

Life without parents.

CF Aspern and PO Faith in Life's Social Dormitory "Halfway Home" is a place where 12 orphans or children deprived of parental care, aged 15 to 23, temporarily live. This is a chance to find the right path to adulthood. Most of the young people living in the dormitory are boarding school graduates. Having low personal hygiene skills, not being able to cook, distribute their own funds, it is difficult for them to survive in this life. By mastering the "Independent Personality" program with a mentor, young people become more self-confident. And their life credo is changing.

And when the orphan Volodymyr (the name was changed in the interests of the boy) came to the dormitory, he was not prepared for adult life at all. After graduating from boarding school, Volodymyr was housed in a dormitory where he lived for nine years. At that time, the young man was studying to be a cook at the Kyiv Higher Vocational School of Technology and Design of Leather Products. After graduation, the young man did not get a job in the specialty, but studied as a furniture master and began to work in this area. And he still showed his culinary skills, especially during culinary workshops on making a variety of dishes. From time to time, Vladimir prepared his own meals and willingly treated everyone.

During his long stay in the social dormitory, the boy began to take care of himself and his belongings, began to play sports and follow a healthy diet, taught himself to respect elders, listened more often to the advice of social workers, learned to earn and save money. After finishing his stay in a social dormitory, Volodymyr found a job with a steady income. He later received his own apartment from the Kyiv City State Administration. Today, Volodymyr keeps in touch with us, living in his own apartment, which he continues to equip. We believe that in the future he will start a family and his dreams will come true.

Thanks to an institution such as the social dormitory "Halfway Home", most orphans have a chance to receive invaluable support in their lives. Their native parents could have done for them everything that these young people receive in the dormitory. Unfortunately, this did not happen in their lives.

We wish everyone to take care of their lives, the lives of their loved ones and to believe in the priceless gift of life. **Help with us! And your contribution will definitely come back to you, just when you really need it.**

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Help with us.

Many of you may say that you do not see the point in having charitable foundations. But we want to dispel such thoughts and tell you about the importance of our work, how with our support families overcome difficulties and for many we are the last hope in this life. We always do our job professionally.

For 20 years the Charity Foundation "Aspern" and 3 years the PO "Faith in Life" have been extending a helping hand to everyone, from pregnant women to the elderly 90+. Over the years we have helped more than 11,000 children and 3,500 families. This is not just a statistic, there is a life story behind each figure. We support those who want to change their lives, who want to live better, who have become hostage to the situation and do not know how to get out of it. We do not change consciousness, but we help everyone understand the meaning of life by compiling an individual program for each. For adults and children, we use all possible means to change their lives. We are well aware that antisocial behavior of parents (alcohol abuse) can be transmitted to the child. And it can go a similar way, so we care and act in the interests of every child. For family groups we hold mutual aid meetings, excursions, etc. Up to 40 children and 7 mothers live in 5 of our sections at the same time. Of course, our special feature is that we not only cover a large age group, we save lives: care and support for pregnant women, mothers and children - in the Mother and Child Center; rehabilitation of orphans, children deprived of parental care, youth - in the Children's Center; choice of profession and education - in the Center for Integrated Education; happy parenthood - in the DARE program, etc.

If you want to learn more about the activities of the CF Aspern and the PO Faith in Life, find us in social networks aspern.com.ua, facebook.com/aspern.pr, instagram.com/fondaspern. You can see for yourself the importance of our work and become part of our important mission. **Please support our activities. Each of your contributions is important to us.**
Our accounts are on 1 page.

SOLE motivates children to study.

The global development of the 21st century, in particular, aims to ensure that children master and put into practice the skills they need to become confident and succeed. In a world where they can quickly access vast amounts of information, such skills help to focus on how to prioritize, how to share and use it wisely.

In order to improve services in the social and educational spheres, since 2017 the Foundation Aspern has been implementing an innovative methodology Self-Organized Learning Environment (SOLE) within the framework of the DARE regional program. SOLE is the newest educational and developmental process in which teachers create conditions in children's team for joint group work. Children use the Internet resource together to find the answer to the Big Question. The big question is a question to which, sometimes, there is no clear answer, but there is an opportunity to discuss, argue and evaluate possible options. Examples of such questions are: "How does music affect society?", "Why are people afraid of the dark?", "What is envy?", "Why are people lazy?", etc. Thanks to the Big questions SOLE methodology develops in children: creativity; critical thinking; communication; ability to cooperate.

Children are sensitive and vulnerable. At the age when a character is just being formed, a child is more exposed to outside influences and it is here that it is important to form the child's independence. When children first attend a SOLE session, they feel insecure, but by the end of the class, all fears disappear. Therefore, SOLE sessions are extremely important for children who have been separated from their families and who have experienced parental neglect, physical and psychological violence. Specialists see positive changes in their psychological state and mood, as they gradually begin to believe in themselves. SOLE methodology creates the safe educational space in which each child manifests himself, expressing his thoughts and gets a positive experience of communication. Almost all children who come to the center are pedagogically neglected and do not receive enough love, care and concern in the family. This is what happened to 9-year-old Danylo (the name was changed in the interests of the child). At the age of 9, he did not know most of the letters and could not read. At the same time, he went to the third grade, had no motivation to study and was ashamed to answer in class. At the SOLE sessions, Danylo initially observed other children and did not join the classes, but eventually joined, began to give ideas for the disclosure of the Big Question. And then he learned the letters, learned to read, mastered knowledge. And for him, reading has become one of his favorite activities. Thanks to reading skills, Danylo learns more and more.

SOLE is a great tool for group work with children and adolescents, in which everyone has a place. From this year we are introducing SOLE classes in schools of the city of Kyiv. In the Children's Center SOLE sessions are held for all interested children. If you want your child to be motivated, we will be happy to include them in the SOLE group. Call: + (044) 3321543. You can also support us and make charitable contributions that will be used to provide conditions for the rehabilitation of orphans at the Children's Center and to conduct SOLE sessions.

Support for young people with special needs is important.

The Center for Integrative Vocational Education of Children and Youth of Darnytsky District of Kyiv provides pre-vocational training for children and youth. Here they are introduced to the world of professions, motivated in choosing a profession, pre-vocational guidance, conduct classes on social prevention, social adaptation. Children and young people receive professional skills in the following areas: sewing, hairdressing and footwear; floristics and design; communicative English. We are preparing for the opening of a workshop - carpentry.

The project also includes social inclusion of children with special needs. Yury (name was changed in the interests of the child) is an 18-year-old young person with special needs. He became one of those who got a chance to master the knowledge of the profession. After the boarding school, the boy's parents turned to the foundation for help. Due to Yury's physical condition and the work of his parents, they were not able to accompany their son to study at institutions that are located far away from home, and the Charity Foundation Aspern was nearby. It was a challenge for us, but we were able to help the boy and his parents by agreeing to take him for training. The boy was taught to cover the distance from home to the training center, and he covered this way on his own every day. At first, the boy did not make contact, did not talk, hiding from people. Over time, he understood why he attended classes. He studied footwear. When Yury started sewing shoes, he did not want to leave school. The boy continued to come to us for 2 years. He found new friends, started talking to the center's staff, and learned to work freely with tools. The parents were happy that the son began to communicate more with other children and this joy knew no bounds. Thanks to these studies, Yury sewed slippers for his parents on his own. And at the end of the course he received a certificate, which became the first in his life and we believe that not the last. "We sincerely thank the foundation for its help and training," Yury's father and mother said.

Join us and change children's lives for the better.

Severe happiness of a woman with children without home.

The Mother and Child Center is a safe island for mother and child to live. It is here that social support and a unique opportunity is provided in the conditions of round-the-clock stay. Here you can raise your child, gradually overcome problems, get an education, a profession, develop skills of independent living. Individual and systematic work with each pregnant woman, with each mother with child is special. Mothers are taught to understand the value of life and responsibility for themselves and their families.

The stories of our mothers are different and each of them is a difficult way of life. We want to tell you about one of these stories. Marina (name changed in the interests of the woman) with children applied to the Mother and Child Center. She has been looking for a place of support for a long time. A few years ago she had terrible life events and she lost hope. This is how it started. A pregnant woman with a baby was left without a roof over her head. The husband was mobilized, but eventually disappeared. Her mother-in-law, with whom she lived, did not perceive Marina as her own daughter and sent her away. Being in a difficult financial and psychological condition, the woman met online a citizen of another country who offered her a job as a housekeeper with good conditions (free accommodation and meals), but outside Ukraine. At that time it was the only chance for Marina. And of course she immediately agreed and left the country. There she gave birth to a boy prematurely. The woman's passport and a birth certificate were taken away under the pretext of applying for legal residence and child benefits. Time passed but documents were not given back. Marina and her child were not allowed to go outside the house territory, the promised salary was not paid. Later she realized that she had been trapped. She was alone, but she did not lose hope. When the hostess was not at home, the woman turned to a neighbor and asked her for help. Neighbors called police, which helped pick up the documents and return the woman to Ukraine.

Upon arrival in Kyiv, the woman with children had nowhere to go. At first she found refuge in the state center. At the end of the term she received a place in the Mother and Child Center of the Charity Foundation Aspern. Here, the woman received long-term support and was able to pay more attention to the health, upbringing and development of her own children. Over time, she decided to take retraining courses, and got a new specialty. Marina got a job. During her stay, Marina took an active part in the work of the fund, held master classes on making souvenirs. Thanks to the support of the Mother and Child Center's, the woman overcame life's difficulties and found a job. She still does not forget us and comes to visit. Currently, the older boy attends secondary school and after-school activities, and the younger goes to kindergarten. "I am very grateful to Charity Foundation Aspern for the support provided during a difficult period of my life," the woman said. **If you can help pregnant women and mothers with children, please donate to our current accounts.** Details on page 1.

Matviy's life is not an isolated case.

Matviy (the child's name was changed) was removed from the family at the age of 13 and sent to the Children's Center. He was frightened, with a bruise under his eye and did not come into contact at all, refused to unpack his things and take a shower. After long attempts, the center's specialists learned that he had been subjected to physical and psychological violence by his mother's cohabitant. The boy more than once saw as his mother was mocked (beaten) by her husband, more than once the little boy's heart sank with helplessness. The heaviest loss was the death of his grandmother, who was constantly nearby. After her death, Matthew refused to go to school and hardly went outside at all. For several months he was in a serious emotional state. When he got to the Center, teachers and psychologists took a long time to establish a trusting relationship with the child. Over time, he saw that he was being cared for at the Children's Center. The boy was immersed in a world of care and support that reminded him of life with his grandmother. Over time, Matviy began to open up, trust, made friends with other children living in the center, became calmer and more balanced, began to go to school (this was the most important event for the boy), improved his studies. And most importantly, Matthew began to smile, rejoice, trust. Over time, he began to share with social educators his feelings, told how the day went, about his dreams and what he wants to do in the future.

The boy's mother continued to arrange her personal life and was not interested in her own son's life. Thanks to the joint work of the Children's Center and relatives, the specialists were able to return the mother to the child. And over time, the mother was able to analyze her life and understand that still the son is the most important person for her. Closer than other men who temporarily became cohabitants. She received psychological support, advice on raising her son from specialists, corrected shortcomings identified by the Service for Children and Families, and was able to take her son home for some time. The boy continues to keep in touch with us, considering the Children's Center a second home. After all, it was in the center that he was able to believe in himself, feel love and find many new friends. We stay in touch with this family, realizing that our support is important to them.

Don't be indifferent. Join us and change the lives of others for the better with us.