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Annual Report

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# LETTER FROM THE CEO



Viacheslav Bykov  
CEO of Tabletochki CF

## Dear Friends!

Wherever you are as you read this letter, I can feel you are right next to me. Throughout 2022 you have been standing next to the Ukrainian children fighting cancer, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for that. Your support for children, who have faced two wars, is invaluable.

Russia's full-scale invasion of sovereign Ukraine has affected each and every one of us. It has changed our lives in every way. Every day in the morning I commemorate our losses and mourn them. Every day the Foundation's team takes a minute to mourn for our losses, so that the remaining 1439 minutes can be spent analyzing our gains.

The added demands of martial law, change of public focus, suspension of investment and infrastructure projects, decrease and migration of the child population, decrease in the numbers of specialized doctors and medical personnel, the challenges of living and receiving medical services in unfamiliar regions or abroad, disruptions in the logistics, protocols and routes — this is just a general and far from complete list of new and additional challenges in the development of pediatric oncology in Ukraine.

**We have taken on this burden in addition to the burden of Moscow's invasion of Ukraine and continue to carry it with your support as long as the children under our care need it.**

We have not stopped any of the Foundation's assistance programs. Moreover, we have expanded existing ones and added new ones. Thus, the *Treatment Abroad Program* has been expanded to include medical evacuation and support for families evacuated abroad. The *Support and Continuous Professional Development of Medical Personnel Program* now also provides assistance with relocation and support in case of excessive workloads; it has expanded its geography, duration and number of internships in the world's leading clinics. *Targeted Assistance* and *Outpatient Housing Programs* provide additional support for families from the temporarily occupied and war-affected regions. Despite all of the challenges, the hospital assistance program has shown an unprecedented result in terms of the number of infrastructure projects: construction, repairs, installations, and commissioning of the modern equipment.

**While the Armed Forces of Ukraine are defending us from the Russian invaders, the Foundation together with the donors, partners and the best Ukrainian doctors are fighting childhood cancer. In both cases, we are on our way to victory.**

We all changed in 2022. The way we used to live and work became impossible, and sometimes unacceptable. We have revised our policies and approaches to partnerships, fundraising, donor research and monitoring procedures; we have abandoned a number of multimillion-dollar but dubious projects, which has resulted in significant changes in the revenue structure.

For the first time, 52% of the donations came from donors abroad, including grant funding from foreign and international organizations. I am happy and proud that we have such a powerful support from the donors and partners abroad. In the time when Ukrainians have focused their resources on supporting the Armed Forces to protect their homeland, international donors have lent a shoulder to Ukrainian children in their war against cancer.

For the first time, actual expenses during the year increased by 53%, and revenues by only 21%. Despite everything, Tabletochki raised money, funded its programs, and provided necessary aid to every child with cancer who needed it.

This also became possible thanks to the achievements of 2022: new acquaintances, new partnerships, new donors, new projects and new opportunities. The Ministry of Health of Ukraine, Okhmatdyt National Children's Specialized Hospital, Western Ukrainian Specialized Children's Medical Center, Ukrainian Association of Pediatric Oncology/Hematology; our international partners: St. Jude Global Alliance, SAFER Ukraine, Save the Children International, Global Giving, Choose Love, Belron, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Siemens Caring Hands e.V.; the staff and volunteers of the Tabletochki CF; and each of you — this is the team which is the key to our successful fight against childhood cancer in Ukraine.

**The war has changed a lot, but it has not changed the mission and vision of the Foundation. No Ukrainian child should die of cancer.**

Ukrainians do not give up their children to anyone or anything. We stay strong, we fight and win.

Viacheslav Bykov  
CEO of Tabletochki CF

\$5,98 million  
collected

\$5,63 million  
aimed to aid

1056 families  
received assistance

2022

The most difficult year  
The biggest amount of help



Vadym, 9 years old,  
Okhmatdyt Children's Hospital

## THE WAR OUTSIDE, THE WAR INSIDE

On the morning of February 26, 2022, Vadym, his mother, father and older sister were sitting in a school bomb shelter across the street from their home in Kyiv. When a Russian missile hit their home at 8:15, a tumor was already growing in Vadym's chest unnoticed.

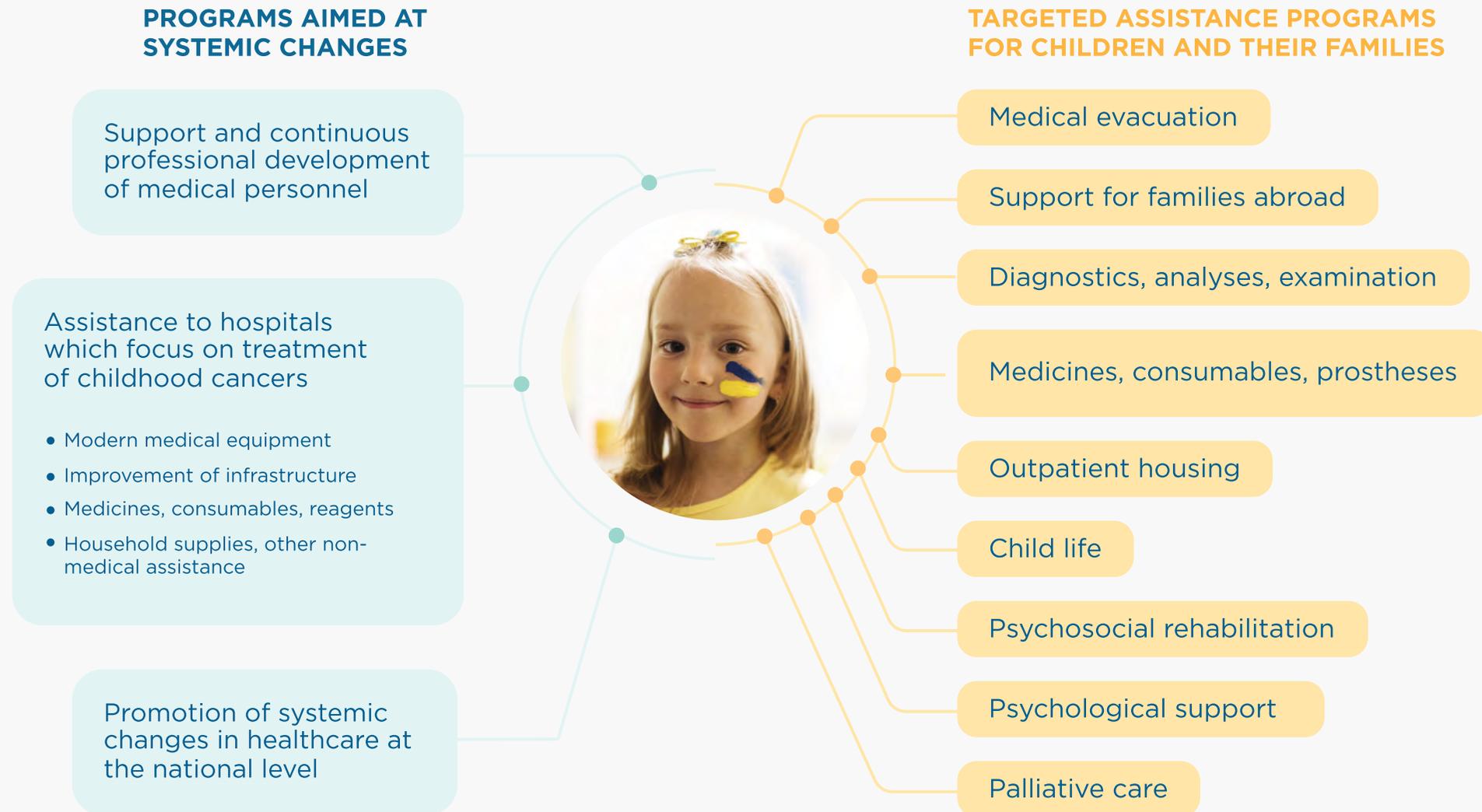
**Thanks to the financial reserve** — the traditionally higher revenues in December of the previous year — Tabletochki provided everything necessary to treat children like Vadym in the first months of the war.

**Regular donations** from monthly donors became a reliable support base in times of absolute uncertainty. They made it possible to plan assistance so the children would not interrupt their fight for a single day.

**Donors and partners from abroad** reinforced the assistance of Ukrainian donors to support the sustainability and development of pediatric oncology: hospitals received equipment, infrastructure projects continued, and medical professionals were continuously studying and gaining new experiences.

# NO MAN IS AN ISLAND

Behind every soldier, on every battlefield, there is a reliable rear. To support a child in the fight against such a fierce enemy as cancer, we need help not only here and now but also to pursue a systematic approach. Despite all the challenges, we continued to work on programs aimed at systemic changes in pediatric cancer because a systematic approach is the strong rear guard for a child suddenly affected by cancer.



**The Foundation's programs are aimed at systemic changes and targeted assistance that ensure high-quality and timely treatment of children today and in the future.**

# SYSTEMIC CHANGES IN THE FIELD OF PEDIATRIC CANCER

Since February 24, 2022, Russia has carried out more than 700 deliberate and indiscriminate attacks on the Ukrainian healthcare system. These include attacks on hospitals, blood transfusion centers, laboratories, pharmacies, ambulances, and attacks on medical professionals. Ukraine's medical system has suffered destruction, damage, and the loss of valuable specialists, including a hematologist at the Bone Marrow Transplantation Department of the Okhmatdyt National Children's Hospital. Oksana Leontieva was killed by a Russian missile in the center of Kyiv on her way to work.

Pediatric oncology needed help like never before. Systemic changes are always tricky, time-consuming, and expensive to pursue and fulfill — even more so during a full-scale war. However, high-quality treatment is impossible in the long run without comprehensive support for pediatric oncology centers and oncology departments, the professional development of medical professionals, and the protection of children's rights.

**In 2022, we continued long-term projects aimed at the comprehensive development of pediatric oncology. And moreover, we boldly launched new ones, considering the challenges of the times and the needs of children with cancer.**

Below we are happy and proud to share our main achievements of the year, which happened due to your help and despite the war.



## PROMOTING SYSTEMIC CHANGES IN HEALTHCARE AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

Since 2016, a representative of the Foundation has been a member of the Ministry of Health's working group on public procurement in pediatric cancer to represent and protect the interests of children with cancer. The working group approves the annual need for medicines, develops medical and technical specifications for procurement, and proposes changes to the medical procurement inventory. In 2022, with our partners, we continued to work in the group and welcomed the achievements of many years of work.

Yakiv, a child under the care of  
the Foundation, 3 years old



# Changes in the field of pediatric oncology, implemented at the national level in 2022



Children with blood cancer are now provided with life-saving medicines worth €1,000 per vial at public expense. The state-owned Medical Procurement of Ukraine company purchased 590 vials of the anti-tumor drug Erwinase, without which complete treatment is impossible.

*Erwinase* is a specific anti-tumor drug. It is prescribed to children with blood cancer who are hypersensitive to drugs with a similar therapeutic effect. *Erwinase* allows them to continue their fight against the disease.

Every year in Ukraine, 10-15 children need *Erwinase*. We have purchased the drug with donors and volunteers abroad for the past ten years so that children can continue treatment. The total cost of purchasing *Erwinase* over the entire period is 650,000 Euros.

Now donors and charitable foundations do not have to pay large bills. These funds can be used for other needs of children fighting cancer.



The unification of the medical specialties of pediatric hematologist and pediatric oncologist into a single specialty pediatric hematologist/oncologist and the development of a corresponding training program based on international standards have been completed.

The *pediatric hematology/oncology* specialization has existed in North America and Europe for many years, but not in Ukraine.

The creation of a new medical specialty with changes in qualification requirements means more effective professional training covering the entire spectrum of malignant tumors and severe hematological disorders in children; a guarantee of interchangeability of specialists; and another step towards the approximation of professional standards following the European Union's regulations and, thus, the integration of Ukrainian doctors into the international community of pediatric hematologists and oncologists.

# SUPPORT AND CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF MEDICAL PERSONNEL

\$361,4 thousand

Tabletochki has become a partner of the world's best children's hospitals and a member of international organizations fighting childhood cancer over the 12 years of its existence. Thanks to our long-term partnerships, we continued providing educational opportunities for Ukrainian medical professionals even during the war, including organizing internships at leading clinics in the Netherlands, Spain, Germany, Poland, the Czech Republic, and Turkey.

*The Support and Professional Development of Medical Personnel Program* is a strategic project of the Foundation since doctors are the driving force for changes in childhood cancer treatment. The timely, effective, and quality treatment of children depends on their professionalism and access to contemporary knowledge.

**We thank our partners and donors for the opportunities for the professional development of Ukrainian medical professionals and their comprehensive support!**



Viacheslav Bykov, CEO of the Foundation, awarding scholarships for medical professionals to study in the Master's program in Public Health Administration at the Ukrainian Catholic University



In 2022, thanks to the foundation's program, medical professionals:



Joined  
international  
conferences



Participated in  
international  
internships



Learned English  
at different levels



Received translations of  
treatment protocols and  
other materials

Such educational opportunities provide access to global expertise and enable integration into the global oncology community. And this is the basis for improving the survival rate of children with cancer in Ukraine.

Over the year, **125** doctors, nurses, laboratory technicians, radiologists, and other medical professionals gained new knowledge and developed their professional skills thanks to you.

## ASSISTANCE TO HOSPITALS WHICH FOCUS ON TREATMENT OF CHILDHOOD CANCERS

\$2,08 million

Monthly, 12 hospitals are under the Foundation's care. Together with you, we meet their urgent needs so that children do not interrupt their treatment: we provide medicines, consumables, reagents, and household and other non-medical supplies. We also offer comprehensive support to multidisciplinary teams of cancer centers by providing modern medical equipment and improving the infrastructure of hospitals.

Building a full-fledged children's cancer center in every oblast of Ukraine is impossible. Still, ensuring every Ukrainian child can access full-fledged cancer treatment is possible, and this should be implemented. It requires time, effort, comprehensive partner support, and the centralization of medical care.



Opening of two bone marrow transplant rooms in the Cherkasy Oblast Cancer Center



# THE LARGEST PROJECTS OF THE YEAR



**\$259,7**  
thousand

Each year, 600 children fighting cancer and other serious illnesses will receive safe donor blood through an X-ray system for irradiating blood components at the Lviv Oblast Blood Service Center. Funds for the system's purchase were raised at the Tabletochki Giving Tuesday Dinner 2021.



**\$253,5**  
thousand

The Pediatric Neurosurgery Department of St. Nicholas Hospital in Lviv, which treats children with nervous system tumors and injuries sustained during hostilities, received a modern microscope. It allows doctors to operate on blood vessels and conduct additional examinations of the tumor directly during surgery.



**\$151,5**  
thousand

The construction of two bone marrow transplant rooms at the Pediatric Oncology Department of the Cherkasy Oblast Oncology Center was finished. These rooms with special sterile conditions provide a safe environment for children before, during, and long after bone marrow transplantation. The funds were raised thanks to the ATB Charitable Foundation, ATB-Market LLC, and a Union for International Cancer Control grant.



**\$40,2**  
thousand\*

\*The total cost of the reconstruction project is \$80,4 thousand, and its full implementation is scheduled for 2023

The reconstruction of the outpatient care facility has started at the Clinic of Pediatric Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplantation of the Western Ukrainian Specialized Children's Medical Center. The renovated structure of the facility will improve the organization of patient appointments, reduce waiting time for a doctor's appointment (three to four patients can be consulted simultaneously), and reduce the workload of medical staff.



**\$30,9** thousand

The Pediatric Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplantation Clinic of the Western Ukrainian Specialized Children's Medical Center received eight vital signs monitors to track patients' vitals. This equipment guarantees timely assistance to patients in critical condition. We thank SUZUKI Ukraine and DB Schenker Ukraine for funding the project to purchase the monitors.



Marko, 8 years old,  
is fighting brain cancer

# TARGETED ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

In 2022, the needs of families facing childhood cancer changed dramatically. In the first months of the full-scale invasion, the evacuation of children became a primary task of the Foundation's work — patients needed to continue their treatment safely. Far from home, evacuated families with seriously ill children needed psychological and material support. And they received it thanks to you.

When the situation in the central and western regions stabilized, more and more children began to stay at home in Ukraine for treatment. This means our programs to support children in hospitals and provide outpatient care and psychosocial rehabilitation have been revitalized.

**Thanks to you, we have overcome new challenges  
and supported families every step of the way.**

# EVACUATING CHILDREN ABROAD

\$308,3 thousand

The first *convoy of life* left Lviv for Poland on March 1. The Foundation's long-term partnerships in Ukraine and abroad made it possible to quickly organize the evacuation and to set up logistics processes, namely thanks to:

- Ukrainian medical professionals from different regions;
- The Western Ukrainian Specialized Children's Medical Center in Lviv, where children from all over the country came;
- St. Jude Children's Research Hospital;
- St. Jude Global Alliance and International Society of Paediatric Oncology;
- Polish Foundation Fundacja Herosi and the Polish Association of Pediatric Oncology and Hematology;
- Ministry of Health of Ukraine and the First Lady of Ukraine Olena Zelenska.

Working together to continue the treatment of children has grown into a global initiative of SAFER Ukraine for the medical evacuation of children with cancer to leading clinics around the world.



Tabletochki, as part of SAFER Ukraine, has helped to evacuate about 1400 families\* with children with cancer and severe blood diseases to leading clinics in the United States, Canada and Europe.

\*information as of May 2023

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When I was told about the opportunity to leave, I packed in 20 minutes. I had no idea what was waiting for me ahead.

Lidiia, Oleksii's mother



I took my children, my friend took her children, and the two of us went to the border with our nine children.

Roksolana, Melaniia's mother



Because of the Russian terrorist attacks, we could not continue our treatment at home in Kyiv, Ukraine.

Valeriia, mother of Hryhorii



There were bombings, shelling, the Ukrainian flag was cut down — our village was occupied. We started thinking about how to get out.

Oksana, mother of Mariia



To bring my son to Kyiv, I had to give him saline for a day to support him because he was getting worse and worse.

Yuliia, mother of Danylo

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# SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES ABROAD

\$336,2 thousand

After a long trip and the relief of feeling physically safe, there comes a complex adaptation to the new environment: domestic issues, psychological stress, and a language barrier. Considering this, we transformed the old program Treatment Abroad into a new one — Support for Families Abroad.

At the beginning of the invasion, 21 coordinators (the majority of the Foundation's team, including specialists from the program, fundraising, and communications departments) were in touch with evacuated families.

By October, when the families adapted to the new conditions and mostly needed only supportive assistance, only one coordinator remained. Among other things, the Foundation helps families to return to Ukraine if they need to after completing treatment. Today we are in touch with more than 400 families outside the country.

Thanks to you, Melaniia from Kyiv oblast and other children supported by the Foundation, wherever they are, celebrate their birthdays with cakes and gifts. The Foundation provides financial assistance to celebrate a child's birthday because psychological support is essential in the fight against the disease.

Melaniia continues her treatment in Poland



## MEDICINES AND MEDICAL CONSUMABLES

**\$1,13** million

In the first month of the full-scale war, Bohdan and his mother volunteered at a military hospital. But Bohdan soon himself ended up in a hospital bed. Thanks to you, he had all the necessary medicines for timely treatment.

Even though supply chains have been disrupted since the beginning of the invasion, we have been looking for new ways to deliver vital medicines to children like Bohdan. With your help, in 2022, 328 children received targeted assistance (drugs, medical consumables, and prosthetics). You also provided them with medicines from abroad unavailable in Ukraine.

On Christmas Eve, Bohdan completed his treatment in the hospital. At home, he receives supportive therapy and plays war games with Lego. The Ukrainian Armed Forces always win.

Bohdan, 7 years old,  
Poltava oblast

# OUTPATIENT HOUSING



Dmytro and Nazar, roommates.  
Dmytro is from Odesa oblast,  
Nazar is from Khmelnytskyi oblast

**\$102,3** thousand

After completing inpatient treatment for cancer, a child needs regular visits to the hospital: for check-ups, tests, and rehabilitation sessions.

The Foundation rents outpatient housing near hospitals to help families from the regions who have completed their primary treatment. Due to the war, many Ukrainians evacuated and moved west of the country, which meant that the number of patients at the Western Ukrainian Specialized Children's Medical Center increased. That is why the Foundation now offers outpatient housing in Lviv.

During the year, we provided outpatient housing for 65 families in Kyiv and Lviv, including Dmytro and his mother, Iryna. "When a child has a serious illness, it is crucial to get to the hospital quickly, for example, if the temperature has risen. 10-15 minutes, and we are there," says Iryna.

# CHILDLIFE DURING AND AFTER THE TREATMENT

\$78,9 thousand

This year, celebrations of the end of the treatment in the hospital, birthday celebrations, creative classes and *Beauty Days* in the pediatric oncology divisions became more valuable than ever before. Heartfelt smiles and the warmth of joyful moments have greatly supported children and parents caught between two wars.

One of them is little Maksym and his family: while the boy was fighting the disease in the hospital, his father was defending the country on the front lines. On the day of his discharge, the father came to visit his son from the military hospital, where he has been rehabilitating after being injured on active duty.



Maksym with his mom and dad on the day of discharge from the hospital

**We thank the donors and partners for the emotional support of children and their families!**

Thanks to you, **128 children – winners** in their battle with cancer – their parents and siblings received support after completing treatment in the psychosocial rehabilitation program.



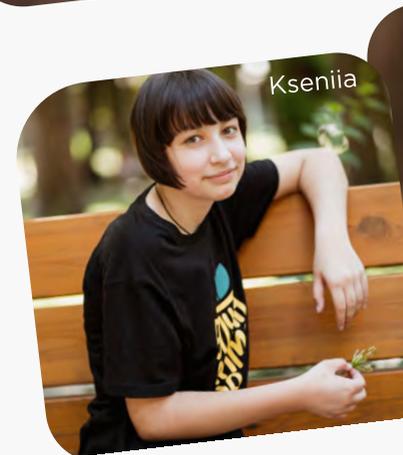
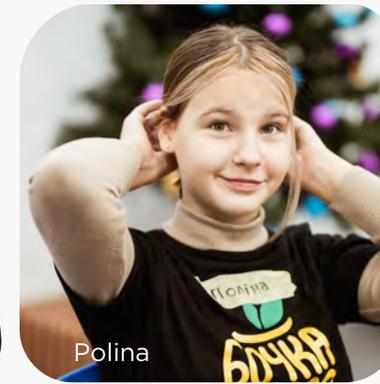
Family camp in the fall 2022  
in Chernihiv oblast

During a full-scale war, it is hard for parents to let their children spend time alone, especially children who used to be very sick. That is why this year, the *Psychosocial Rehabilitation Program* focused on comprehensive work with families so children could stay close to their parents. Three family camps were held, where families worked with psychologists and spent time with people having similar experiences and worries.



The *Barrel of Lemonade* club, a communication club for teenagers — cancer survivors — continued its work in Kyiv. We also launched another *Barrel* in Lviv, where many Ukrainians moved to during the year.

In December, the first graduation of the *lemons* (those teens who spent two years in the club) took place. We are happy and proud to see these self-confident young people. And we thank you for helping them return to everyday life after a long and exhausting treatment!



# PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT

**\$71,9** thousand

When a child is sick with cancer, and there is a full-scale war in the country, the risk of not returning to "normal" life, socialization, and economic stability of the family increases a hundred times.

That is why a team of eleven psychologists provided group and individual psychological support to families in Ukraine and those evacuated abroad, children who have overcome cancer, palliative care patients, and families in grief after losing a child. The Foundation's psychologists regularly attend training sessions to learn how to help in times of war, which is a double stress for these families.



Alisa and her mother in the oncology department of the Okhmatdyt Children's Hospital



**In 2022, 235 families received psychological support**



**122 children: wards and their siblings**



**238 adults: parents, legal guardians, aunts, grandmothers**

# PALLIATIVE CARE PROGRAM

\$642,4<sup>\*</sup> thousand

Thanks to you, the 60 families in the palliative care program had everything they needed: medicines, consumables, nutrition supplies, and technical and medical equipment. They also had psychological support. In particular, after the de-occupation of Chernihiv oblast, the Foundation's psychologists visited five families in the region.

There were also dozens of dreams fulfilled: making chocolates with a pastry chef, riding water slides in a water park, taking and successfully finishing robotics courses, and having excursions and family photo shoots.

\*\$371 thousand were allocated to finance two months of work of the palliative patronage service of the *Dobrobut Clinic*



Vadym (right) with his mother and older brother

After all, palliative care is about life, no matter how long it lasts.

**Russia takes lives** and seeks to erase the memory of those we have already lost.

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Since 2014, the cemetery where Artem is buried has been in the war zone all this time. That's why we visited it only occasionally. Now I'm even afraid to think about what is happening there because he is buried in the suburbs of Popasna, Luhansk oblast.

**Olena, mother of Artem**

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Artem's family has attended every *Memorial Day* that the Foundation has held annually since 2016 in the summer in an apple orchard near Kyiv. This year, there was no Memorial Day for security reasons.

Thanks to you, we continue to support Artem's family and other families who have lost their children to cancer. After all, the memory of our children is priceless, and we keep cherishing it.



THANK YOU FOR BEING  
THERE FOR UKRAINIAN  
CHILDREN WITH CANCER  
AND THEIR FAMILIES ❤️

Thanks to your sincere  
hearts and generosity,  
all help and systemic  
changes are possible!

Marko with his mother Polina

# CHARITY

Only together we can defeat the enemy. We are infinitely grateful to all of you for helping Ukrainian children fight cancer! Despite the losses, challenges, and fatigue, Ukrainian donors and partners have still found the energy and ability to help children.

**International donors became a reliable support — in 2022, half of the contributions came from abroad.**

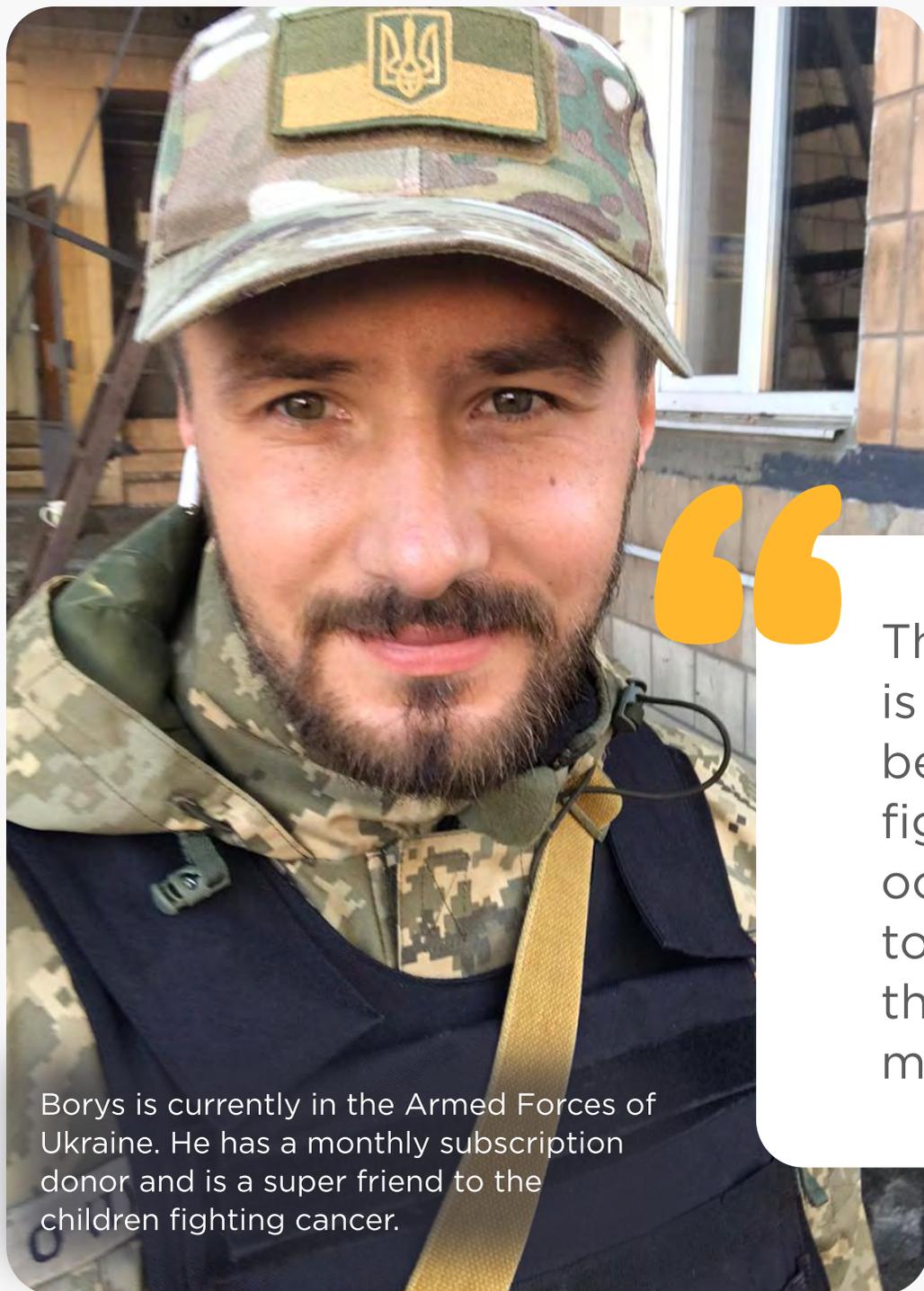
We thank the donors, companies, partners, and charitable organizations that helped Ukrainian children caught in the middle of two wars to continue their fight: Belron Ronnie Lubner Charitable Foundation, Belron International Limited, Siemens Caring Hands E.V., Canva Foundation Limited, and DHL.

We thank foreign and international organizations such as St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Save the Children International, Global Giving, and Choose Love for the grants, which have been powerful support.

Thank you for empowering brave Ukrainian kids!



Nadiia, 7 years old, fighting blood cancer



Borys is currently in the Armed Forces of Ukraine. He has a monthly subscription donor and is a super friend to the children fighting cancer.

## Two thousand superfriends for Ukrainian children with cancer

The help of superfriends — donors with monthly subscriptions — was significant this year. Donations for the selected amount are automatically debited from their cards every month. Each \$10, \$25, \$50 as a regular donation provides confidence and hope to children and their families and allows us to plan our assistance. In times of uncertainty, you are helping all of us to resist and protect the most vulnerable.

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These days, the charity culture in the country is rising. How many children's lives could have been saved if we had been as zealous in the fight against childhood cancer as against the occupant? To win this battle, I have subscribed to monthly donations for the children under the care of Tabletochki. In order to win, the main thing is to keep fighting.

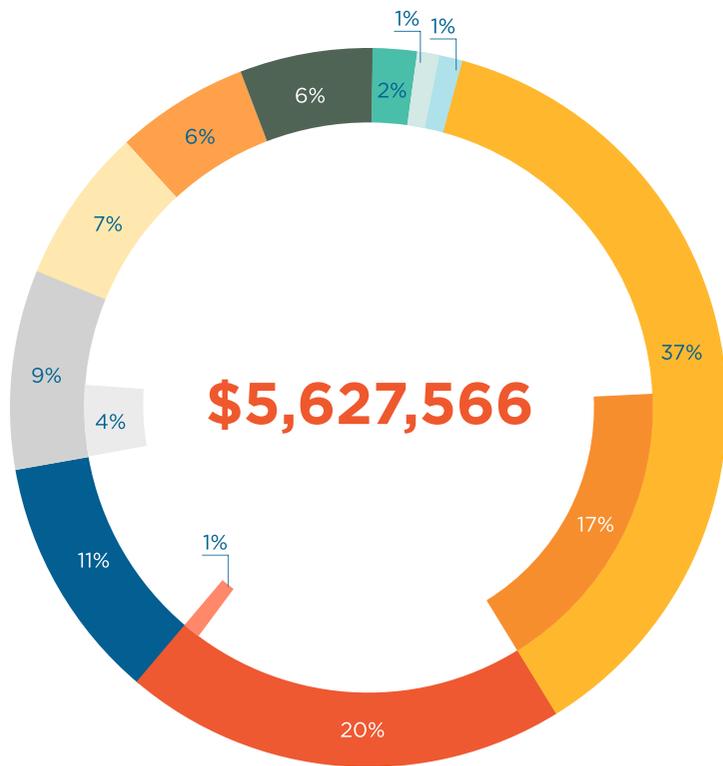
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We are grateful to **two thousand new superfriends** who have made friends with the children under our care this year. Their monthly assistance to the children totaled more than **\$13,6 thousand**. Dear superfriends, thank you!

# IN 2022, CHILDREN RECEIVED AID WORTH \$5,627,566. THANK YOU!

In total, you have transferred \$5,979,723 and **1.69 Bitcoin**, **2.26 Litecoin**, and **10.26 Ethereum** to help children. 52% of donations came from abroad, namely \$824,523 in grants from foreign and international organizations, \$965,591 in donations from foreign legal entities, and \$1,161,157 in donations from individuals from abroad.

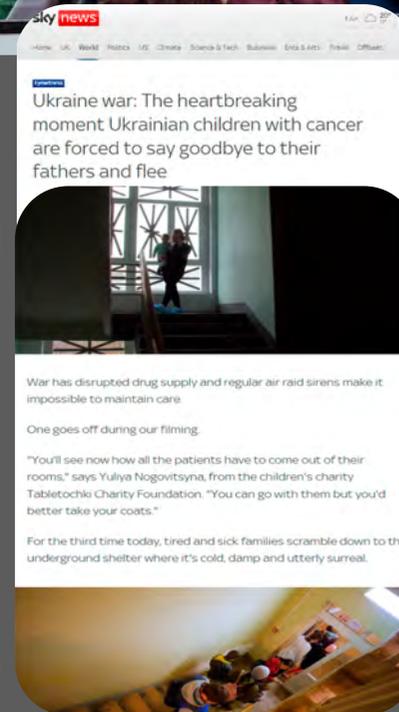
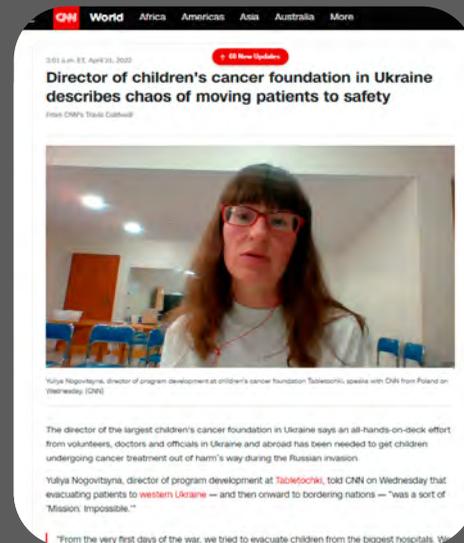
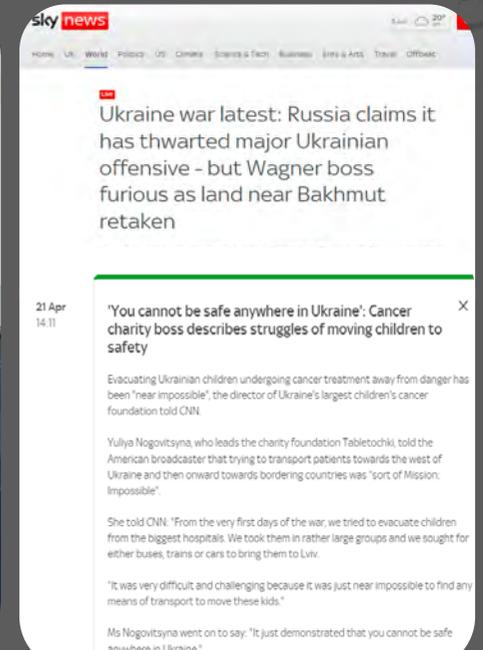
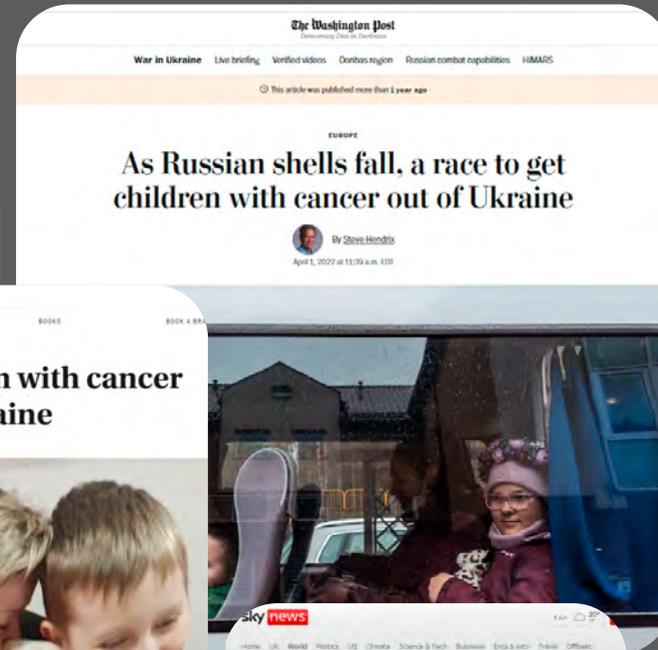
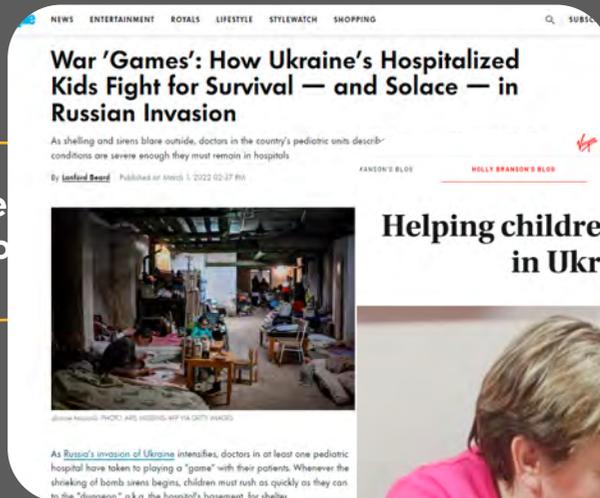
## Cost Structure



- 37% \$2,08 million Assistance to the hospitals, of which:
  - 17% \$ 965,3 thousand Improvement of infrastructure and facilities
- 20% \$1,13 million Targeted support, of which:
  - 1% \$80,8 thousand Medicines from abroad
- 11% \$642,4 thousand Palliative care program
- 7% \$361,4 thousand Support and continuous professional development of medical personnel
- 6% \$308,3 thousand Medical evacuation abroad
- 6% \$336,2 thousand Support for families abroad
- 2% \$102,3 thousand Outpatient housing
- 1% \$71,9 thousand Psychological support
- 1% \$78,9 thousand Childlife during and after the treatment
- 9% \$524,6 thousand Foundation maintenance costs, of which:
  - 4% \$219,6 thousand Administrative costs

# TABLETOCHKI AS THE VOICE OF THE UKRAINIAN CHILDREN WITH CANCER IN THE WORLD

Thank you for spreading the word and standing with Ukraine and Ukrainian children fighting cancer!



# BEHIND THE SCENES: 2022 FOR THE TABLETOCHKI TEAM

Doctors on the palliative care program team are now at the front line. Some of our volunteers are at the front line too. The Foundation's psychologist works as a medic on the front line. Our colleagues are in the Territorial Defence Forces. Our family members joined the Armed Forces of Ukraine.

Everyone in the team has relatives or friends who faced occupation. Everyone in the team has relatives or friends killed by Russia.

This year, we cried a lot and sincerely celebrated — the liberation of the occupied territories, the timely delivery of medicines to a child in an intensive care unit, and meetings with families: our own and those under our care.

**We lost and gained, but we survived. We are moving on together with you, and thanks to you, for the sake of the future of Ukrainian children.**

Marharyta Sklianychenko, an Outpatient Program Specialist, joined the Territorial Defense Forces in February

It is all for the sake of the future of...



...and hundreds of others  
Ukrainian children  
fighting cancer

# THE WAR DIDN'T CHANGE EVERYTHING

The war has changed many things, but not the cancer statistics.

Childhood cancer is not caused by anything that can be controlled. It cannot be prevented.

Just like before the full-scale war, three Ukrainian families every day learn that their child has cancer: two in Ukraine and one abroad.

Given the departure of a large part of the child population abroad, the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital estimates that in 2023, about 650 children in Ukraine will be diagnosed with cancer. Several hundred more Ukrainian children will learn about their diagnosis abroad.

Delays in medicines and diagnostic complications due to logistical disruptions, late detection of the disease due to delayed treatment, and psycho-emotional and economical exhaustion — all this burden added by the Russian war has put a strain on the country's still developing pediatric cancer system.

The percentage of childhood cancer cases is almost the same in different countries. But the chance of recovery depends to a large extent on the country in which the child lives.

Together with you, we can ensure every Ukrainian child recovers from cancer!



On February 27, the fourth day of the full-scale war, Kateryna celebrated her birthday in the basement of the Ohmatdyt Children's Hospital. She was turning nine. Weakened by the fight against kidney cancer and shocked by the shelling, the girl blew out the candles and probably made a wish. Soon after, Kateryna was evacuated to Lviv, where she continued treatment and was discharged from the hospital. Her dream came true in the summer of 2022 — a healthy girl went on a hike in the Carpathian Mountains.

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