

**Annual Report  
2022**



**ФОНД  
ГРОМАДИ  
ХЕРСОНА**

**ЗАХИСТ**

# Will the Kherson Community Foundation continue to exist or not?

As for the whole of Ukraine, the past year has become a year of great trials for the Foundation.

The Russian military aggression destroyed all our ideas, plans, and large-scale community development projects that we had embarked on at the beginning of 2022.

Ultimately, the war has brought into question the very existence of the Foundation. For the first time in our nearly twenty-year history, the dilemma arose: **will the Kherson Community Foundation continue to exist or not?**

We had to find answers to the questions, whether the Foundation was able to benefit the community during the war and occupation? Could we keep our team?

Will we be able to operate under conditions when the organizational structure is disrupted, when the occupants persecute all pro-Ukrainian citizens, especially members of the active civil society, and when the office, along with its material and technical equipment, is seized, and **basic communication is absent in the city.**

However, we could not afford to spend too much time thinking about it and sitting idly by. The Foundation had to respond **immediately to the emerging urgent needs within the community.**

**From the early days of the war, our organization initiated its own humanitarian program called "Save Together! Kherson".**

As long as it was possible, we provided assistance to Kherson hospitals by purchasing and delivering medicines and medical supplies, amounting to a total value of over 1.3 million UAH.

When the invaders seized medical institutions and blocked any "green corridors", the main direction of our activity became providing remote **financial assistance to Kherson families with children** (primarily large families and families with children with disabilities). We covered with such support not only Kherson, but also other settlements of the Kherson region, both those that remain occupied and that have been liberated.

## Will the Kherson Community Foundation continue to exist or not?



**Thanks to numerous philanthropists**, not only from Kherson but also from various parts of Ukraine and even abroad, business, partner organizations, and international donors, **in 2022** we were able to **provide financial assistance to nearly 1,600 Kherson families with children , totaling over 4.3 million UAH.**

Striving to help as many Kherson residents as possible and attract **additional financial resources** for this purpose, the Foundation adopted new working methods and continued its organizational development.

We have developed a fundraising strategy for the organization that helps to operate in crisis conditions. We were **the first among Kherson organizations** to collaborate with the popular crowdfunding web platform Be Kind, and were featured on the online Good Deeds Map (as part of the charitable initiative GivingTuesday).

At the same time, **the Kherson Community Foundation "Zakhyst" remained faithful to the core principles of its activity: transparency, accountability and publicity.**

As a result, our organization received the highest rating of five stars in the national rating "Charity Compass of Ukraine", confirming its integrity and effectiveness.

A reliable guarantee of the success of our work was the support and trust **from Kherson residents**, benefactors and partners. Without your assistance, we would have nothing to write in our annual report!

The Kherson Community Foundation "Zakhyst" entered 2023 with **unwavering confidence in the Victory of Ukraine**, fueled by the **enthusiasm of the Kherson people** and accompanied by new **ambitious plans** for community unity and post-war recovery. We remain committed to supporting those who are most in need.

**Glory to Ukraine!  
Glory to Heroes!**

# Governing bodies

The key success of our organization lies in the fact that during the war, it did not cease its operations; instead, it gained momentum and strengthened itself organizationally. It is noteworthy that half of our team initially worked from the occupied Kherson. It was during that time when we were able to provide assistance to Kherson hospitals and extend support to 283 families with children from occupied Kherson.

And now our team works remotely, being scattered throughout Ukraine and abroad. This is thanks to the skillful use of Google for Nonprofits and Microsoft 365 for Nonprofits.



**Larysa Polska**

**Chairwoman of the Board**

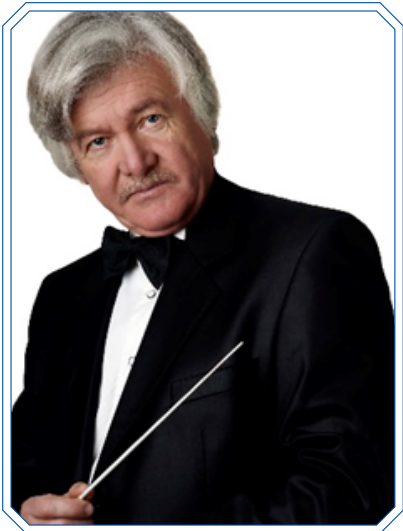
# The Board



**Olha Zahrebelna - Head of the enterprise network TM "ANSERGLOB," Deputy Chairwoman of the Board for program activities**



**Ihor Berhart - General Director of OJSC "Kherson Oblrembudtrest", Deputy Chairman of the Board for organizational issues**



**Oleksandr Honobolin - Honorary citizen of Kherson, People's Artist of Ukraine, member of the Union of Composers of Ukraine, conductor, and violinist**

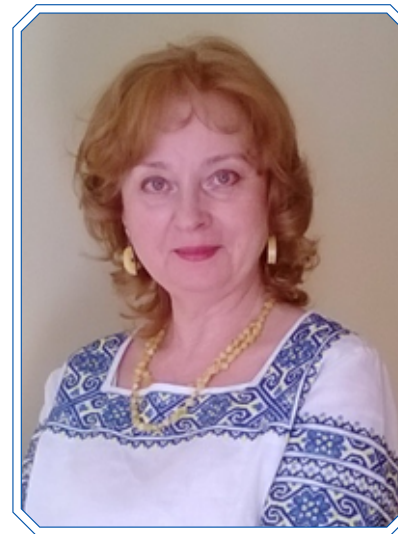


**Yurii Hrabar - General Director of LLC Trading House "Market-Group-Kherson"**

# The Board



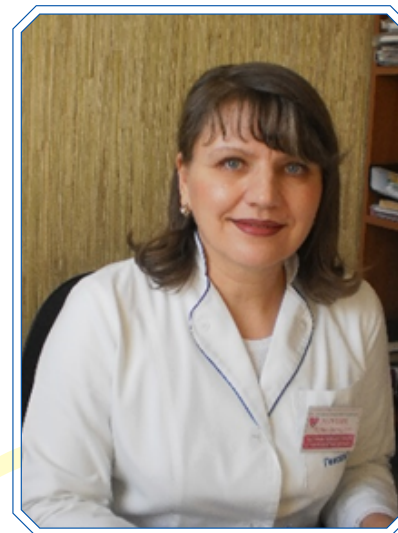
**Nataliia Drachuk - member of the Executive Committee of the Dniprovsky district in the city of Kherson**



**Iryna Yevstafieva - member of the National Union of Journalists of Ukraine**



**Tetiana Ihnatova - Deputy Director of Kherson Regional Library for Youth named after B. Lavreyov**

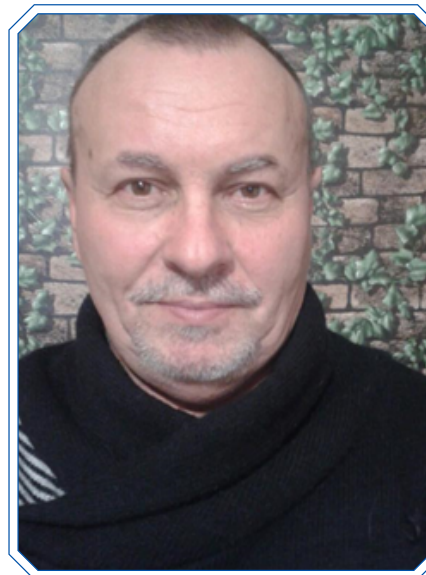


**Hanna Lahutina - Acting Chief Doctor of MI "Kherson Regional Blood Service Center" of the Kherson Regional Council**

# The Board



**Tetiana Marusenko -  
Chairwoman of the  
Board of Association of  
co-owners of multi-  
apartment house  
“Globus”**



**Oleksii Tilniak -  
private  
entrepreneur**



**Yevhen Sydorenko -  
Rector of Holy  
Trinity Church,  
archpriest**



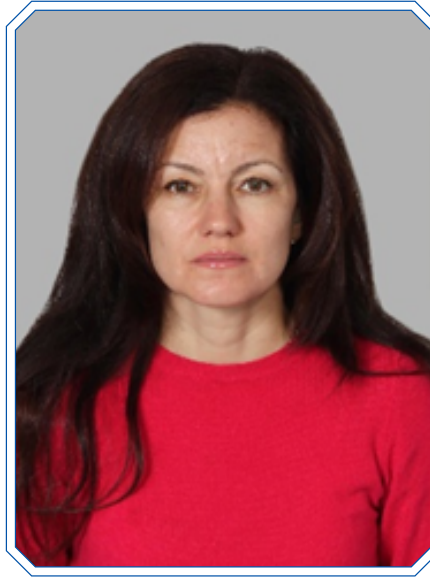
**Serhii Khomchyk -  
Director of LLC  
"Askona-Trans"**

**The Board of Kherson Regional Charitable Foundation “ZAKHYST” was elected by the  
General Meeting on September 28, 2021.**

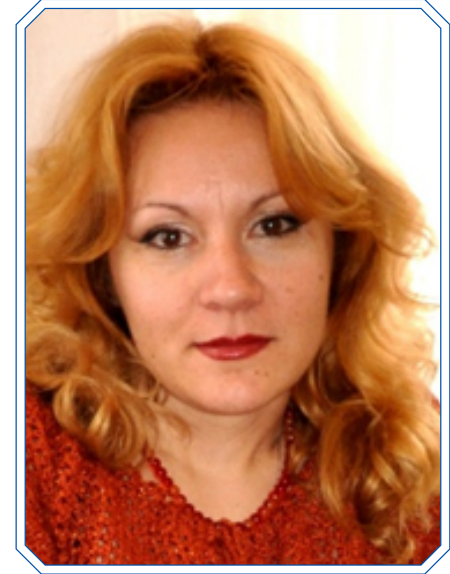
# Supervisory Board



**Oksana Siliukova -  
Head of the Kherson  
Regional Office of  
the U-LEAD with  
Europe Programme**



**Svitlana Kurdinovska -  
Chairwoman of the  
Supervisory Board,  
founder of the store  
chain "Karandash"**



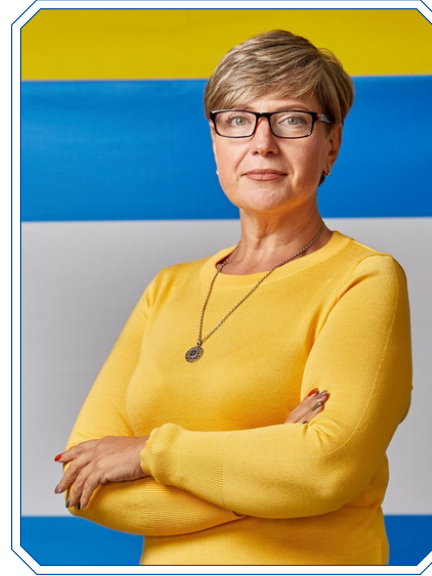
**Nataliia Babii - Press  
Secretary of the  
Kherson Regional  
Blood Service  
Center**



# The Team



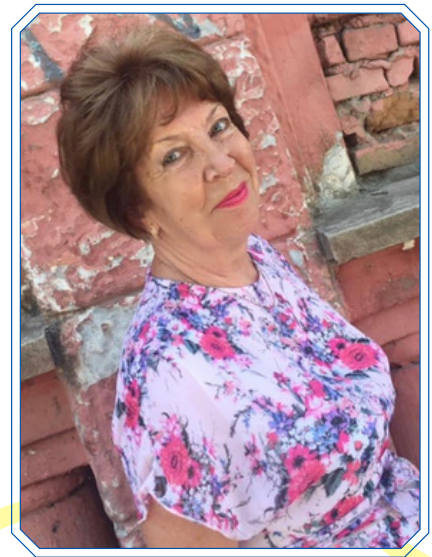
**Kostiantyn Filenko -  
Lead Program Manager**



**Hanna Kachura -  
Financial  
Manager**



**Tetiana Shkodivska -  
Communications  
Manager**



**Nadiia Kotliar -  
Fundraising  
Manager**



## Beginning of the year

For 2022, the team of the Kherson Community Foundation "Zakhyst" had ambitious plans, and in January-February we began to implement them!

We held a session on the development of operational planning!

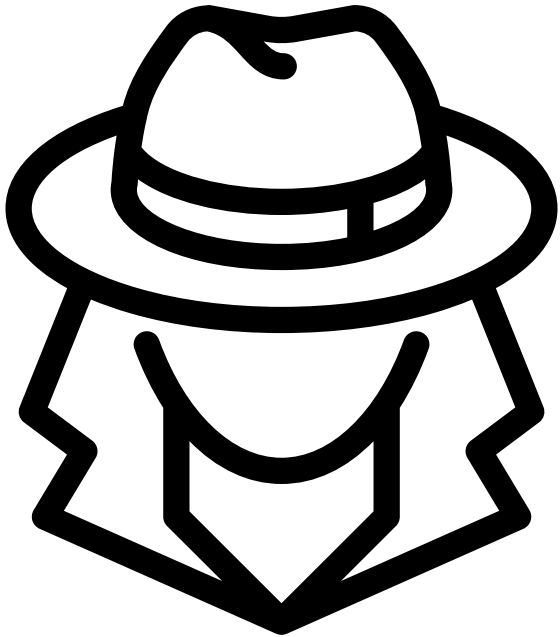


We held a competition for schools of the Kherson region, and on February 25, we planned to announce the winners



We started the process of creating an online platform for Kherson residents "HEAR THE COMMUNITY"

# Governance Detectives



For three days (February 21-23, 2022), the author's training #Governance\_Detectives took place, conducted by governance experts of the Kherson Community Foundation "Zakhyst".

The trainers were Foundation's managers, Kostiantyn Filenko and Tetiana Shkodivska, while Larysa Polska, the Chairwoman of the Board, provided guidance and consultation to the representatives of organizations throughout the three-day training.

On the last day of the training, the participants played a social-simulating game on the topic of Good Governance, designed by a social psychologist, conflict resolution expert Dmytro Zvonok.

The training was attended by 20 activists from 10 public organizations from Kyiv, Mykolaiv, Zaporizhzhia, Kharkiv, and Kherson regions.

On the morning of February 24, 2022, everything changed.



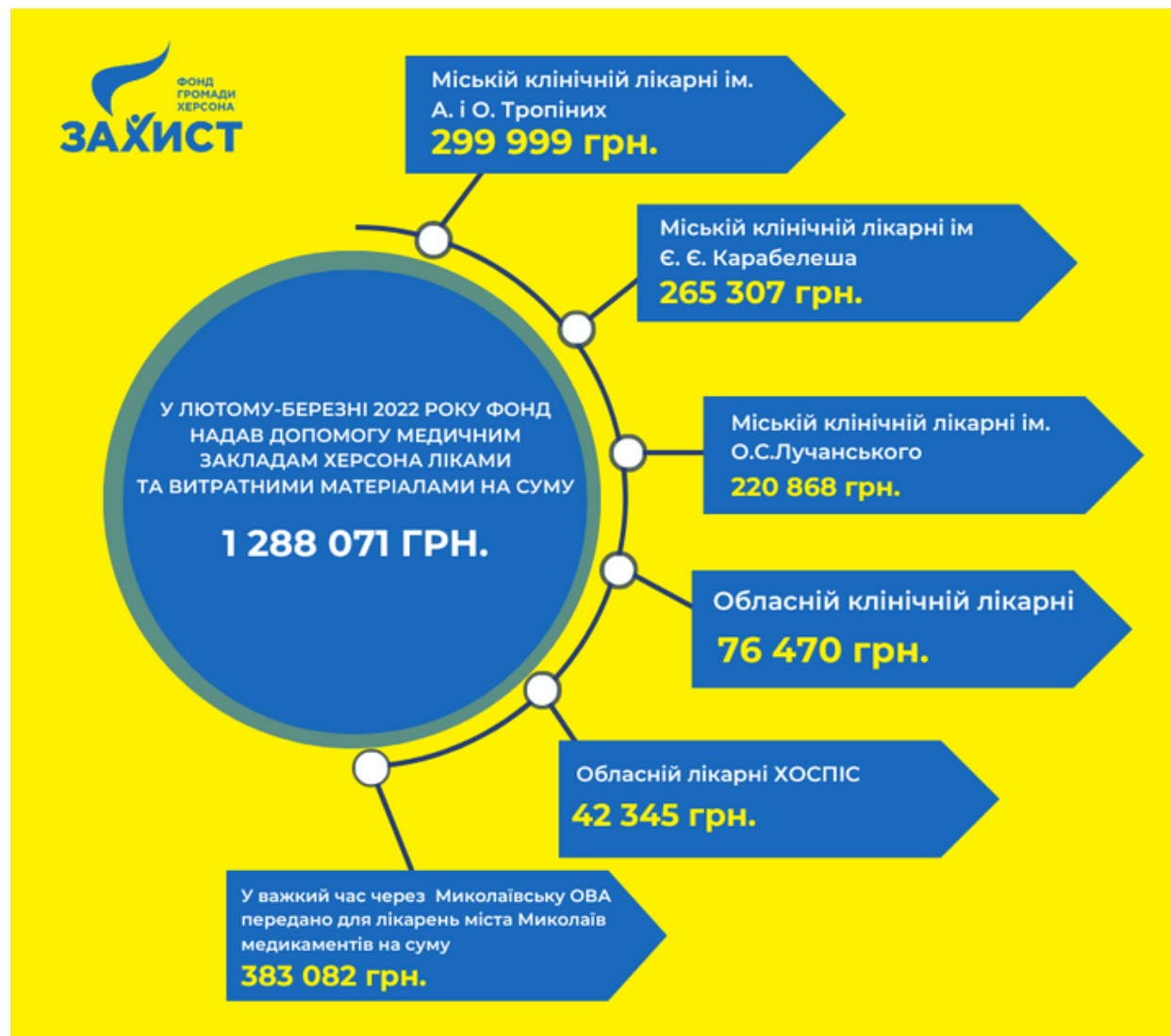
## The first days of the full-scale invasion

From the first days of the war, the Foundation engaged in providing assistance to Kherson, which was among the first to feel the boots of the occupant.

Fierce battles took place at Antonivka Bridge, and the city was occupied. In an instant, pharmacies were looted, pharmaceutical companies closed their warehouses, and hospitals were in need of antibiotics, painkillers, and medical supplies.

Thanks to our long-established reputation, the owners of pharmaceutical companies willingly opened their warehouses to the Foundation. We didn't personally select the necessary supplies; instead, we directed chief doctors or heads of Kherson hospitals to the warehouses, who selected exactly what was needed.

As a result, we were able to provide six hospitals in Kherson with the necessary medicines and medical supplies amounting to 907,839 UAH.





In a short period of time, we used all the local opportunities. And then one of our Foundation members, Oleksii Herman, found a supplier of medicines in Odesa, but it was a significant risk. Nonetheless, we decided to proceed with it. On March 3, we made a payment of approximately 400,000 UAH to the pharmaceutical company in Odesa. The Kherson military, who were based in Mykolaiv, undertook to transport the purchased medicines from Odesa to Mykolaiv, and then waited for transfer to Kherson.

The goods were promptly delivered to Mykolaiv, but that's where the challenges began! Chornobaivka, a heavily controlled area by the occupiers, became a major roadblock on the Mykolaiv-Kherson route. We were waiting for the "window" of opportunity to transport the purchased items to Kherson from March 3rd to March 30th. There was even a boat crossing option, but the Russian military burned out all the reeds on the riverbank, making river transport impossible.

Fortunately, the person who organized the delivery of medicines to Mykolaiv ensured its preservation there. That person was Andrii Putilov, the former head of the Kherson Regional State Administration.

During March, there was relative calm in Kherson as the occupants did not fire themselves. However, Mykolaiv suffered greatly. At that time, our Board decided to transfer one and a half tons of medicines, worth nearly 400,000 UAH, which were stuck in Mykolaiv, to neighboring hospitals. We facilitated the transfer through the Mykolaiv Military Administration, once again with the assistance of Andrii Putilov.

This is the story of one of the programs carried out by our Foundation during the war.





**SAVING KHERSON  
TOGETHER!**

**HELP  
CHILDREN OF  
KHERSON  
REGION**



# Even in peaceful times, our main focus of assistance was children.

Since the beginning of the war, supporting the children of the Kherson region has been our **TOP PRIORITY!**

In March 2022, our Foundation launched its own humanitarian program, "Save Together! Kherson," in response to the new challenges posed by the occupation that the Kherson community faced: forced labor through psychological pressure, kidnapping and torture of people, lack of internet communication with relatives, prohibition of humanitarian corridors, and unemployment.

The most suffered from the loss of work are large families and families raising children with disabilities, infants, single-parent families. With the onset of war and occupation in the Kherson region, the Foundation began providing financial assistance of 2,200 UAH specifically to those families. These families were not only from Kherson but also from cities, towns, and villages across the entire region.

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1595 РОДИН З ДІТЬМИ ХЕРСОНСЬКОЇ ОБЛАСТІ

Загальна сума допомоги - 4,3 млн гривень

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# Even in peaceful times, our main focus of assistance was children.

Providing financial assistance to families with children under the conditions of occupation has proven to be highly effective. Each family with children has unique needs, whether it's infants, children with special needs, or those dealing with specific medical conditions requiring specific medicines. By receiving financial support, parents can address these specific challenges that are inherent to their own family.

This assistance is important not only in material terms but also morally. In response to the support received, parents often say: "It is crucial for us, in addition to receiving help, to understand that we are not abandoned, that we are remembered, that we, the residents of Kherson, are not forgotten, and that we are cared for."



У 2022 РОЦІ ДОПОМОГУ ВІД ФОНДУ ОТРИМАЛИ 1595 РОДИН З ДІТЬМИ ХЕРСОНСЬКОЇ ОБЛАСТІ

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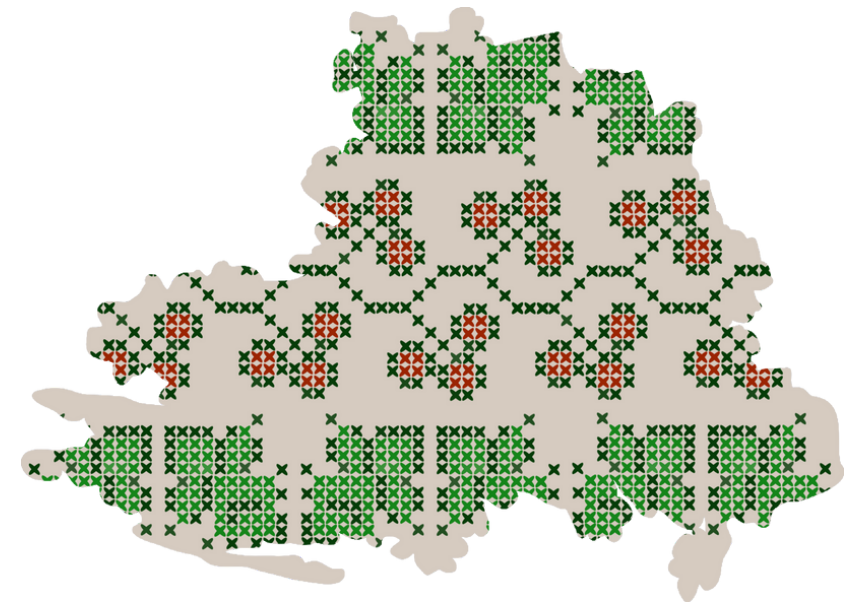
## How do we work?

Many people were surprised, and some even doubted the possibility of providing assistance to people in occupied territories. So, let us explain how we have been doing it and continue to do so. We receive applications for financial assistance from families with children in the occupied and de-occupied territories of the Kherson region, and we always verify them!

Sometimes the correspondence with applicants lasts quite a long time. Not all supporting documents have been provided, it happens that the applicant provides not his own code, but a relative's bank account, which results in the payment being rejected by the bank. There are also instances of repeated applications, and the bank warns about duplicate payment. The process of assembling the document package and creating the payment takes a lot of time, followed by archiving the documents in the cloud and maintaining statistics.

We take great care and responsibility in handling the charitable donations that you provide for the rescue of children of the Kherson region. After the war, we will be able to provide detailed records of all expenses related to each family and the use of your charitable contributions.

We entered the charitable sector almost 20 years ago with an open heart, so transparency is our **UTMOST PRIORITY!**



# School of Peace

In 2022, we continued our work on promoting dialogue, understanding, and peace in schools of the Kherson region. In collaboration with the German Children Foundation and NGO "Poruch," our Foundation implemented the project "Providing Opportunities for Youth to Ensure Reconciliation in Society" ("School of Peace").

The initiative was launched in 2020 and was implemented in only four regions (including the Kherson region). Due to its relevance and demand, the project received an extension in 2021. In 2020-2021, three educational institutions in the Kherson region joined the project. In 2022, we announced a competition for two more schools in the Kherson region, held it and the winners were planned to be announced on February 25th. However, our plans changed on February 24th.

In a few months, we decided to continue the implementation of the project in safer regions, specifically in Ternopil and Ivano-Frankivsk regions.

In each region, a Peace Classroom was established, which provided child-friendly spaces for educational, informative, and developmental activities related to peacebuilding. They were equipped with modern technology, furniture, teaching materials, and adorned with bright murals.

Also in Schools of Peace, training sessions were conducted for students and teachers on topics such as conflict transformation, overcoming war-related trauma, and mediation.

In one of Schools of Peace, a group of students who participated in training within the framework of School of Peace on mediation and peacebuilding was formed. Together with the school psychologist, they developed and conducted activities for primary school students of their educational institution. In another school, a mediation theater was launched, where participants could learn to manage emotions, and "act out" conflict situations from different roles.



# Financial report for 2022



<b>Receipt of funds</b>	<b>8 816 597</b>
incl. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Individual donations</li></ul>	2 955 813
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Business</li></ul>	381 039
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ukrainian non-governmental organizations</li></ul>	1 164 800
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• International donors</li></ul>	4 314 945
<b>Expenses</b>	
incl. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Program activity</li></ul>	7 455 071
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Administrative cost approx. covered by international donors through grant programs</li></ul>	960 825

# Financial report for 2022

## Expenses by Activity Areas:

(One-time small expenses not listed under thematic areas)



<b>Medicine</b>	<b>1 288 071</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assistance to 6 hospitals with medicines and medical supplies during the beginning of war</li></ul>	904 989
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assistance to medical institutions of Mykolaiv through Regional Military Administration</li></ul>	383 082
<b>Social protection</b> - program of direct financial assistance to 1595 families with children of the Kherson region "Save Together"	<b>4 300 000</b>
<b>Education</b> - Program "School of Peace"	<b>1 600 000</b>
<b>Democracy and community participation</b>	
Training for NGO "Governance Detectives"	<b>267 000</b>

# Thank you for participating in our charitable projects!



More than 500 Kherson residents and Ukrainians from different regions of the country and abroad have financially contributed to supporting our projects and campaigns. Thank you all for your trust!

While it's not possible to name everyone individually, we would like to acknowledge some of the **philanthropists who consistently provided charitable support with their own funds** - Nataliia Kuprii, Vadym Ladonia, Oksana Sakhno, Oleksandr Honobolin, Viktor Bulka, Anastasiia Onyshchenko, Valeriia Taran-Haiduk, Olena Hariachkina, Natalia Dorofieieva, Natalia Kravets, Olena Pimenova, Anastasiia Shurkina, Iryna Lytvynenko, Liana Malynovska, Denys Kravets, Alona Kovalerenko (France), Alina Nosenko (Germany), Olha Lauridsen (Denmark), Kravchenko Olena (Great Britain). Special thanks to you!!!

This year, significant contribution to assistance of the Kherson region was made by various **public and charitable organizations**, including: ISAR "Ednannia" (Kyiv), NGO "SILAB UKRAINE" (Kyiv), CO "Ukrainian Charity Exchange" (Kyiv), CO "National Network for Local Philanthropy Development" (Kyiv), CO "Community Foundation "Ridnia" (Strii), NGO "TAMARISK "(Dnipro), CO "Nagitkin Family Charitable Foundation" (Odesa), CO "Scaife Family Foundation" (USA).

**Business** - PE "Digital Communications" (Kherson), FC ELAYENS LLC, IT company DIGIS (Odesa), a company "MINDVALLEY "(Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia).

**Higher education institution** - Ukrainian Catholic University (Lviv).

We would like to express our gratitude to the **international donors** - ChildFund Deutschland e.V., the Global Fund for Community Foundations (GFCF) (Johannesburg, South Africa).

**Thanks to this significant support, we have achieved remarkable results.**

**Special thanks to Pact Inc. and ENGAGE! We sincerely appreciate your cooperation, comprehensive support in our organizational development and your reliable shoulder provided during the most difficult first months of the war, and for giving us the opportunity to continue growing and strengthening. To a large extent, it is thanks to your assistance that the Foundation is able to work effectively and contribute to the well-being of the Kherson community.**

# Visit our resources



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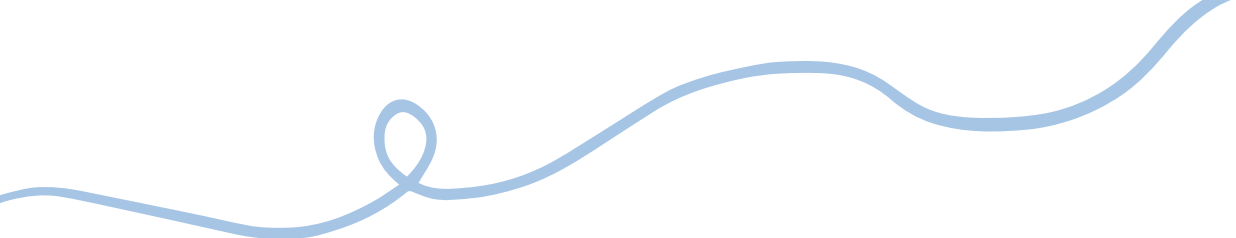
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**non-refundable charitable donation**

***Let's do good together!***



**Concrete may crumble...  
But our souls and love for our  
hometown cannot be bent or  
broken!**

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