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ALL THIS IS THANKS TO YOU — OUR PARTNERS AND DONORS

YOU HELPED CHILDREN FOR $1,307 MILLION
Three-year-old Alisa has undergone a very difficult journey fighting brain cancer. She needed surgery, intensive chemotherapy, and two bone marrow transplants. In June 2023, the girl was discharged from the hospital, and now she is returning to her normal life. Thanks to each of you who supports the children in their fight.

“\nWhen you’re told your child is one in a million with this disease, it feels like you’re one in a million, too, and there’s no one else around. But here comes Tabletochki, volunteers who play with the kids. Unfortunately, we couldn’t attend the workshops, but when I came out of the ward and saw other children taking part in them and being able to live a normal life, it was very uplifting. It also helps that people support your child with money, which means they also believe in her. It’s very important to realize that someone is struggling along with you.”

Olga, Alisa’s mother
FOREWORD

Before summarizing, we would like to thank you for everything you do for Ukrainian children who are caught between two wars: in the country and with cancer.

Foreign partners and donors have become a reliable support for hundreds of children who are battling with a serious illness right now. Thanks to your support, and the efforts of all those fighting for freedom in Ukraine and abroad, children can be treated at home even during the Russian invasion. Hospitals not only provide basic services but also evolve, with medical professionals adopting new treatment methods and equipment.

Your support is especially important now. Each donation reassures families that despite everything the adversity, they are not alone in their fight against cancer and that there is a community that will do everything possible to help their child recover.

Please take care of yourself.

Sincerely yours, Tabletochki

Two-year-old Zakhar is fighting blood cancer at Okhmatdyt while his dad is defending Ukraine
All of this is thanks to your sensitive and kind hearts.

In April–June 2023, aid was provided to:

- 719 children and their families
- 14 hospitals throughout Ukraine
- 423 healthcare workers
- $1,059 million have been raised
- $1,307 million have been allocated for aid
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF MEDICAL PERSONNEL

423 healthcare professionals underwent training and received financial support.

Support and continuous professional development of medical personnel is a strategic project of the Foundation. After all, the quality and timeliness of children’s treatment depend on the competence of healthcare professionals.

Thanks to you, doctors and nurses attend conferences in Ukraine and abroad, undertake internships at leading clinics, learn English, and get access to translated protocols and other important materials. Thank you!

In particular, Orest Leshnevskyi, a pediatric surgeon at the Western Ukrainian Specialized Children's Medical Center, completed a nearly one-month internship at the University Medical Center Utrecht in the Netherlands.

“During the internship, I learned some new techniques of surgical interventions and saw the use of equipment that we do not have yet. Now I see what we lack,” he said.

Orest Leshnevskyi (on the right) during his internship in the Netherlands
A few more significant events of the educational program:

Nurses from Dnipro made a presentation on communication with patients’ parents at the congress of the Asian division of the International Society of Paediatric Oncology in Armenia. This is the first time in our practice that nurses speak at an overseas conference.

Six doctors attended the conference of the European division of the International Society of Paediatric Oncology in Spain. The meeting participants discussed the key priorities and needs in the field of pediatric oncology.

Chief of the Pediatric Neurosurgery Department at St. Nicholas Hospital in Lviv Mykhailo Lovga attended the Congress of the European Society for Pediatric Neurosurgery in Italy. In particular, they discussed the treatment of brain tumors.
HELP FOR HOSPITALS

Thanks to you, in April–June, 14 hospitals across Ukraine received aid: medicines, supplies and equipment worth $429,795.

In particular:

The Okhmatdyt Children’s Hospital laboratory received a new real-time PCR test system worth $33,252. The device can detect several different infectious agents in a single tube in as little as 3–4 hours.

At the Radiology Center of Okhmatdyt, the room for a computed tomography device was renovated for almost $21,876. The device itself was bought with money from the state budget, but it cannot be launched without appropriate conditions. There are strict requirements for such premises.

The renovation of the outpatient area at the Children’s Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplant Clinic of the Western Ukrainian Specialized Children’s Medical Center in Lviv continued. This is a broad-scale project intended to reduce the waiting time for medical appointments, alleviate patient crowding and ease the workload on medical staff. The opening is scheduled for the third quarter of 2023.

We are grateful to all the donors and partners who improve the quality of children’s treatment and the conditions of their stay in medical facilities.
During the grueling treatment, the children and their moms had moments of joy as they were visited by very compassionate and kind people.

The most popular YouTubers of Ukraine, Magic Five, came to the patients of the Okhmatdyt oncology departments. The kids were delighted with the magic tricks and interacting with the celebrities.

And mothers were visited by the Galician Diva on the Beauty Day. When beauty experts come to the hospital and do hair and manicures, it always brings a good mood and an opportunity to return to normal life, even if just for a little while. And when a favorite blogger Andriy Cherepushchak comes along with the volunteers and gives flowers and hugs — it’s a double joy.

We thank everyone who stays close to the families.
A holiday against all odds

Unfortunately, during the whole month of May, children undergoing treatment in Kyiv heard explosions almost every night. Despite this, we arranged a traditional Children’s Day party for them. Because childhood cannot be paused or put on hold.

With your support, children can have fun and play, even when they and all of us are having a very difficult time. We are incredibly grateful to each of you for all the children’s smiles, the hugs and dancing. They give strength to fight and defeat the disease.

Ilona, 8 years old, Zhytomyr Oblast

Children’s Day at the Okhmatedt oncology department
Even more emotional support for children in hospitals

With the support of Tabletochki, BOOP was established. This is a hospital clowning project founded by Olga Bulkina and Marina Berdar. They are professional medical clowns and have been supporting children during treatment for years.

BOOP mission is to make childhoods last, no matter what. Through play and laughter therapy, clowns help children and their parents to cope with stress and adapt to hospital conditions, filling life with moments of joy.

BOOP has already held a hospital clown school and has eight graduates. Now even more children will be supported during their treatment. Currently, hospital clowns work at the Okhmatdyt National Children’s Specialized Hospital and Kyiv Oblast Oncology Center.

New hospital clowns and their mentors
Accommodation in Kyiv and Lviv for non-local families

13-year-old Oleksandr from Kharkiv is fighting blood cancer while his father is defending Ukraine.

Above all, the boy dreams of returning to a world without war and illness, where his whole family lives together in their hometown. But for now, the struggle continues.

Oleksandr underwent a successful bone marrow transplant at Okhmatdyt Children’s Hospital. He no longer needs to be in the hospital all the time now, but it is critical to come frequently for procedures and checkups. That’s why Oleksandr and his mom live in one of the Foundation’s outpatient housing.

We rent apartments near hospitals in Kyiv and Lviv for non-local families so that they can receive timely help. This also relieves families of the financial burden of renting accommodation, which is particularly important in a war situation when the dad is in the Ukrainian military and the mom is with her child all the time and can’t work.

In April–June, the Foundation rented 25 apartments for 62 families. We express our gratitude to our partner Choose Love and the donors for their unwavering support of the children and their parents.
Cancer winners visit the rock climbing wall

Teen cancer winners and their brothers and sisters from the Lemonade Barrel Club had a great time at the Hyperion Activity Center.

None of them had ever been to a climbing wall before, but they all had an incredible experience. Some even managed to climb all the way to the ceiling.

The kids were excited to see what they can do when they want something. And we admire you, each of you, for helping children’s recover and return to active life.

Rehabilitation and socialization are very important for the winners. After all, children are isolated from friends and classmates for long periods while battling cancer, and it can be difficult to re-establish communication due to different experiences. On the other hand, with those who have also undergone difficult treatment, there is no need to fear being misunderstood, judged, or asked inappropriate questions.

Polina has beaten cancer and is now reaching the top of the rock climbing wall.
Help for families abroad

From April through June, 306 families received help during treatment abroad. This includes financial assistance for urgent family needs, translation of medical documents, psychological support, payment for tickets to return home, and birthday greetings for children.

Additionally, families asked for material assistance because the countries that hosted them were reducing or suspending payments during the process of re-registration for temporary protection. Some families have returned home over the months.

We thank the donors for helping families fighting childhood cancer wherever they are.
Palliative care is about a life free from pain, filled with comfort and pleasant moments, alongside your loved ones until the very end.

Thanks to you, we not only help families with medicines, consumables, and special equipment to make caregiving easier, but also organize consultations with psychologists and make children's dreams come true: we give them toys and gadgets to enable them to express their talents. A 3D pen for Denis, Lego for Marta, and a tablet for Polina — such favorite activities help children to develop and distract themselves from their disease.

In April–June, together with you, we helped 50 families in the palliative care program.

Our goal is to ensure that children who cannot be cured live pain-free and comfortably until the end.
Psychological help for families

Treating a child for cancer is an ordeal for the entire family. Especially during a full-scale Russian invasion. Professional psychologists help families under the Foundation’s care to cope not only with the disease but also with the challenges of the war.

During this quarter, 13 psychologists supported families during treatment and psychosocial rehabilitation in Ukraine and abroad. They also worked with children in the palliative care program and parents who had lost their child to cancer.

The psychologists’ task is to help children and parents find new supports, to strengthen their resilience. To that end, they provide individual and group counseling and conduct training sessions.

We are very grateful to the psychologists and donors for staying close to the children.
All this is possible thanks to you — donors and partners of the Foundation!

Support from international partners

Since the beginning of Russian full-scale invasion, donations from abroad and grant funding from international organizations have become particularly vital. This is a powerful support for Ukrainians who are going through the toughest times, fighting for their country and for the entire free world.

Thus, in May and June this year, 28 children from 11 regions of Ukraine received vital medicines thanks to the humanitarian organization ReliefAid.

And the international organization Save the Children provided funding for 20 infusion pumps — electronic infusion systems ensuring safer administration of chemotherapy medications — for the Western Ukrainian Specialized Children’s Medical Center in Lviv. Another 7 infusion pumps and corresponding consumables were provided to the Neurosurgery Department of the First Medical Association of Lviv. Children’s Hospital No. 16 in Kharkiv purchased a blood analyzer using the grant funds.

Also, Americares provided a grant for the Foundation’s operations. It covers 75% of the salaries of Program department staff and 25% of administrative personnel. The project started in May and will last until October.

Thank you for staying close to Ukrainian children in times of war. Your generosity and sincere desire to help give them hope for the future.
The most valuable gifts for mothers

In the health gift shop that opened on Mother’s Day, you made donations totaling $19,470!

The money was used to treat children fighting cancer and provide psychological support to their mothers. This is extremely important for these families because it gives them the strength to continue the struggle.

You have shown the mothers that they can count on your support in the fight for their children’s health.

Thank you for your kindness and responsiveness.

Above all, Alyona dreams of her son Hlib’s recovery.
The two Dmytros rejoice because they have so many new superfriends

780 new superfriends for children = monthly donations totaling over $5,469.

During the Children's Day campaign, children under the Foundation's care gained 780 new superfriends who signed up for monthly donations totaling over $5,469.

At times like these, this is particularly valuable, as monthly support is a guarantee that children will have everything they need for treatment despite a full-scale war.

We are immensely grateful for this and once again express our admiration for these incredible donors. With such support, you are bringing children closer to recovery.

The two Dmytros rejoice because they have so many new superfriends.
“Formula of kindness” by La Roche-Posay

La Roche-Posay, a longtime partner of the Foundation, held a campaign for the sixth time to help children fighting cancer. Of each product purchased from June 1 through June 30, 60 cents was used for medications and consumables for hospitals under the Foundation’s care.

In total, you helped children for the amount of $54,691!

We thank La Roche-Posay and each of you who joined the campaign.
IN THE SECOND QUARTER, $1,307,360 WAS ALLOCATED TO HELP. THANK YOU!

During this period, you transferred $1,059,968, and cryptocurrency — 0.19 Bitcoin and 0.32 Litecoin.

Statistics

$1,059,968

$429,795 — Support for Ukrainian hospitals, including:
  $143,469 — improvement of hospital infrastructure and facilities
  $126,326 — targeted assistance for Ukrainians, including:
    $278,594 — targeted assistance for Ukrainians
    $125,000 — foreign medicines not available in Ukraine for children with cancer
  $111,336 — Support and continuous professional development of medical personnel
  $112,304 — Support for displaced families
  $74,837 — Palliative care program
  $36,063 — Evacuation of children and families
  $36,477 — Outpatient housing rent
  $59,139 — Child Life Program
  $33,955 — Psychological support
  $134,861 — The Foundation’s maintenance costs, including:
    $48,644 — administrative costs
Please stay by the side of children caught in two wars at the same time.

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