with training and professional development opportunities.

**Thank you for believing in our mission! Your dedicated support makes a huge difference for every Ukrainian child fighting cancer!**

# Development of pediatric cancer care in Ukraine

## Children's oncology center in Lviv started performing bone marrow transplants

Three-year-old Uliana from the Volyn region became the first Western Ukrainian Specialized Children's Medical Center patient to undergo an autologous bone marrow transplantation. Her own stem cells were transplanted to help her bone marrow work properly.

The capacity of the Okhmatdyt hospital in Kyiv is not enough to treat every child who needs a bone marrow transplant. This is why the transplantation performed by Lviv doctors is a chance for the recovery of Uliana and an essential step in developing pediatric oncology in Ukraine. Furthermore, children living in the western regions of Ukraine will receive this complicated medical procedure closer to their homes. This decreases stress and the financial burden for their families.

*We are glad that, together with other partners, we joined the project to create a modern regional pediatric cancer center. And we thank our donors, thanks to whom we provided the clinic with an X-ray blood irradiator.*

*This case proves that we are strong when we unite for a goal — for a healthy future for Uliana and thousands of Ukrainian children.*



# Support and continuous professional development of medical personnel



## Doctors from Lviv had a three-week internship at Europe's leading children's oncology hospital

Pediatric oncologists Roman Kizyma, Natalia Fedyk, Khrystyna Zapotochna, Svitlana Shevchyk, and Khrystyna Hnativ from Western Ukrainian Specialized Children's Medical Center had a three-week internship at Princess Máxima Center in the Netherlands. In spring, right after the beginning of the full-scale Russian invasion, several dozens of Ukrainian kids with cancer were evacuated here.

Tabletochki provided medical professionals with this internship as part of the #SAFERUkraine project. Ukrainian doctors worked with the Princess Máxima Center medical team every day. They examined patients, discussed their treatment, and participated in various medical procedures.

Our professional development program for medical personnel is a strategic project of the Foundation. We strongly believe that access to the most up-to-date knowledge and cutting-edge technologies is the basis for Ukraine's high-quality cure and care.

*We thank our donors and partners, Princess Máxima Center and SAFER Ukraine, for allowing Ukrainian doctors to train even during the full-scale war!*



## Thanks to donors, three Ukrainian doctors attended a medical forum in Barcelona

Three pediatric oncologists, Olha Dashchakovska, Andriy Budzin, and Natalia Skulska, attended the “7th International Transplant Course” forum. Tabletochki organized the trip. The Ukrainian doctors improved their knowledge on bone marrow transplantation and shared their experience with international colleagues. They are ready to implement new knowledge and skills into their work.

Such events like this forum ensure professional development for Ukrainian healthcare workers and help them integrate into the global medical community.

*We thank The European Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation for organizing the forum! And also, thank our donors for the possibility of sponsoring doctor's trips for such events!*



### Three doctors received Tabletochki's grants for studying in a Master's degree program

As part of the Foundation's professional development program, three doctors working in pediatric oncology received scholarships to study in the master's program "Public administration in health care" at the Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU):

- Roman Kizima — oncologist, head of the Clinic of Pediatric Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplantation at the Western Ukrainian Specialized Children's Medical Center;
- Olena Kozlova — hematologist, deputy director of the medical department of the Western Ukrainian Specialized Children's Medical Center;
- Ksenia Bolgarina — oncologist at the National Cancer Institute.

They have already started a two-year program to acquire knowledge and skills to reform the healthcare system and improve medical reform in Ukraine. The Foundation's scholarships cover 75% of the education cost. The total grant amount is about 270,000 hryvnias (\$7,400) for three doctors.

Vyacheslav Bykov, Tabletochki's CEO, explains the importance of financing the doctors' education: "The walls do not treat. People do. That is why one of the key focuses of Tabletochki is the support and continuous development of medical personnel. Thanks to our donors, who made these scholarships possible, Ukraine will have three new managers in pediatric oncology trained with the highest standards. This means future changes, achievements, and new quality of Ukrainian pediatric cancer care."

*We thank the UCU School of Public Administration and Tabletochki's donors for raising a new generation of team leaders, department heads, and hospital directors.*



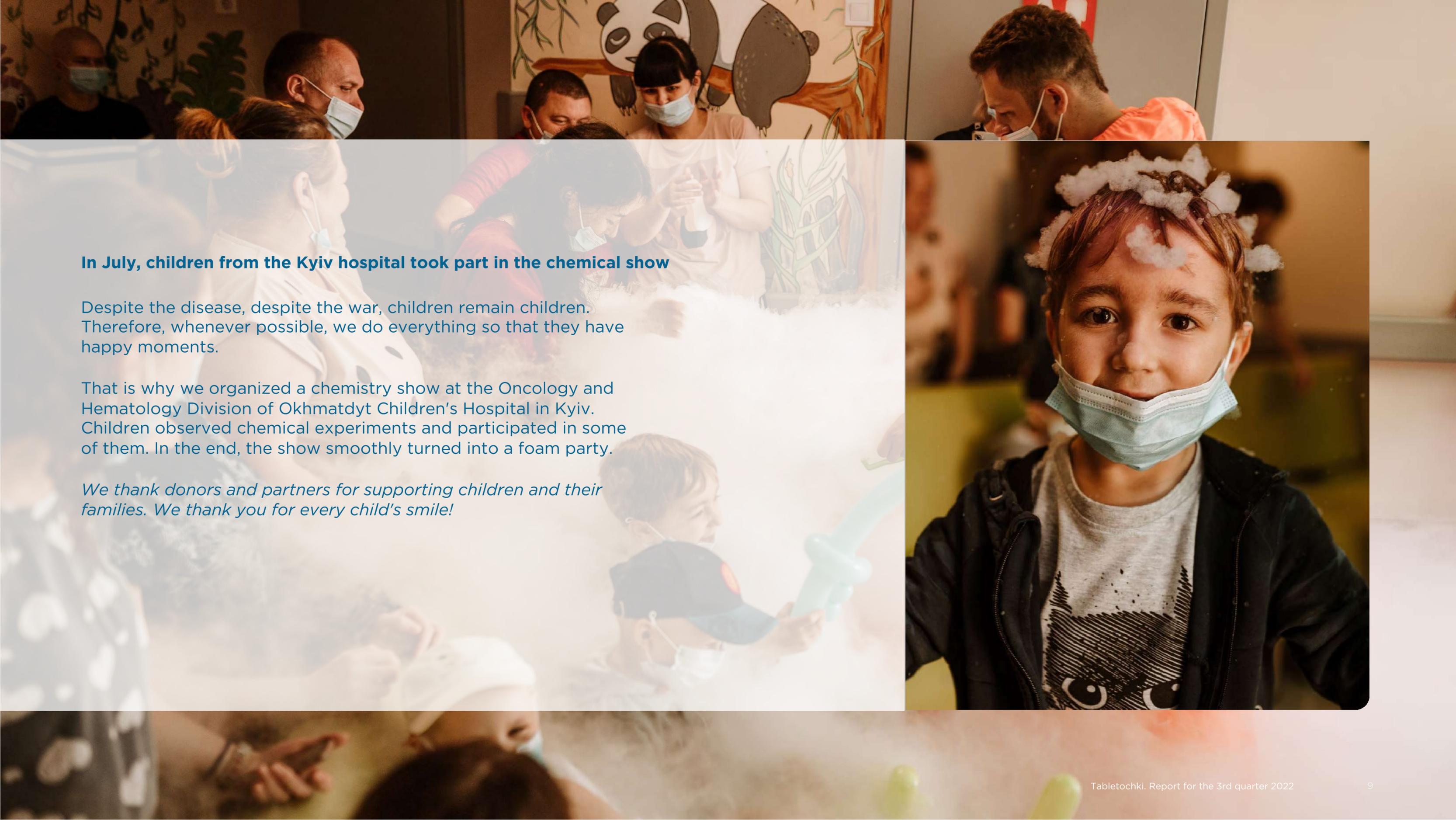
# News about children and families

Maksym became the first child under Tabletochki's care to celebrate the end of his cancer treatment during the full-scale war

Four-year-old Maksym has been fighting cancer in the hospital while his dad was fighting on the front line. In July, the boy had a little party at the oncology unit with a cake and his favorite superhero, Spider-Man.

Maksym's father, a military veteran recovering from injuries, came from another city to support his little son and celebrate together.





**In July, children from the Kyiv hospital took part in the chemical show**

Despite the disease, despite the war, children remain children. Therefore, whenever possible, we do everything so that they have happy moments.

That is why we organized a chemistry show at the Oncology and Hematology Division of Okhmatdyt Children's Hospital in Kyiv. Children observed chemical experiments and participated in some of them. In the end, the show smoothly turned into a foam party.

*We thank donors and partners for supporting children and their families. We thank you for every child's smile!*

## Families with children who finished treatment spent a vacation in the Carpathian Mountains

Children who have already overcome cancer also need support because long and exhausting treatment affects their lives and families long after recovery.

That is why in August, as part of the psychosocial rehabilitation program, Tabletochki organized a camp in the Carpathians for 25 families whose children have overcome cancer.

This camp is an opportunity for them to relax and work with specialists on their experience fighting the disease and the everyday stress of the full-scale war.

During the first five days, the camp hosted teenagers and their families. The second group consists primarily of children aged 7-11 and their parents and siblings. The basis of the program consists of various sessions with psychotherapists.

Families were involved in morning exercises, horse riding, a short hike, quests, creative classes, communicative games, and, of course, a disco. They even had a birthday party!

Children and parents felt safe and relaxed with a diverse program and being with families with similar experiences of fighting cancer. They also can discuss their recent experience during the war.

Among the families were mothers with children whose fathers were on the front lines. And also, there was a family that recently left the temporarily occupied territory.

By the end of the camp, the families became very close. Children did not want to say goodbye to the volunteers, and some even got emotional getting on the train.

*We thank our partners, donors, volunteers, and everyone who created this unique atmosphere for families.*

## Tabletochki's ambassador visited kids in the hospital

Nastya Kamenskykh, a famous Ukrainian singer, met up with patients of the oncology, oncohematology, and other divisions of the Okhmatdyt hospital in Kyiv.

There were a lot of hugs, warm conversations, and of course, time for singing songs together.

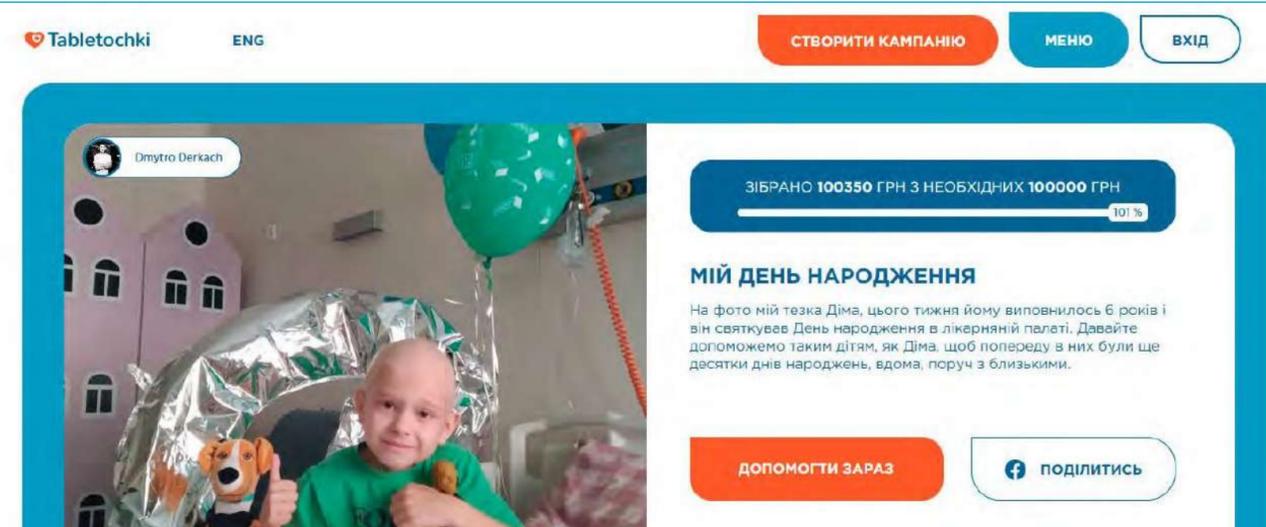
*We are proud to have such reliable partners as our ambassadors. We thank you for supporting children and their families and for the smiles!*



# Charity

## During the quarter, volunteers had been raising money on the super.tabletochki to help children

Tabletochki has an online platform where everyone can create their own campaign and raise funds for children fighting cancer. Here are just a few examples of campaigns created in the third quarter:



Dmytro has collected \$2,700 .

“In the photo, you can see my namesake, Dmytro. This week he turned six. He celebrated his birthday in the hospital. Let’s help such kids as Dmytro,” — wrote our volunteer.:

Olha has collected \$350

“Little Ukrainian heroes are fighting catastrophic diseases and overcoming the horrors of the war. I dream of children recovering as soon as possible and traveling through our peaceful Ukraine.”

Nadia has collected \$550

“While fighting cancer, children are especially vulnerable and even more vulnerable during a full-scale war. By donating to my Birthday campaign, you are making a child’s dream come true — bringing victory closer.”

## Tabletochki released a Telegram bot where everyone can help children via Apple/Google Pay

Thanks to our Telegram bot, it is easier to help sick kids. Everyone can make a one-time gift or subscribe for a monthly donation in a few clicks.

*We thank the Middleware company for developing the bot on the Corezoid platform. We also are grateful to Ukrainian illustrators who told children's stories in their works and helped raise additional funds for help.*

# Bolt

## In July, our donors helped children together with Bolt

Our partner, Bolt, doubled donations. Thanks to this, just in a few days, children with cancer received help for over \$16,400. This is invaluable.

*Thank you!*



# Other news

## Tabletochki, with partners, contributed to the analytics published in one of the world's most authoritative medical journals

У журналі The Lancet released a publication containing the analysis of pediatric oncology and hematology services in sixteen countries, including Ukraine. Representatives of the Ukrainian Professional Society of Pediatric Oncology/Hematology, the Ministry of Health, and the Tabletochki Foundation joined the work on the analytics.

“We are developing an objective database and the methods for decision making,” says Roman Kizyma, a pediatric oncologist and head of the Clinic of pediatric oncology and bone marrow transplantation of Western Ukrainian Specialized Children’s Medical Center.

## In July, Tabletochki received a grant covering the salaries of the Foundation’s team

ALSAC, the charity foundation of our partner, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, provided a grant which covers the team’s maintenance costs.

*Receiving this grant means that our team continues to work steadily in difficult wartime, and extra money is allocated for helping children with cancer. We are grateful for this invaluable support!*

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## Tabletochki participated in the SAFER Ukraine Coordinators Conference in Lodz, Poland

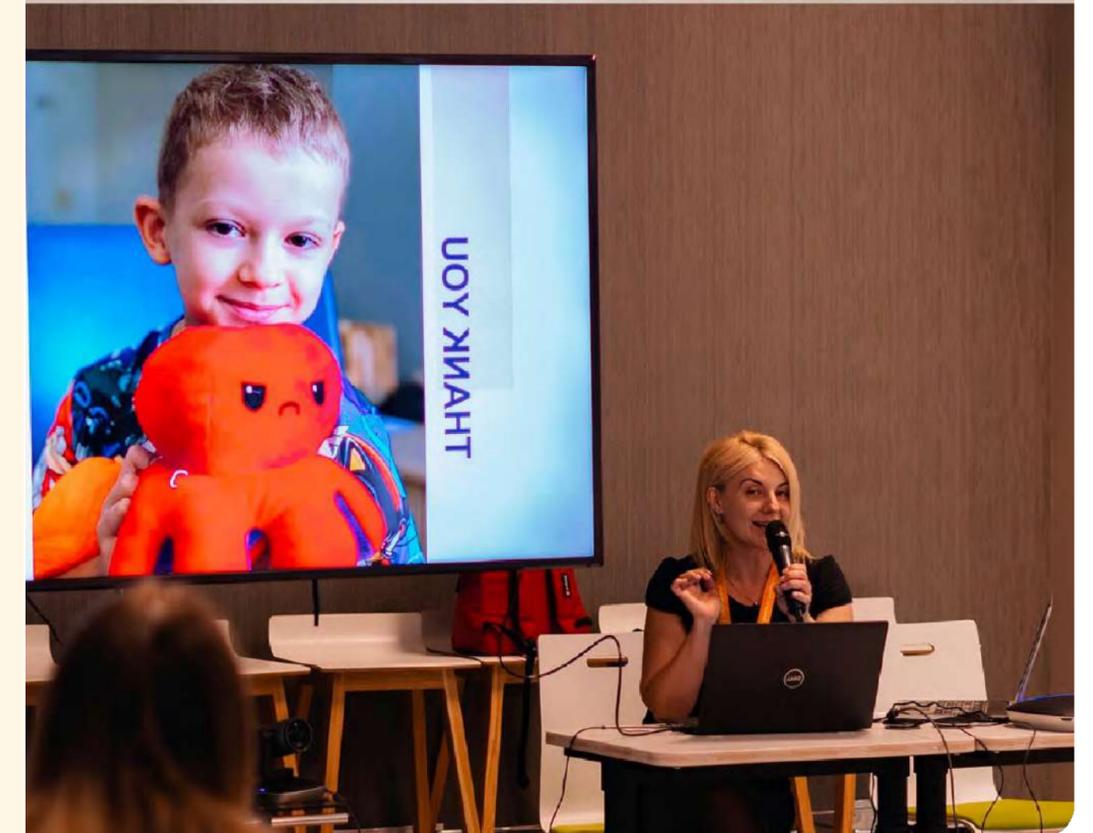
Y SAFER Ukraine is a global initiative that united 18 countries to evacuate children during the full-scale war to the world's leading clinics in the US, Canada, and Europe. During the conference, the participants summed up the results of the evacuation project and discussed further international cooperation. In particular, support of patients abroad, development of internship programs for Ukrainian doctors in countries that have accepted children for treatment, and improvement of the system of assisting children with cancer in Ukraine.

Yulia Nogovitsyna — Tabletochki's Program Director, and Inna Alanbousi — Child Life Program Specialist, shared their experience with their colleagues.

Yuliya and the foundation's team coordinated the evacuation process to Western Ukrainian Specialized Children's Medical Center, which since 24 February, has become a key hospital for children with cancer from all over Ukraine. Children were brought here to stabilize their health condition and receive first aid before going abroad.

Inna shared her experience in providing psychosocial support for families during evacuation and families' feedback on receiving treatment in foreign hospitals. She met and supported evacuated families in the Unicorn Triage Center in Poland, where families stayed before traveling to clinics. She was there for them to help, explain and just hug.

*We are incredibly grateful to our international partners St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, SIOP Europe, the European Society for Paediatric Oncology (SIOPE), CCI Europe, Polskie Towarzystwo Onkologii i Hematologii Dziecięcej, FUNDACJA HEROSI and professional communities of all partner countries for helping Ukrainian children and supporting children's oncology service of Ukraine.*



## CEO of Virgin Unite visited Okhmatdyt hospital

In August, Jean Oelwang, CEO and President of the Virgin Unite non-profit foundation, visited Okhmatdyt Children's Hospital in Kyiv, which provides treatment to children from all over Ukraine. In the oncology division, Jean met a 16-year-old patient, Denys, with his mother, his doctors, and the representatives of Tabletochki.

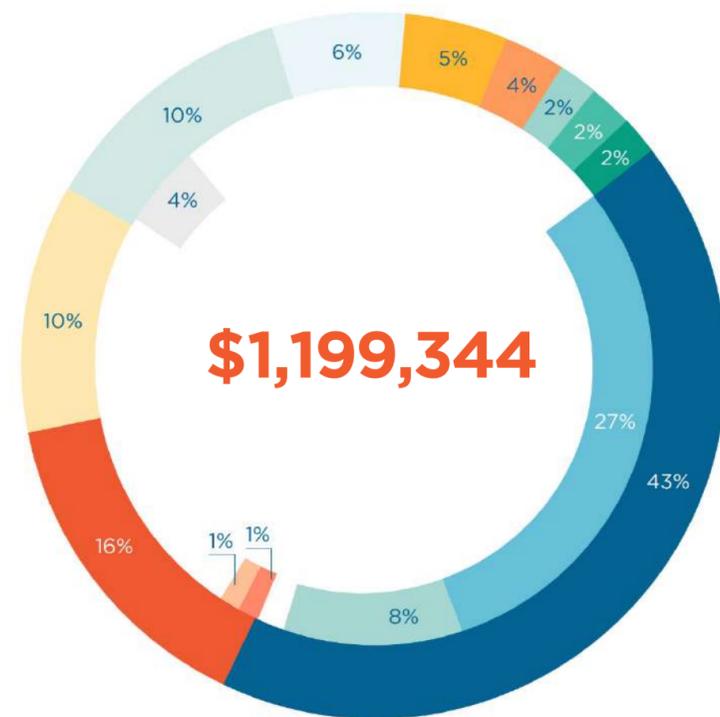
*We are honored and happy to meet with Jean, as Virgin Unite was one of the first international organizations to step up and support children with cancer during the full-scale invasion.*



# In the third quarter, \$1,199,344 was allocated to help. Thank you!

During this period, you transferred \$1,328,770, and cryptocurrency — 0.1 Bitcoin and 0.005 Ethereum.

## Cost structure



- 43% **\$539,229** Support for hospitals, including:
  - 27% **\$331,461** improvement of hospital infrastructure and facilities
  - 8% **\$103,113** support for non-oncology hospitals
- 16% **\$200,178** Targeted assistance for families, including:
  - 1% **\$1,092** foreign medicines not available in Ukraine for children with cancer
  - 1% **\$11,627** medicines for volunteer initiatives, which provide Ukrainians with necessary medication in wartime
- 10% **\$126,114** Support and continuous professional development of medical personnel
- 6% **\$73,605** Evacuation of children and families
- 5% **\$58,967** Palliative Care Program
- 5% **\$55,933** Support for displaced families
- 2% **\$29,854** Child Life Program
- 2% **\$21,961** Outpatient housing
- 2% **\$21,324** Psychological support
- 10% **\$118,721** The Foundation's maintenance costs, including:
  - 4% **\$45,394** administrative costs



Thank you for  
giving hope in  
the dark times!

Please,  
continue to help  
Ukrainian kids

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