

# City of Goodness Annual Report 2025

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A Year of Growth for  
Those Who Cannot Wait



City  
of  
Goodness

# MIRACLES BEGIN WITH US



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Founder of the  
City of  
Goodness

2025 in the City of Goodness was a year when one ambulance from the House of Butterflies – the only children’s hospice in Ukraine was driving to evacuate forgotten children from frontline areas, while another was bringing Ivan home after a unique surgery he had dreamed about his entire life. With one hand we were writing the program for the largest conference on children’s palliative care, while with the other we were digging the ground for a new building that will soon begin its life-saving mission. It was a year of contrasts and difficult challenges.

Because when there are children beside you who are in pain, there is no right to wait or postpone.

During this year, we evacuated children from under shelling, from darkness, from fear.

We held hands where it seemed there was no strength left.

We witnessed the first steps of children who had once been carried in arms.

We saw surgeries people had waited for years – sometimes an entire lifetime.

And in each of those days there was a miracle, created by people with big hearts.

This year taught us one more thing: we cannot stop.

Because someone is waiting for evacuation.

Someone is waiting for surgery.

Someone is waiting for their first step.

Someone is waiting for the City of Goodness to appear in their life.

Thank you to everyone who walks this path with us.

Who believes.

Who supports.

Who makes the impossible possible.

We continue.

With love.

With responsibility.

With faith in life.

# THE LARGEST SHELTER IN UKRAINE CITY OF GOODNESS

The City of Goodness is the largest charitable shelter in Ukraine and a unique complex of care with no equivalents in the world.

It is a place where support is brought together into a single system: under one roof people receive shelter, medical care, rehabilitation, protection of their rights, psychological support, education, and a chance to begin a new life.

Every day, more than 300 people live simultaneously in the City of Goodness — women, children, grandmothers, unaccompanied children with severe diagnoses, orphaned children, and evacuated families. All of them receive professional support made possible entirely thanks to donors.

The City of Goodness consists of six buildings, each with a clear function but united by the same philosophy of care and dignity.

The total area of the complex exceeds 4,000 m<sup>2</sup>. All направления of support at the City of Goodness are complemented by legal and psychological assistance provided on a charitable basis. People receive guidance in complex cases, help with restoring documents, protection of their rights, and support in rebuilding their inner strength.



## 640

children received shelter

## 252

mothers received comprehensive support from the Women's Rights Protection Department

## 1330

women received legal advice.





The team of the City of Goodness stays with children, mothers, and grandmothers from the very first moment of evacuation — **through treatment, surgeries, rehabilitation, education, development, and the fulfillment of dreams.**

Here, birthdays are celebrated, as well as Christmas, first steps, and small victories.

It is here that many children find families and become truly loved and cared for.

Every day at the City of Goodness is filled with dignity, warmth, development, and love.

Year in Numbers

**640 children received shelter**

**252 mothers received comprehensive support**

**1,330 women received legal advice**

**1,200 children's dreams came true this year**

The largest conference on children's palliative care in Ukraine was held here

Today, the complex is expanding by more than 1,500 m<sup>2</sup> so that support can become available to even more children and families.



# HOUSE OF BUTTERFLIES – THE ONLY CHARITABLE CHILDREN’S HOSPICE IN UKRAINE



2025 became a year of profound medical work, complex decisions, and expanded capacity to support children who need it most for the Medical Rehabilitation Center of the City of Goodness. In April, a new medical space was opened to provide respiratory care for children in the most critical conditions.

## Palliative and Hospice Care for Children

In 2025, the palliative care unit provided inpatient care to 72 children. Most of them had severe, complex diagnoses and required constant medical support.

Among the children in the unit:

13 were orphans or children without parental care  
5 children received temporary palliative support in the form of respite care, allowing families time to rest and recover

Throughout the year, the palliative unit accommodated up to 24 children at the same time each month. Children from across Ukraine received care here.

Most often, palliative support was provided to unaccompanied evacuated children in critical condition, including those with:

- consequences of mine and explosive injuries
- multiple congenital developmental disorders
- severe damage to the central nervous system
- cerebral palsy
- genetic and chromosomal disorders

# 72

Seriously ill orphaned children now have a home and full medical care at the House of Butterflies.

# 212

Evacuation missions carried out by our intensive care ambulances

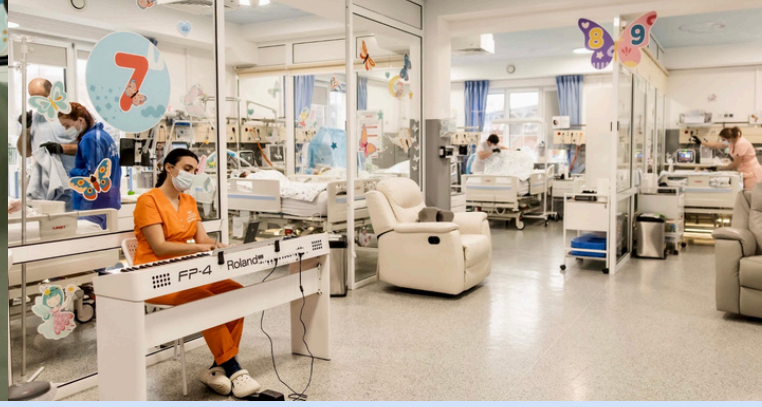
# 210

children received rehabilitation

# 4

children from the House of Butterflies were placed under family guardianship





Consultations, examinations, and diagnostics — for many unaccompanied and evacuated children, this is often the first quality medical care in their lives.

In 2025, children in the palliative care unit received hundreds of consultations and examinations from specialists, including otolaryngologists, ophthalmologists, cardiologists, and neurosurgeons.

They also underwent:

CT and MRI scans under anesthesia

more than 80 ultrasounds, over 100 X-ray examinations, and 103 EEG tests

This means one important thing: most complex examinations could be carried out on site, without risky transportation for the children.

**Surgical Care**

In 2025, dozens of surgical procedures were performed for children from the City of Goodness, both at the center and in partner hospitals, with one goal — to improve the quality and length of children’s lives.

These included:

placement of tracheostomies and gastrostomies

implantation of venous port systems

neurosurgical procedures (shunt placement for hydrocephalus)

complex surgeries at Okhmatdyt, the Heart Institute, and hospitals in Lviv

A unique surgery was also performed in Türkiye.

The team of the City of Goodness is creating conditions for some of these procedures to be performed directly at the center, minimizing risks for the children.

**Emergency Medical Team**

In 2025, the ambulance service of the City of Goodness carried out:

212 missions

129 medical transports outside the region

more than 80,000 km traveled

These missions included the evacuation of children from frontline areas, transportation for surgeries, and diagnostic visits to medical partner institutions of the City of Goodness.

# 30

surgeries were performed for children from the House of Butterflies.

# 60

nannies care for children here every day

# 125

the medical team of the House of Butterflies





## Opening of the Respiratory Care Unit and New Capabilities for Evacuations

**At the House of Butterflies Medical Center of the City of Goodness, we opened a new palliative care unit for children with the most severe diagnoses – a unit with no equivalent in Ukraine.** The expansion of the medical space makes it possible to provide care for children who require continuous oxygen support, mechanical ventilation, and comprehensive palliative care.

The unit is equipped with modern medical equipment necessary for continuous monitoring of children's conditions and the provision of intensive support. The space was designed according to high standards of care for seriously ill children to ensure safe conditions and high-quality medical treatment.

The unit is supported by a multidisciplinary team of specialists, including an occupational therapist, a physician in physical and rehabilitation medicine, anesthesiologists, a pediatrician, a psychologist, and nurses and junior nurses.

The new space allows care to be provided to 13 children at the same time, including orphaned children evacuated from **frontline areas. Immediately after the opening of the unit, we were able to admit 12 seriously ill orphaned children from the Mykolaiv region.** Support is also available for single mothers raising children with severe illnesses.

The opening of the new palliative care unit expands the capacity of the House of Butterflies Medical Center and makes it possible to provide comprehensive support to a greater number of children who require constant medical care.



# REHABILITATION

38 children without parental care or a home live in the unit on a permanent basis. Most of them are nonverbal, non-mobile, and require round-the-clock care.

The team works with children with cerebral palsy, genetic disorders, and severe damage to the nervous system.

Over the year, 6,430 rehabilitation sessions were conducted, including:

- **physical therapy**
- **speech therapy**
- **psychological support**
- **occupational therapy**
- **animal-assisted therapy**



## 6430

rehabilitation sessions were conducted at the House of Butterflies.

## 1065

canine-assisted therapy sessions with dogs from the Tails animal shelter.

## 365

dance exercise sessions.

**Educational Butterfly** is a learning program for seriously ill evacuated children who, due to war, prolonged medical treatment, or difficult life circumstances, previously had no access to education.

Here, children discover the world of knowledge at their own pace: they learn to read, write, count, explore new subjects, and experience the joy of learning.

The program also includes education for nonverbal children, using alternative communication methods, visual materials, and an individualized approach so that every child has the opportunity to express themselves, learn, and develop.

**These are the first long-awaited steps, first words, and new educational opportunities. 12 children went to school for the first time.**



## What Has Changed and Where We Are Moving Forward In 2025:

- the number of orphaned children evacuated from frontline regions increased
  - the diagnostic capacity expanded (X-ray, ultrasound, anesthesia, minimally invasive procedures)
  - new medical specialists joined the team
  - the rehabilitation team became more specialized
- The team expanded the center's capabilities so that children can receive all necessary care here, without the risks associated with transportation.



## Plans for the Future

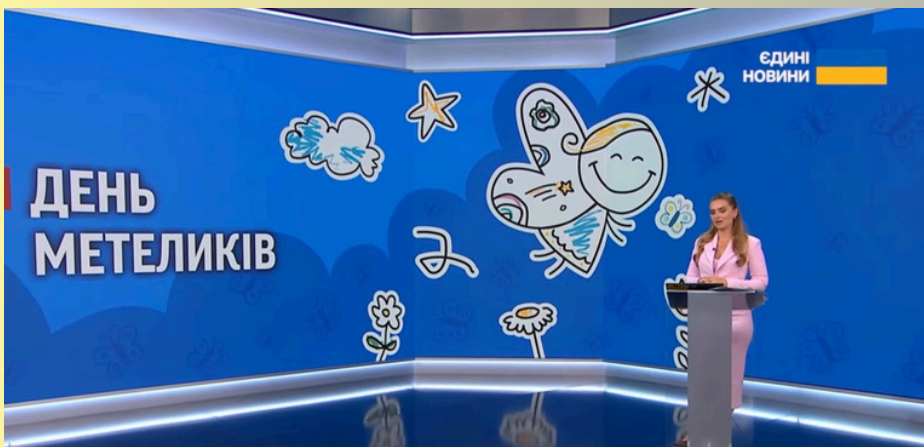
- international medical accreditation
- dental license and dental practice
- a new rehabilitation building with a pool for hydrorehabilitation
- alternative communication programs for nonverbal children
- inclusive sports and socialization
- a separate building for children who attend school



# DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN'S PALLIATIVE CARE IN UKRAINE



For us, it is important that no child in Ukraine is left alone with their palliative status. That is why an essential part of our contribution to the development of children's palliative care is the formation of a strong professional community. With this goal, the City of Goodness organized the largest medical conference on children's palliative care in Ukraine – "Butterflies of Hope." The event brought together doctors, administrators, law enforcement representatives, social workers, educators, and representatives of charitable organizations from different regions of the country. The conference became a platform for exchanging practical experience, discussing modern approaches to supporting children with severe illnesses, and building a professional network capable of supporting families across Ukraine.



The City of Goodness also initiated the All-Ukrainian Day of Butterflies – a day of support for children with life-limiting illnesses. Its purpose is to make these children visible to society and to remind everyone that every child has the right to a dignified childhood, medical care, education, and care.

The Day of Butterflies brings together schools, communities, medical professionals, donors, and volunteers around a shared idea: to build a system of support in which no child is left alone with their illness.

A step toward developing a culture of charity from childhood was the educational project of the City of Goodness – "Lesson of Kindness," dedicated to the topic of children's palliative care. In 2025, these lessons were held in 177 schools. Students and teachers learned about the importance of empathy, support, and equality for children living with severe illnesses.



# “MAMA SEWS” SEWING ACADEMY

The “Mama Sews” Academy is, for many women, their first experience of education, a profession, and financial independence. In the safe environment of the City of Goodness, mothers learn sewing skills, work with fabrics and materials, create clothing, and at the same time regain confidence in their own strength and opportunities.

During the training, women receive comprehensive support. Their children can stay with the nannies of the City of Goodness, and if needed, receive rehabilitation or other necessary assistance. The women themselves also have access to psychological support, legal consultations, and career guidance to help them build their future professional path.

For many participants, this program becomes the beginning of a new chapter in life: women find employment, start earning independently, or open their own small businesses. In this way, the training becomes not only a profession but also an opportunity to create a stable future for themselves and their children.



## 108

women completed training at the “Mama Sews” Academy.

## 20

mothers found jobs or started their own businesses

## 130

sets of adaptive clothing were sewn by mothers for seriously ill children.



# “TAILS” ANIMAL CARE AND RESCUE SHELTER

12

found a family

4201

pages were read by children to the dogs

1065

canine therapy sessions during the year.



143

animals received shelter

42

Vaccinations

22

Surgeries

Here, dogs that have survived trauma or war receive care, treatment, and a chance for a new life. At the same time, this space has become part of the therapeutic environment for children undergoing treatment and rehabilitation at the City of Goodness.

The shared time between children and dogs has become an important part of therapy for both. For children, it is an opportunity to experience warmth, trust, and safe contact with a living being, which helps reduce anxiety, develop emotional stability, and restore a sense of joy. For the dogs, it is a process of socialization, rebuilding trust in people, and gradual recovery after trauma.

This interaction creates a space where healing is combined with natural support and mutual care.





## DYNAMO CHERNIVTSI YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB



At the City of Goodness, children have the opportunity to train at the Dynamo Chernivtsi Youth Football Club. Children from large and low-income families, orphans, children whose parents were killed in the war, and those who have found themselves in difficult life circumstances take part in the program.

During training, they learn football techniques, participate in national competitions, and meet well-known athletes. Yet the most valuable part is the team that becomes a family: children support one another, celebrate important moments together, and every day learn to move forward toward new victories.



## “DIAMONDS OF THE CITY OF GOODNESS” GYMNASTICS AND DANCE CLUB

The “Diamonds of the City of Goodness” Gymnastics and Dance Club is a place where light begins to shine in children’s eyes. Many of these children once felt shy even to raise their gaze, but today they step onto the stage like true stars.

In every movement, every rehearsal, and every performance lives their perseverance, their dreams, and their belief in their own abilities. Their dances are small stories about strength, support, and how love helps a child open up and shine

## CITY OF GOODNESS THEATRE

The City of Goodness Theatre is a space where children learn to believe in their voice and not be afraid of the stage. Through play, roles, and performances, they discover their potential, learn to speak and listen to one another, and confidently share their feelings and thoughts with the world.

For many children, the stage becomes the place where self-confidence is born and where they realize that their voice matters.



# TRADITIONS OF THE CITY OF GOODNESS IN 2025

## “DREAM FULFILLED!”



A tradition of the City of Goodness at the “Bukovynian Dream” Festival — since 2008, together with donors, we have been fulfilling the dreams of children from the City of Goodness and from different parts of Ukraine, including those who lost their parents due to the war or found themselves in difficult life circumstances.

We continue this tradition on St. Nicholas Day, when dreams come true not only for children, but also for grandmothers and even the dogs of the City of Goodness, so that everyone can feel care, warmth, and the joy of the holiday.

## MOTHERS’ BOOK CLUB

A space for support, conversation, and personal growth. Mothers read books together, discuss their experiences, share thoughts, and find new sources of strength. For many women, this becomes an opportunity to return to intellectual life, feel the support of a community, and find the strength for new steps.



## SHOPPING DAY

This is a special event for children who are learning for the first time in their lives how to choose things for themselves. Many of them previously lived in institutional care, where they could wear only what was provided to them.

A visit to the store becomes a new experience for them — an opportunity to choose clothes they like, feel their individuality, and understand that their wishes matter.



## SUNDAY COOKING

Dressed in traditional vyshyvankas, children and adults cook together — making varenyky, preparing borshch, and sharing family recipes. Moments like these help nurture a sense of cultural belonging and create the feeling of one big family.



# TRADITIONS OF THE CITY OF GOODNESS IN 2025

## MORNING DANCE EXERCISE SESSION

A daily tradition that helps start the day with movement, smiles, and energy. Shared exercises help children stay physically active while also creating an atmosphere of joy and teamwork.



## EASTER HAT

One of the warmest traditions of the City of Goodness. Children, together with their mothers or guardians, create their own unique festive hats, decorating them with flowers, ribbons, and symbols of spring. It is not only a creative activity but also a special time spent together that helps build trust and preserve family traditions.



## TAILS DOG CONTEST



A special event that combines creativity with therapy through care. Children choose a dog from the Tails Animal Shelter, create a shared character or theme together, design costumes with the help of adults, and present them during the celebration.

This activity helps children learn responsibility, cooperation, and creative self-expression, while the dogs receive attention, care, and a chance to find a family.

## INITIATION INTO THE CITY OF GOODNESS FAMILY



A tradition of welcoming every new child who arrives at the City of Goodness. During this event, children and members of the team greet the new resident, help them feel part of the community, and support them during their first days of adaptation.

# HUMANITARIAN AID MISSION



Providing humanitarian assistance to families in difficult life circumstances requires strong organization, resources, and the continuous work of dedicated people. This is especially true for single mothers and fathers, large families, families with children affected by war, and people living in remote villages where access to support is limited.

It is for these families that the humanitarian mission of the City of Goodness works.



## **A total of 441 families received assistance from the City of Goodness this year.**

During this period, 361 families received assistance through parcels containing food, hygiene supplies, and essential items.

Another 80 families received support directly at the humanitarian warehouse.

During the Days of Goodness held at Soborna Square, 140 families received assistance at partner tents

A separate area of work is the delivery of humanitarian aid to communities and remote villages in the Chernivtsi region. For many families living far from large cities, such support is extremely important.

The humanitarian mission team of the City of Goodness delivered aid to the following communities:

Tovtry — 5 tons of aid

Kelmentsi — 5 tons

Oshykhliby — 5 tons

Stara Zhadova — 5 tons

Putyla — 10 tons

These deliveries included tens of tons of food, clothing, medicines, toys, hygiene supplies, grocery certificates, and other essential items for families facing difficult life circumstances. Each delivery requires extensive logistics, including warehouse operations, volunteers, and partner support. Preparing packages, transporting them, and distributing aid is an ongoing process to ensure that help reaches those who truly need it.

The humanitarian mission operates continuously.

# THE CITY OF GOODNESS HELPED CHILDREN FROM ACROSS UKRAINE OBTAIN THE IMPLANTS NEEDED FOR SURGERY WORTH MORE THAN 600,000 UAH

For many children with severe orthopedic diagnoses, pain is part of everyday life. Scoliosis, hip dysplasia, dislocations, and the consequences of cerebral palsy are conditions that, without timely surgical intervention, progressively limit a child's ability to move, sit, and breathe without complications.

In many cases, surgery becomes the only solution. Such procedures require specialized implants to stabilize bones and joints. These implants make up a significant part of the cost of treatment. For families who have spent years caring for their children, undergoing constant examinations, purchasing medications, and paying for rehabilitation, these expenses are often overwhelming.

Thanks to the support of donors of the City of Goodness, it was possible to cover the cost of implants and treatment for children for whom surgery was necessary to stop the progression of disease and reduce pain.

## **Sofiia, 15, Chernihiv**

The girl had long been living with a severe form of scoliosis. The surgery required implants to stabilize and correct the spine, costing 147,300 UAH. The implantation of the structure helped stop the progression of the spinal deformity.

## **Vadym, 12, Sumy**

The boy, who lives with cerebral palsy, is currently recovering after surgery. 94,600 UAH was directed toward treatment and rehabilitation. The postoperative period includes long-term rehabilitation that gradually helps restore mobility.

## **Kamilla, 12**

Due to hip dysplasia, the girl had difficulty moving. Thanks to 163,200 UAH raised for treatment, the first stage of the surgery was successfully performed. Another stage of treatment is still ahead, which is necessary for full recovery.

## **Oleksii, 10**

The boy was diagnosed with a hip dislocation. 48,500 UAH was allocated for treatment. He is currently undergoing postoperative recovery.

## **Arsen, 14**

The boy lives with cerebral palsy and requires specialized orthopedic support. 142,800 UAH was directed toward treatment, support, and new orthoses, helping stabilize his condition and improve mobility.

## **Pavlo**

Knee surgery helped stabilize the ligaments. 65,050 UAH was directed toward treatment. The boy is now undergoing recovery and gradually returning to activity.

In total, 661,450 UAH was directed toward implants, surgeries, and rehabilitation for these children.

Timely medical care in such cases is crucial. It helps reduce pain, prevent complications, and give children the opportunity to move and develop.

The support of caring people makes such treatment possible for families who cannot afford these costs on their own.



# Financial Report of the City of Goodness Charitable Foundation

## Overview of Contributions:

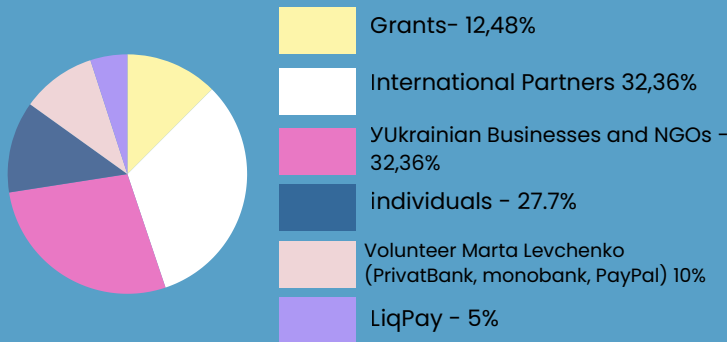
Total Amount of Contributions:  
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**Largest Donation**  
4 000000 UAH  
*at the UPI100 ceremony by Ukrainska Pravda for a drawing created by children of the City of Goodness*

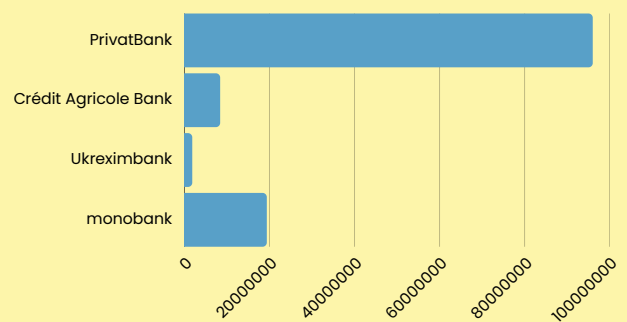


Number of Transactions  
**11 262**

## Sources of Contributions:



## Banks



## Currencies

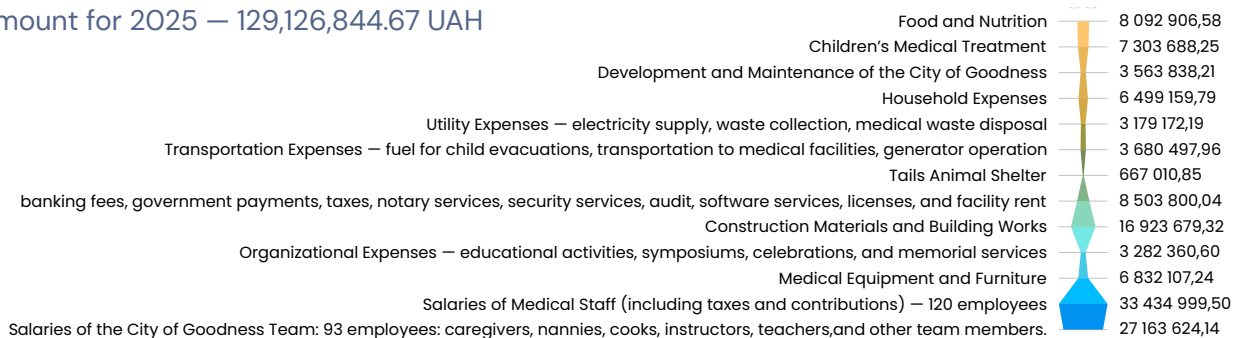
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## Grant Donors:

1. East Europe Foundation with the support of Switzerland
2. Government of Japan Program "Kusanone"
3. ING Bank Ukraine
4. Canada-Ukraine Foundation
5. German Marshall Fund

## Use of Funds

Total Amount for 2025 – 129,126,844.67 UAH



This report does not include the expenses related to ongoing capital construction until the facility is officially put into operation. If you have additional questions or require clarification regarding the financial report of the City of Goodness Foundation, the presentation of assistance provided, proposals, or support, please contact us at: [cityofgoodnessua@gmail.com](mailto:cityofgoodnessua@gmail.com)

# Annual and Average Monthly Budget of the House of Butterflies Medical Center

Annual Budget of the House of Butterflies Medical Center

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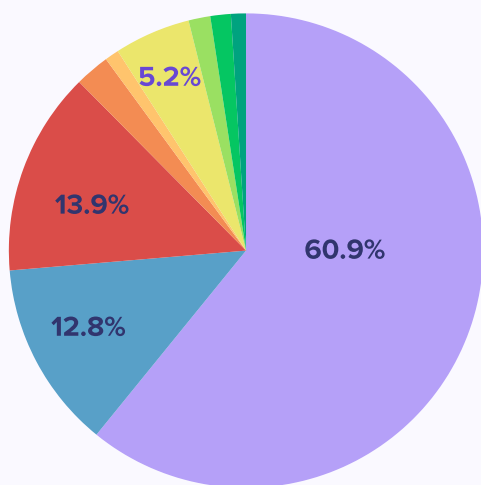
Середній місячний бюджет “Дому Метеликів”

**5 388 919 UAH**

Monthly cost of care for one palliative child

**76 985 UAH**

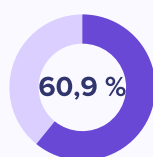
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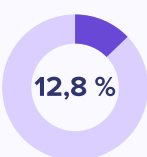
Salaries	<b>39 356 628 UAH</b>
Medical Treatment (medications, infant formula)	<b>8 280 000 UAH</b>
Medical Equipment	<b>9 000 000 UAH</b>
Evacuation, Transportation and Medical Transfers of Children	<b>1 526 400 UAH</b>
Minor Household Expenses	<b>624 000 UAH</b>
Food Supplies	<b>3 360 000 UAH</b>
Hygiene Supplies — diapers, wipes, shoe covers, gloves	<b>960 000 UAH</b>
Disinfection Supplies	<b>900 000 UAH</b>
Utility Services	<b>660 000 UAH</b>



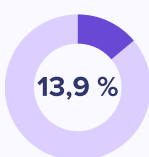
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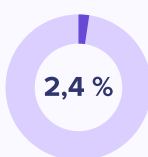
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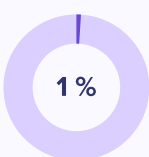
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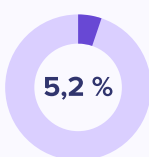
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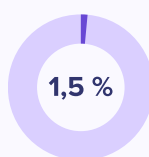
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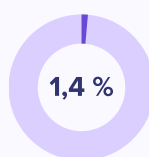
Kitchen Equipment and Small Furniture



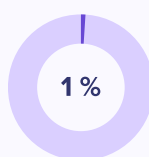
Food Supplies



Hygiene Supplies, Diapers, and Wipes



Disinfection Supplies



Utility Services

# FROM LOCAL RESPONSIBILITY TO INTERNATIONAL TRUST



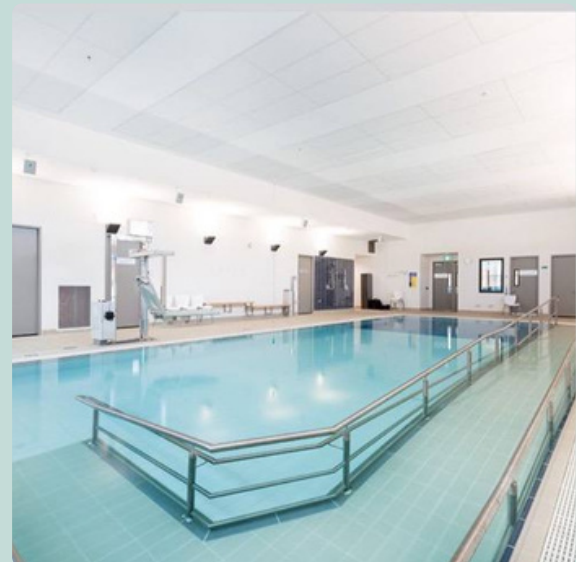
**UAH 22.7 million**  
**CITY OF GOODNESS PAID  
TO THE STATE BUDGET OF  
UKRAINE**

**MORE THAN**  
**\$862,000**  
**IN INTERNATIONAL  
INVESTMENTS WERE ATTRACTED  
BY CITY OF GOODNESS TO  
SUPPORT CHILDREN IN UKRAINE  
AND TO DEVELOP PEDIATRIC  
PALLIATIVE CARE**



# Plan for 2026

“House of Schoolchildren”  
“Dream” Rehabilitation Pool  
Inclusive School  
Space for Interaction Between Dogs and Children



At the City of Goodness, new spaces are planned for the coming year to help children restore their health, learn, and develop in a safe environment. Among them is the House of Schoolchildren, where school-age children will be able to study, complete their homework, and gradually return to a regular rhythm of life. Another project is the opening of the “Dream” Rehabilitation Pool, where children recovering from surgeries and long-term treatment will receive water-based rehabilitation. A dedicated educational space will also be created for learning activities, skill development, and support for children who have missed part of their education due to illness or difficult life circumstances. An important part of future development will also be a space for interaction between dogs and children, where therapeutic communication with animals will help children restore emotional balance.

# INSTEAD OF A FAREWELL — LOOKING TOWARD 2026 TOGETHER WITH DANYA



This is Danya.

His journey to the City of Goodness began in occupied Kherson. There he went through something no child should ever witness — Danya saw the death of his mother. After evacuation, he arrived at the City of Goodness, a place of care where adults stand рядом with children and help them feel support beneath their feet again. There is one thing that makes Danya cry more than anything else in the world.

When his rehabilitation session comes to an end.

Because for him every session means hope — the hope of walking. Exercises, patience, small victories day after day. Sometimes through exhaustion and tears. Danya always asks for a little more time, one more exercise, one more step.

And that step has already happened.

Danya took his first steps.

A year ago this sounded almost unbelievable. Just like another dream — going to school.

Now he has friends, classmates, and school breaks filled with children's conversations.

And in 2026, another important moment awaits Danya — his own room in the new home for schoolchildren that the City of Goodness is building.

**We are looking toward 2026 with hope and renewed strength. Together with Danya. Together with all the children, mothers, grandmothers, and even the dogs of the City of Goodness.**