



St. Petersburg Regional Relief Public
Organization for Abandoned Children
PETERSBURG PARENTS

Who need a massage?

Who need a massage?

If you think that massage is luxury you are wrong. For orphaned children massage is vital.

Just imagine. A child was born weak, but mother did not take him on her arms. He was placed to a cot and was sometimes taken out of it only for diaper change. He was lying in one position for a long time. For very long time. It was difficult to breath, and difficult to eat from leant bottle. Little disobedient body became numb and couldn't pose comfortably. A child cried, he waited for help, but eventually understood that he was alone with his difficulties, and got accustomed to live a such way, to put up with it... At four month he did not turn over, at six he did not sit up. He just has not been able to do that. He did not sit up even at eight, and did not crawl. At one he stood up but very difficulty. His body was disobedient, constrained, it had learned very little to that time. Then some people, who could become his parents, came. But they saw him weak, crooked, clumsy and they scared... A child stayed alone again.

Everything might be different if a child got three massage courses per year. But medical staff in baby care centers and hospitals get low wages, and masseurs don't want to work for 6000 rub. (200 USD) per month.

Of course it's a huge problem and we are not able to make the wheels of our state turn to the right way immediately. But children cannot not wait any more. We cooperate with Vsevolzhsk orphanage and hire masseurs for children from it. That's why we need money. There are 107 children in this orphanage. 100 of them need massage. Every child needs 10-15 massages during the year, so we must buy 3000-4500 massagers at all. Market price for one massage is about 600 rub. (20 USD), but we are negotiating with masseurs a price at level 300-400 rub (10-15 USD). Masseurs meet our half way, though they have to go several kilometers to Vsevolzhsk. Totally we need 150 thsnd. Rub per month (about 5000 USD).

This is more important than toys, clothes and gifts. This is vitally important.





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