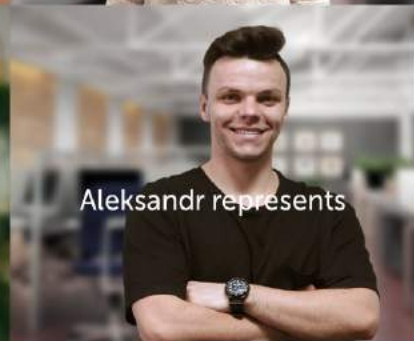
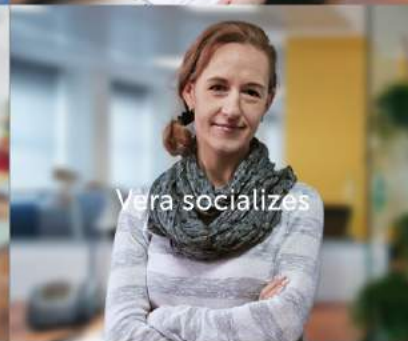
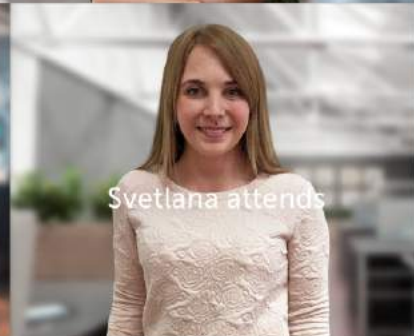


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## Our mission:

- ✓ Creation and development of a system of social services on the territory of Kherson region's communities in order to prevent and act against child abandonment in all its manifestations.
- ✓ Ministry and assistance to Christian communities in order to strengthen the role of church in the society through development of social ministry based of Gospel principles.



## Development of family placement forms

Currently 106 thousand Ukrainian children are in orphanages  
but all of them need families...





## Families that found themselves in a difficult or crisis situation

Families that found themselves in a difficult or crisis situation (crisis families) are the main source that provides children to orphanages. All over Ukraine **600 thousand** children are in such families, **257** children from them go to orphanages every three days.

In Kherson region there are **2257** families in a difficult or crisis situation and they are home to **4452** children.

Responsible attitude of society to the issue of crisis families and timely provided support are able to prevent the terrible fate of becoming an orphan for such children.

Starting with **2016** OM "My Home" is piloting a project "Assistance to families in a difficult or crisis situation". The project involves local government authorities, non-indifferent business people and church communities. Thanks to joint efforts we were able to help more than **30** families, in which **88** children did not go to orphanages but the families were able to overcome their crisis.

## *Instruments that help solve the problems of crisis families:*



### *Programs of volunteer assistance to families.*

Anybody who is not indifferent can join in the support of such families as a volunteer after going through training and obtaining the necessary skills of social work at "My Home" Training Center.



### *Support centers for children and families*

Creation of territorial support centers for children and families that provide accessible social services for families that found themselves in a crisis.



### *Early intervention centers*

Qualified assistance to families with children that have disabilities through their education and promoting inclusion of children in the society.



*Project volunteers...*



*Kids from crisis families...*



*Crisis families in camp*



*Family picture...*



*Crisis Families in camp*



### *Summer recreation camps*

It's a good opportunity for sincere communication with volunteers that are not indifferent and for obtaining qualified assistance from competent professionals, joined with health-improving recreation.



### *Daycare centers*

Program of afterschool education for children when volunteers help them do their school homework, as well as comprehensive spiritual and creative development.



### *6. Personal advocacy of families and involvement of donors to their support*

"My Home" serves as an intermediary between crisis families and organizations and people who are not indifferent to solving the problems of such children and families.

*By healing family -*



*we build the future TOGETHER!*



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## Center of social integration for orphanage graduates

Sad statistics for orphanage graduates:  
12,000 teenagers become orphanage graduates  
every year.



Realities of life of orphanage graduates  
 Out of 12 000 teenagers that graduate from Ukrainian orphanages annually, **90%** are not ready for independent life, only **2%** get higher education, **14%** are prone to suicide, **20%** become homeless, **50%** commit offenses or crimes. And only **5%** integrate into society.  
 The world outside orphanage walls is often not ready to receive graduates of these institutions and they are not adapted to it.



### *Center of social integration for orphanage graduates "My Home"*

It is a great opportunity to prepare orphanage graduates for adult life. In 2017, **8** boys and girls became new residents of the Center.



### *The basis for integration...*

The basis for integration of young people in the society is the model of a healthy family, getting skills to build true relationships, to take responsibility and carry out daily duties. Living at the Center of integration, graduates are constantly around two families with many children. One of them is the family of their mentors who care about them, teach them to plan their budget, help them with their studies and socialization and build trusting relationships.



## Work of the center...

For three years of the Integration center's work, over 30 graduates of orphanages have successfully gone through socialization and then entered educational institutions or got jobs.



*Cooking classes...*



*Open doors day*



*Cleanup with the mentor*





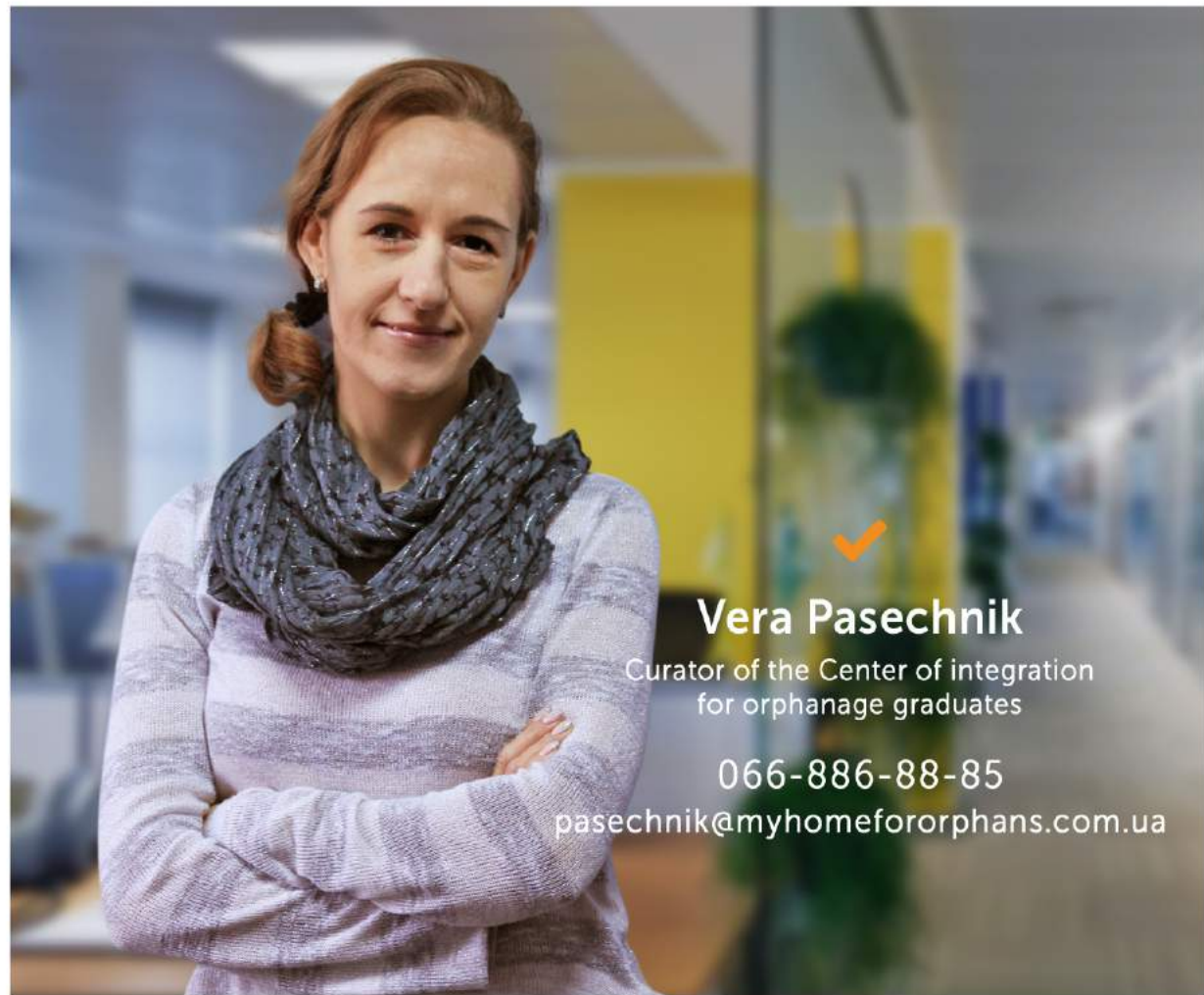
«I like being at this center. The atmosphere itself is unusual and comfortable. Mentors can always give wise advice. I won't say that I always listen but at least I try. Two of my classmates from the orphanage also live at the Center. What's new for us is the opportunity to be part of families we live in neighboring apartments with. We became friends with their kids, we cook together, go shopping for food, rest and celebrate birthdays together»

(Daniil Solovyov, resident of the center)



Daniil Solovyov

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## Regional training center “My Home”

RTC “My Home” is open for training and raising competencies of all those who are not indifferent to the social problems of society through gaining knowledge in the area of children's rights protection and provision of social services in the community!



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## Regional Training Center (RTC) «My Home»

The area of children's rights protection and the level of social services provision in the community directly depend on the competency of professionals and their motivation to help people.

Trainers of our center teach modern approaches and the best international practices of providing social services at the level of communities.



During 2017 **780** people took part in the events of training and educational activities of the ministry's team.

Key participants of programs are:

- 50 professionals in the area of children's rights protection;
- 45 parents took advanced training;
- 106 candidates to become foster parents and guardians;
- 48 volunteers took basic training to work with families in difficult or crisis situation.



Our partners:

- International Leadership Development Center (ILDC) is the main partner of the project. RTC was created under their supervision. ILDC provides training programs and trains our trainers
- Office of the Commissioner for the President of Ukraine on children's rights
- Kherson regional center of social services for families, children and youth
- CO Partnership “For every child”
- Heartland Family Service
- International nonprofit organization Kidsave
- Institute of child development (USA, University of Texas)





## Main events of 2017

- ✓ **Conference "By healing family we build the future"**  
Conference dedicated to the issue of raising the quality of social services to disadvantaged population groups.
- ✓ **Conference "Socially responsible community: effective model of social services for children and families"** that was held on November 9 with the participation of international speakers, experts of organization **Heartland Family Service**.
- ✓ **Conference «Weekend miracles».**  
Organization Kidsave (Kidsave International) presented a new program for Ukraine. Its implementation will help teenage orphans find families.
- ✓ Training for professionals and **training for candidates to become patronage caretakers!**  
Four patronage families went through training and are ready to become patronage caretakers for children.



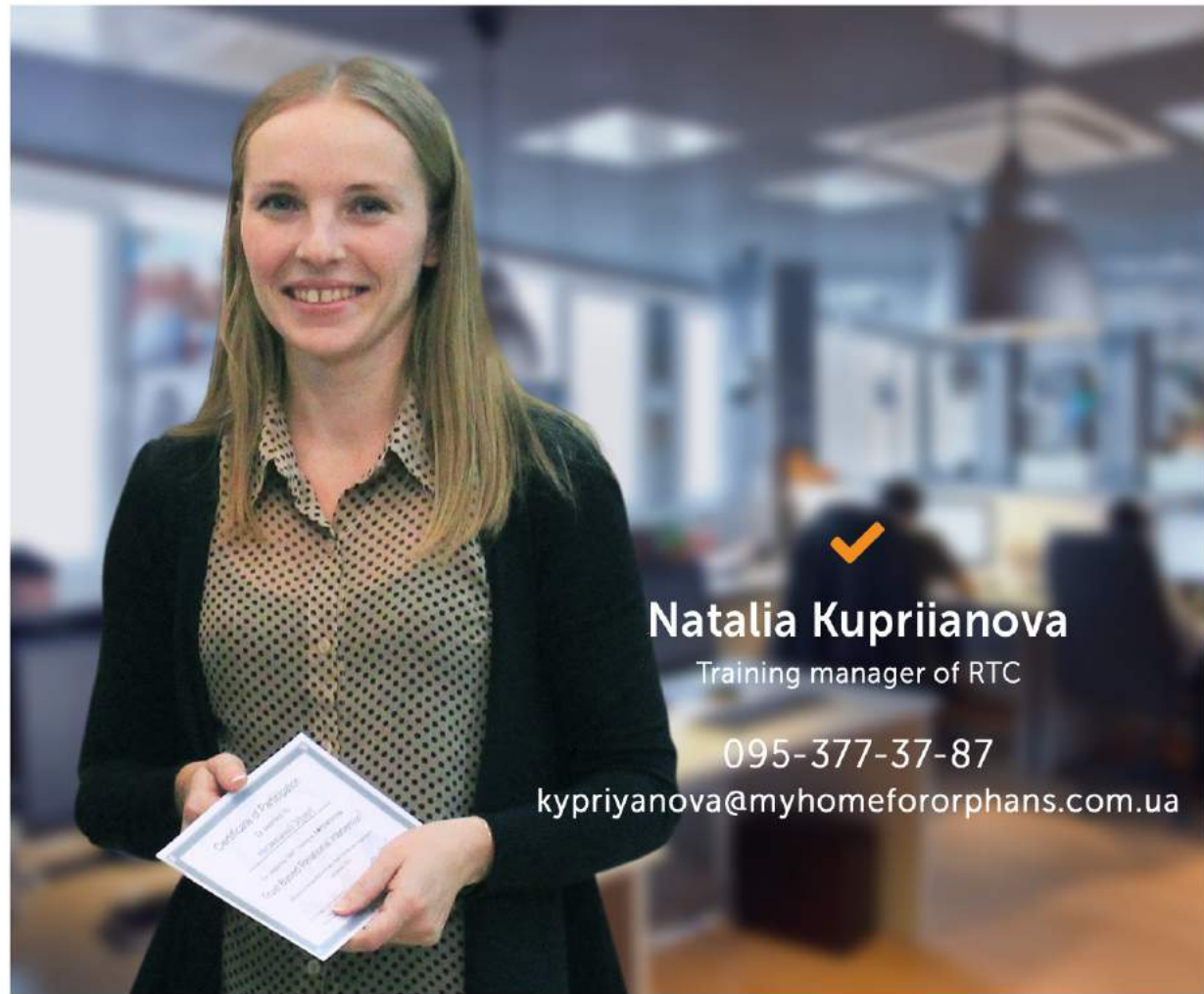
Training with Kidsave...



Training on patronage



Our professionals...



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## Services of social taxi

In Kherson there are more than 16 thousand people with disabilities.

In order to live a full life, people with disabilities should have equal access to institutions and activities that will meet their needs. Public transport is not accessible to a person moving around in a wheelchair.

Getting anywhere, even to a hospital, is a big problem for people with special needs. Few of them have their own car, and taking a taxi is difficult because taxi cars technically are not able to transport a passenger with disability.



First social taxi in Kherson



Спроможна громада  
«Рідна земля»

Підприємство організації  
інвалідів України



Protecting the interests of this category of people, the main objective of Social Taxi project is to create all conditions for accessible travel and promotion of inclusiveness in our city



## Implementation of the idea...

Implementation of this social service became possible thanks to creation of the company Organization of people with disabilities of Ukraine «Spromozhna gromada (Capable community) «Ridna zemlia» (Homeland) and its partnership with OM «My Home».



Also, Kherson city council is our partner in implementation of this project, it provides possibility of free parking for vehicles on the territory of the City Public Utility Company Khersonelectrotrans.



Call dispatch manager

050 419 41 42



The services of "Social taxi" are provided to people with disabilities who have significantly lost their motor activity, move around with the help of crutches, sticks, and wheelchairs and belong to low mobility group of people. Our service carries passengers in a vehicle equipped with a special hydraulic lifter.



Practicing inclusion



Grand opening...



First passenger of taxi

We invite all those who want to join the initiatives of the company «Spromozhna gromada (Capable community) «Ridna zemlia» (Homeland) and OM "My Home", thanks to which the city residents will be able to feel fully functional and improve their living conditions!



## Our plans for the future

- ✓ Open Daycare centers in Kherson and Kherson region.
- ✓ Hold a conference, dedicated to the launch of the National strategy for deinstitutionalization in Kherson region and development of social services in the community.
- ✓ Create a Center of social assistance to children and families on the base of Kakhovka orphanage «Joy» with the support of Jim King's fund «Awaking Hope» and LLC "Ridna Zemlia" and spread this experience.



## Our plans for the future

- ✓ Organize summers camps for families that found themselves in a difficult or crisis situation together with the mission «Master Provision».
- ✓ Launch the project «Weekend miracles» in partnership with the organization «KidSave» and the Regional center of social services for families, children and youth.
- ✓ Expand educational activities with the help of **Regional training center** in order to create social services for the protection of children's rights and interests in communities.



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We are always open for cooperation  
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## Huge thanks to our partners

Thanks to prayers and assistance from our numerous friends and partners children's dreams become reality

## Partners of "My Home" ministry

- Charitable Christian organization "MASTER Provisions"
- International Leadership Development Center (ILDC)
- LLC "Ridna Zemlia"
- The Matios family
- Ukrainian diaspora in China "Hromada.club"
- Philanthropist Aleksandr Tsedrik
- Gornostayevka Baptist Church
- LLC "Tavriyska perspektiva"
- Representatives of social businesses of the region

