MAYA’S HOPE
Giving Hope to Children In Need

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2015
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JOHN KANE,
SUPERSTAR!

CHLOE,
WORKING HARD!

Margarita
is Home!

Margaret is Home!
Dear Maya’s Hope Friends and Supporters,

Thanks to you, we had many success stories this year, and in this report, we are showing a glimpse of all the miracles that we created!

We are celebrating 5 years and many shining moments. Children in the Philippines have hope of going to college, and some are receiving lifesaving surgery. Thanks to the special relationship of sponsorship, sponsored children feel special. When I first met Jorrymie in 2009 during a shoe distribution, I was putting slippers on his feet. Today, he’s in college and plans on becoming a teacher and transforming his community!

Last year, 5 kids were adopted from Kalinovka, an orphanage in Ukraine. During my visit to Ukraine, I had the pleasure of meeting one of the families who took home three of our kids. There is nothing more powerful than witnessing freedom and unconditional love firsthand.

Thanks to you, friends and supporters, we are making miracles and giving our superstars a chance to succeed. Each and every child we help in our program realizes his or her value because of you. These kids have a voice, and they know that they are so special.

Every child has value. Thank you for believing in our cutie pies and allowing them to share their gifts with the world.

Hugs,

Maya Rowencak, President and Founder
Once upon a time, there was a princess named Margarita. She was born in Ukraine, was abandoned by her parents, and placed into an orphanage.

Margarita lived in the baby orphanage until she was four. She was then transferred to Kalinovka, a mental institution for adults and children, hidden away in the countryside.

Two other babies were admitted to the hospital with her under similar conditions, but passed away. Meanwhile, Margarita fought to live. She could not swallow and only received nutrition through a tube in her nose.

She also had problems with her heart and lungs.

While at Kalinovka, she was in and out of the regional hospital. Doctors considered her condition “catastrophic” and said, “she just exists.”

One day, a lady named Maya from the faraway land of America, came to visit orphans and found Margarita in a crib in 2012. From then on, Maya made sure Margarita and other orphans received life sustaining formula and eventually got her massage therapy.

Two years later, Margarita was transferred out of Kalinovka.

Her health declined and Margarita spent months in the hospital. Doctors said she was dying.

Margarita was fighting for her life. She needed a miracle. But of course, she still smiled.

Then in May 2015, a man from America came to take her home. He became her papa.

Margarita’s adoption wasn’t easy, but just like Margarita, her parents kept fighting for her.

Finally! Margarita was no longer an orphan.

Margarita never has to fight alone again.

As the doctors once said... “Margarita just exists.” She exists to change the world.

Every Child has Value.
WHY UKRAINE?
The most vulnerable children of Ukraine are orphans, especially those with special needs. Many children die due to neglect and lack of proper medical care. Since November 2013, Ukraine has been in political and economic turmoil, which has substantially impacted the orphans:
- There are at least 82,000 orphans in Ukraine (Source: UNICEF).
- Children with special needs are often transferred from institution to institution until adulthood.
- Children with disabilities in Ukraine must be adopted by age 16 or will be in an institution for life.
- There is less funding for state institutions. Before the war, it was 8 UAH to $1 USD. Today it’s 25 UAH to $1 USD. Imports like fuel and food are 3 times more expensive.

GOOD NEWS!
Americans can adopt from Ukraine. Since 2010, Americans have adopted 22 orphans with special needs from Kalinovka.

INTRODUCING SOLNISHKO, A BABY ORPHANAGE!
During a visit to Ukraine in December 2015, Maya and Keshia visited Solnishko, and orphanage in Zaporizhia, Ukraine in search of cutie pies. Maya’s Hope funds medical and special needs equipment as well as baby formula for bedridden children.
- Children are from one month to four years old.
- 70 children have some type of disability, including cerebral palsy, birth defects and Down Syndrome.
- Not all children there are orphans. 10-15% have legal parents who cannot take care of these children. Some children go back to their parents.
- Children come from hospitals, maternity hospitals and founding homes.

HOW DOES MAYA’S HOPE TRANSFORM LIVES?
- Training for caregivers at orphanages
- Providing jobs in local communities. All doctors, caregivers and other staff are local and are paid official and competitive wages.
- Bedridden children can get nutrition-rich formula
- In-house doctor and frequent medical check ups
- Massage therapy
- Field trips
- Medical equipment
- Caregivers who provide loving care
- Spread awareness through social media so that children may have the possibility of being adopted
- Share stories of adoption to inspire others to adopt children with special needs

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In December 2015, Maya Rowencak and Keshia Melton visited Ukraine. When Maya and Keshia arrived in Kiev, the capital, they were greeted by snow and darkness. After a seven hour train ride from Kiev, they reached the city of Zaporizhia.

The first stop was Kirovo, an all girls orphanage, where some bedridden children reside. They discussed with the administrators the possibility of hiring extra staff. Even though the children spend most of their time in cribs, many of them can still smile and laugh! Maya and Keshia also met a group of the more mobile children, including a young girl who required ear surgery to prevent her from going deaf. The hospital would only take her if she had a caregiver to go with her. Maya’s Hope funded a caregiver for her and the surgery was a success.

Maya and Keshia also visited the Zaporizhia Asylum for Boys and for the first time Maya’s Hope visited a baby orphanage in Zaporizhia, called Solnishko. The administrator was very welcoming. Many beautiful children live there, with about 70 who have special needs. Maya’s Hope has already purchased a large amount of medical equipment for the children.

And of course they visited the place that started it all, the orphanage known as Kalinovka! The kids are doing great and were happy to have visitors. The children have improved tremendously since Keshia and Maya’s first visits and were happy to see that there were children missing because they were already adopted.

Keshia is a registered nurse from New Zealand and is a member of the board at Maya’s Hope. This was her second trip to Ukraine with Maya’s Hope. Her favorite cutie pie is Sasha who resides at the Happy Home at Kalinovka.

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HOW CAN YOU HELP THE CUTIE PIES?

**MAYA’S HOPE SPONSOR**
Help Maya’s Hope bloom by becoming a Maya’s Hope supporter! Your monthly pledge keeps Maya’s Hope strong!

**GUARDIAN ANGEL**
Be a Guardian Angel to help provide loving and compassionate caregivers for special needs orphans in Ukraine. Guardian Angels help ensure the orphans live in a supportive family environment, receive an education and acquire basic life skills.

**MARGARITA’S HOPE SPONSOR**
Named after Margarita, this sponsorship improves the lives of the bedridden orphans in Ukraine by providing formula, emergency surgeries, doctors’ visits, gas and transportation, massage therapy, and other care.

**SPONSOR A CHILD**
For $33 a month, you can transform the life of a child in need in the Philippines. Your sponsorship provides for school fees, school supplies, transportation to school, uniforms, food, vitamins, and medical treatment.

www.mayashope.org/donate
When I first entered the bedridden ward at Kalinovka, an orphanage in Ukraine, I saw cribs. Normally in America, you associate cribs with babies, but I only heard loud moans and shrieks.

Children with conditions like Cerebral palsy, hydrocephalus, Down Syndrome, Fetal Alcohol syndrome and spina bifida filled the room. The children all have shaved heads and look at you with a blank, “institutional” stare.

If I pick up the children, they fear being put back down. They grasp at my hair, pull my necklace, or pull down on my lip. Sometimes they even slap, scratch or bite me. They are immune to pain. For some, causing pain to themselves is the only activity they have.

Then, I saw Igor. When I asked why his arms were tied to the bed so he could not move, I was told “it was so he wouldn’t hit himself.”

I came to spend some time with this little boy who never smiled. When he wasn’t tied, he would hit his chin, over and over, until his chin burst open. Then, he would be bound again to prevent him from hurting himself again. These children suffered from the greatest malady on earth: loneliness.

Nearly a year after seeing Igor, I was informed that he required surgery and there was a great chance he would die. Maya’s Hope was still small and didn’t have “emergency” funds. With the help if my Facebook friends, we raised $1500.00 within a week to cover Igor’s life saving surgeries.

With my partner in Ukraine, Mariya, we hired Artem as Igor’s caregiver to help provide specialized care. Igor learned how to eat independently, walk, and eventually run. After spending the first 7 years of his life in a crib, Igor learned how to become a normal child. He learned to walk and say, “ha, ha, ha”.

With the war waging in Ukraine, I was unable to do my annual visit. Finally in December 2015, I went to find Igor.

Rules for visits had changed and the orphanage refused to let us see the children.
After explaining to the administrator that I was leaving in a few days, she agreed to let me see the children at playtime only as long as I agreed to not take any photos.

We were taken outside to see the children playing and I asked if we could see Igor. Since we weren’t allowed to visit the room, I sat on a couch waiting.

Igor came out. Although I had seen videos of him, it seemed like the most miraculous thing to see him walking. I remained seated and Igor walked right up to me. I hugged him tightly and kissed him. Then, I took Igor’s hand and we walked together. I like to think that he remembered me.

Like all the children I make a promise to, I won’t give up on Igor. And one day, I hope that I will see him in the United States adopted by a loving family.

Igor is still waiting. To learn more about Igor, email maya@mayashope.org!

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Sponsored CUTIE PIES!

www.mayashope.org/donate
Maya’s Hope began with 5 sponsor kids in the Philippines. By 2014, we sponsored more than 100 children and expanded our reach to help children with special needs. We now help more than 200 children and are growing!

How is Sponsorship Saving Lives?
Children sponsored through Maya’s Hope receive uniforms, feedings, access to medical care and all school fees are paid. Previously, many of these children were sent to orphanages or homes so they could receive an education and 3 meals a day. Now these children can get an education and still be with their families.

Children who go through the program at Maya’s Hope have the opportunity to go to a 4 year college. Maya’s Hope is the only charity in the USA that sponsors children through college and gives children the opportunity to choose majors.

Adults without a college degree cannot work and earn a livable wage.

*We believe that every child has value and should be able to follow his/her dreams.*

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**Why The PHILIPPINES?**

- 1.8 million orphans in the Philippines. (Source: UNICEF)
- 5 to 5.7 million children are forced into child labor in the Philippines. (Source: US Department of Labor)
- In 2012, 1 out of 4 people* earned less than the poverty line, $382 USD per year. (Source: National Statistical Coordination Board) *27.9% of the population
- Children who live in the streets or live in extreme poverty can be exposed to health problems, chronic illness, genetic defects, child prostitution and drugs

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**WE are Making a Difference TOGETHER!**

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MAYA’S HOPE

2015

Sairel, Jorrymie, and Mariissa go to college!
In 2009, I visited a remote village where poor children were being sent to orphanages. I was told that these kids could not afford to go to school, did not have clothing or enough food to fill their bellies. This is where we began our sponsorship program and where I met Jorrymie. I put slippers on his feet and took his photo.

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His life is hard, but Joshua doesn’t realize it. He lives in the slums of Manila. Tondo, Manila to be exact. Here, humans live among the trash heaps and often scavenge for garbage which is resold. His home is a two level shack which his family built. Their cooking area is on the bottom floor, which often gets flooded. Just outside is a little bonfire where they burn trash. He along with his 6 siblings and two parents live on the second floor.

Joshua sleeps in the fetal position on the floor. The main provider for this home is Joshua’s older brother who is a laborer. He makes about US$6.50 a day. Joshua’s father has health issues and his mother is the strong woman who keeps everyone together.

Joshua loved school and playing with friends. But in first grade he made the drastic decision to drop out of school because he was being bullied. Every single day. All because of his face... Joshua was born with a large bump on his nose. This bump is a saclike protrusion which is actually his brain pushing through his skull. It is called a frontonasal encephalocele. Easily fixed with a routine cranial surgery in most countries, this bump not only was life threatening but also made Joshua feel worthless. He walked with his head down, he didn’t speak up, he didn’t want people to notice him.

When his case was brought to us, we spread awareness about his story. So when we fund raised for his surgery, he even got a monthly sponsor. His sponsor Amanda wanted him to feel like a superhero so she prepared a care package. It contained cookies, toys, books, and a superhero costume. Batman to be exact.

While I was fundraising for Joshua’s surgery, I made an emergency trip to the Philippines. I went to see Joshua and as luck would have it, his gifts from his sponsor arrived.

I came to his home and brought his gifts. As he opened each gift, he revealed the most beautiful smile. His eyes lit up and with every gift, he offered to his siblings. Finally he opened his last gift which was the Batman costume. He put the mask over his face and he felt like the coolest kid. He was Batman.

He put on his shirt and mask and then carefully put it away in a safe place. I announced to his mother that while I was in the
Philippines, I wanted Joshua to have his surgery. So with delight, she agreed. This was just after a near fatal heart attack of Joshua’s father. She had him sent away to family to take care of him while she would prepare to provide to care for her youngest child.

Just before Joshua’s surgery, I made a surprise visit. He was so happy that I came to see him. I hugged him and told him it would be okay.

A few days after his surgery, I came back to see him. I asked him what he wanted and that I would get whatever he wanted. He said, “Minions.”

I asked, “How do you know about the Minions?”
He replied, “I saw them on a neighbor’s television.”

His family is too poor to afford a television so he would go to the one neighbor and all the kids would go to watch Minions. I went to the mall and got coloring books of Minions, Superman and other superheroes. I returned with his request and he gathered the strength to sit up just to color.

Watching him color, I witnessed the immense strength Joshua exuded. Although weak from the surgery, he managed to keep a steady eye and hand to create his masterpiece.

Within 5 days of his surgery, I witnessed him stand on his own two feet and walk to the bathroom unaided. Even his doctor was impressed with his improvement.

A month after my visit to Joshua, I received a picture of Batman. He was smiling. He received more care packages and instead of being the one who was teased and bullied, he became the popular kid with all the cool stuff. But like a superhero, he shared everything he received because he already received the best gift: the gift of hope.

**SUCCESS!!**

Ericka has endured a tough childhood. Since she was 6 months old, she has had blood transfusions twice a month. Last year, Maya’s Hope funded her emergency splenectomy.

Ericka was diagnosed with Thalassemia, which is an inherited blood disorder in which the body makes an abnormal form of hemoglobin. This year she won first place in a Math Competition!
Her life has not been easy at home. She was living with her grandparents who own a rice field. Since the rice harvest is seasonal and brings in little income, Jennifer Allen’s mother had to leave the Philippines to find work in Malaysia.

Jennifer Allen continued to excel at school, but then she got sick. A tumor started to develop in her mouth. It grew and grew, and she had to drop out of school.

When Jennifer Allen’s health did not improve, her mother returned to take care of her only child. Her mother was told that Jennifer Allen couldn’t be treated at the local hospital and that she needed to go to Manila. They left for Manila in search of hope.

At the main hospital, they just waited. Sometimes, they arrived at 8 in the morning and left at 11 pm without seeing even one doctor.

HOW WE FOUND HER

Then one afternoon, I was with children for some medical check ups at the main hospital. I saw the suffering in the public hospitals. Hallways overflowing with patients and their families. Sometimes, it seemed more like a train station during rush hour than a hospital.

While walking to our car, I saw a girl with a white mask with her mother. I asked the nurse to run up to her and ask some questions. I then said to the mother, “I want to help your daughter. What is her name?”

“Jennifer Allen.”

HOW WE HELPED

Jennifer Allen’s mother graciously accepted our help and allowed me to take photos and a video. That afternoon I met with a doctor who treated one of our kids, Dr. Barba, and showed him photos of Jennifer Allen. I asked, “Do you know of anyone who can help this child?”

“Doctor Louie Gutierrez. I’ll give him a call.” Dr. Barba replied.

Two days later, Jennifer Allen and her family met Dr. Louie. He couldn’t believe his eyes.
“I’ve heard about this child. She was referred to me from Visayas, but she never came to see me.”

He promised he would do everything he could to help her.

When we got her results from her medical tests, it turned out that Jennifer Allen’s tumor was due to Ewing’s Sarcoma. Ewing tumors make up about 1% of all childhood cancers. (Source: Cancer.net)

Thanks to Dr. Louie, Jennifer Allen was featured on Philippine national news. After the story, a group of doctors offered to cover her chemotherapy.

Since July 2015, Maya’s Hope provides for Jennifer Allen’s needs at the hospital, such as the cost for her hospital bed, her transportation, food costs, etc.

Back in the States, we contacted doctors and hospitals asking if they could accept Jennifer Allen. St. Jude Children’s Hospital unfortunately denied her twice. But we won’t give up!

HOW IS THE PRINCESS?

Jennifer Allen continues to receive chemo treatments in the Philippines. She also makes videos and sends us updates. She sings songs and loves to color and draw.

As she battles cancer, Maya’s Hope is here to support her and make her feel loved and special.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

1. Become a sponsor to help with her ongoing needs (www.mayashope.org/donate)
2. Share her story with doctors who may be able to help her
3. Make a video or send her a letter to Maya’s Hope
   31 West 34th Street #7065
   New York, NY 10001

CHLOE’S STORY

“I will never forget the day when I first learned about Maya’s Hope. When my mama and I were looking for Cerebral Palsy support groups online, we saw a blog post shared on Facebook by one of the therapists at Hong’s Center. tatayyano.tubler.com posted 4 budget friendly tips in supporting your child with Cerebral Palsy in the Philippines. He mentioned Maya’s Hope.

After knowing about the websites and Facebook page, my mama wrote a letter on Feb 25, 2015. I could not believe when she told me that they bought a wheelchair for me and they consider sponsoring my therapy. I study hard and work hard during my therapy to achieve my dreams and to prove that I deserve the chance given to me.

When I met tita Maya I just cried maybe because I got scared I might disappoint her and I was just too happy to meet the person who gave “Hope” to me. I would have never got to this day without the love and support of Maya’s Hope.

I know I still have a long way to go but with the help of the people who believe in me, I CAN DO THIS!” -- Chloe, Age 8

Maya’s Hope sponsored Jennifer Allen’s birthday party at Jollybee
Katrina Barron and Kristin Fabianski

Brea Smith, Thomas Dahlke and Mary Byrne

Kathryn Trinh, Nam Trinh, David Cohen, Kazuko Wachter, Lindsey Page, and Kevin Wachter

Chris Manley, Amy Fairbrother and Simon Brandon

Beth and Matthew Iacoviello

Barbara Konings, Damien Moniez, Linda Aidouni, Muriel Moscardini, Lori O’Connor and George Ziassopoulos

Maya Rowencak (middle) with Gala Co-Chairs Todd Harris Wolf and Julia Maksimova

Catherine Andrusenko and Katarina Novakova

Barbara Konings, Damien Moniez, Linda Aidouni, Muriel Moscardini, Lori O’Connor and George Ziassopoulos

Nick Acocella, Amy Laurent and Ron Beit

David Cellante, Albert Olivieri, Else Dettke and Paul Salib

Aileen Hanlon, Georgia Brasfield, Sara Dunn and Jacquelyn Flood

Michael Melzer (Chairman of the Board) and Monte Albers de Leon

Jimmy Pezzino, Aurora Rose de Crosta and John Fredrickson
CUTIE PIES
We Helped Thanks To YOU!

John Kane is one of 8 children and was born with Down Syndrome. His mother was denied help from the hospital unless she found $5,000 USD to fund his surgery. She came to Maya’s Hope asking for help and we found a doctor who provided two corrective surgeries. He is happy, smiling and winning everyone’s hearts.

Diana de Guzman had a huge bump on her head. Doctors said it needed to be drained and that her life was at risk. She had cranial surgery and is dancing like a superstar!

Mark Rocco’s mom came to Maya’s Hope with a heavy heart. She pleaded for us to save her child but she had no money to fund his surgery. Mark had a successful cranial surgery, but it looks like his mother is even happier!

Khian is the boy wonder. He had a bulging hernia, club feet and had chronic pneumonia. Every time he was to be cleared for surgery, he got sick with pneumonia. Finally, he had his surgery and is currently in a cast. He’s improving one day at a time!

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Jay Suites
Jeffrey Shaw Photography
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Joanna Vargas Salon
JP Morgan Chase
**2015 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

### Assets, Liabilities & Net Assets
(As of December 31, 2015)

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### Summary of Revenue and Expenses

| Contributions                | 231,988 |      |      |
| Investment Revenue           | 31      |      |      |
| **Total Expenses**           | (214,433) | (159,432) | (76,929) |

### Change in Net Assets

| Change in Net Assets Before Write-off of assets | 17,587 | 77,233 | 15,578 |
| Write-off Assets               | - | (1,264) | - |

### Net Assets - Beginning of Year

| Net Assets - Beginning of Year | 115,995 | 40,025 | 24,447 |

### Net Assets - End of Year

| Net Assets - End of Year       | 133,582 | 115,995 | 40,025 |

### Statement of Activities

#### Revenues

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<td>(22,114)</td>
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<td>(214,433)</td>
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### Summary of Revenue and Expenses

| Excess Revenue over Expenses    | 17,587 |      |      |

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**Annual Operating Expenses by Function**

- **Grants and Program Services**: 72%
- **Management and General Administrative**: 18%
- **Fundraising**: 10%

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Maya’s Hope provided for her entire medical care and sadly, she left us on October 13, 2015.

Chesca will forever be our Princess.