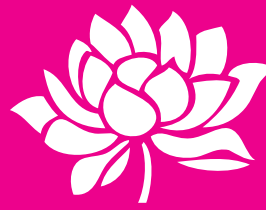


MAYA'S HOPE

Giving Hope to Children In Need



ANNUAL REPORT
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Sergey and Maya
Ukraine 2010

*Sergey,
From Orphan
to Superstar!*



Ariana



Cloud

MAYA'S HOPE



Maya's Hope improves the quality of life of orphans, extremely impoverished children, and children with special needs around the world.

Who We Help

Children with Special Needs • Orphans • Extremely Impoverished Children

What We Do



Loving Care

Caregivers
Special Care Packages
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Medical

Surgery & Treatment
Massage Therapy
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Education

School Supplies
Field Trips
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Nutrition

Feedings
Nutritious Formula
Vitamins

2016 HIGHLIGHTS



Sweet Ivanka

We're helping orphans in Western Ukraine! We met Ivanka during our trip and she has loving caregivers now, thanks to Maya's Hope. She is also available for international adoption! Could you be her parent(s)?



Cloud's Smile

Cloud has Crouzon Syndrome and required emergency medical attention. Maya's Hope funded his cranial surgeries and medical care. His smile is the greatest reward.

Hello!

Thank you for opening up our 2016 Annual Report! It is filled with gratitude and results from all of us at Maya's Hope!

We are now celebrating six years as a humble organization serving children who deserve the chance to have an extraordinary life. We have sponsored more than 200 children, sent 10 children to college, provided more than 20 life-saving surgeries in the past two years, and 33 children have been adopted thanks to the awareness we spread. (Phew!)

Our volunteers and partners have really made the miracles happen here at Maya's Hope. The children we help reward us in smiles and their successes.

This report is a "thank you; you're amazing" to everyone who believes in every one of our cutie pies.

Hugs,

Maya Rowencak Crauderueff,
President and Founder

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MAYA'S HOPE



UKRAINE

Maya's Hope Helps 7 Orphanages in 4 Regions in Ukraine!

Kyiv, Chernihiv, Ivano-Frankivsk and Zaporizhia!



Why Ukraine?

Ukraine has been in political and economic turmoil since the fall of the USSR. Many of their institutions are remnants of their Soviet past, including their attitudes towards orphans. The most vulnerable of these orphans are those with special needs. Mothers are often encouraged to give up their children with special needs to the state. In turn, they are given a small monthly stipend and maintain parental rights over the child, unless they decide to sign over their rights to the state.

Introducing

Zaluchchia Orphanage

Zaluchchia Orphanage, in Western Ukraine, is home to over 120 children and young adults with special needs. All children residing here have intellectual disabilities and/or psychological disorders. Most of them have physical impairments. They cannot move independently or take care of themselves. Zaluchchia is a very rural institution, hidden away from society. There has never been an adoption from this orphanage... Maya's Hope plans on changing that very soon!



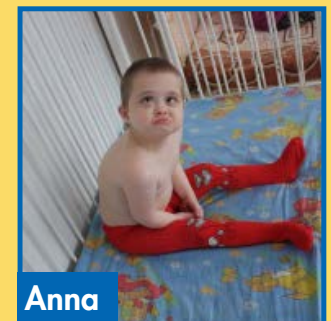
Ira



Bogdan



Bedridden ward



Anna

Did You Know?

- "As the volatile conflict in eastern Ukraine enters its fourth year, 1 million children are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance." - UNICEF February 2017
- Children with special needs require more specialized care. The government does not provide sufficient funding to meet the needs of these children.
- If a child with special needs is not adopted by age 16, he or she will be in an institution for life.
- Children with special needs are not provided formal education in state institutions.
- Before the war, the currency was 8 UAH to \$1 USD. Today, it's 25 UAH to \$1 USD. Imports like fuel and food are 3 times more expensive.

How Does Maya's Hope Help Transform Lives?

- Providing jobs in local communities. All doctors, caregivers and other staff are local and are paid official and competitive wages.
- Training for caregivers.
- Caregivers who educate and provide loving care to the children.
- In-house doctor, frequent medical check ups, and massage therapy.
- Medical equipment.
- Bedridden children receive daily nutrition-rich formula.
- Spread awareness through social media so that children may have the possibility of being adopted.

The Little Boy Who Could



by Maya Rowencak Crauderueff

Once upon a time, there was a boy named Sergey. Sergey was born in Ukraine. The doctors found he had no movement in his legs and labeled him as “feeble-minded.”



Shortly after birth he was placed in an orphanage, and eventually a mental institution for children and adults with every kind of disability. He spent his days with children who had Down syndrome,

psychotic tendencies, cerebral palsy, HIV, etc. He didn't receive a formal education. He just woke up, ate, tried to occupy himself with what he could: lunch, an afternoon nap, spending the afternoon outside in the yard, dinner, shower, sleep and repeat. Every day was the same.



Despite his bleak surroundings, he showed off his talents whenever he could.

From interactions with caregivers, he could recite his numbers and did so proudly. He would draw pictures. When he met foreigners, he would ask them how to say words in English and he memorized them.

The wheelchair he used was old. This meant it was harder to get around the rural orphanage. It was bumpy and uncomfortable. But nonetheless, he longed for the opportunity for anyone to push



him as fast as possible so that he could feel the wind on his face and experience what it would feel like to run.

When I met Sergey in 2010, he wanted to talk to me all the time. He shook my hand to show how strong he was. He played checkers, showed off his dance moves, and learned some more English words from me.

During my first visit to Sergey's orphanage, I saw tremendous potential in him and these other children, despite the smells, sounds and overall environment. The orphanage was located in a remote village. I didn't like the conditions. I thought that if we could help these kids and hire better caregivers to show them love, they might actually have a better life.

So, we hired caregivers. Sergey soon had more activities to do. He learned



how to do art projects. He became extremely gifted at bead work and craft projects. He used his hands as a way of expressing himself. Over time, the caregivers taught him and other children letters in Russian. He practiced his letters religiously and could write his name.



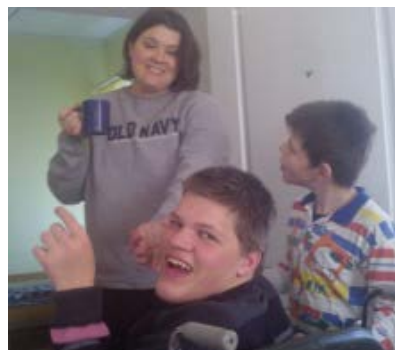
He then learned how to use the computer and typed with his two index fingers as if each key had tremendous importance. He became a big brother to the other children. He and a few others were selected and transferred out of the mental institution into a family-style home (Happy Home) where he helped bathe the other kids, put them to sleep, and kept order.

The one thing that no one could take away was



his dream of having a mother. He told our partners frequently that his mama would come one day. He drew her picture.

As he saw other kids getting adopted, Sergey hoped he would leave with them. Despite the continuous disappointment, he didn't lose hope. His English improved little by little during my visits, and his outlook remained positive.



Then one day in 2014, a miracle happened. Sergey's mama and papa arrived at the Happy Home and took him home to America.



Today, Sergey is in high school, plays baseball, goes fishing, can speak fluent English, and plans on going to college.

When I visited the orphanage recently, I missed Sergey. The home wasn't the same without him. I missed

Sergey and wished that one day we could be reunited again.

The day before the Maya's Hope Lotus Ball, Sergey and I met again. He was going to be our special guest for the gala. On November 4, 2016, Sergey appeared in a tuxedo on stage. He shared his story with everyone and people were brought to tears. Sergey had blossomed into a well-spoken and charming young man. The next day, I pushed Sergey while running through Times Square, just like I did back at the orphanage.

Sergey, the little boy in the battered wheelchair, never gave up on his dream of finding his mama and leaving the orphanage forever.



UKRAINE

Cutie Pies Who Got Adopted!

Since 2010, more than **33** children were adopted from the orphanages we help in Ukraine!



Mirra



Amelia



Jeremy

PHILIPPINES

Why The Philippines?

The idea of Maya's Hope started when Maya visited an orphanage in Bulacan, Philippines. She met children living at an orphanage because they were either abandoned, just "too poor" or too malnourished to live with their families. If a child was underweight, he or she was taken from their family to live in an orphanage. Before Maya's Hope became an official charity, Maya started sponsorship so children could still go to school and eat, but most importantly, remain with their families. The program started with 5 kids and has grown to more than 200 children.

How is sponsorship saving lives?

Children sponsored through Maya's Hope receive uniforms, feedings, access to medical care, and all school fees are paid. Thanks to sponsorship, these children can get an education and many can remain with their families.

Without sponsorship, many of these children would have been sent to orphanages, forced to become child laborers, or worse. Now, we have:

- 9 sponsored children in college.
- Therapy and education is provided at a special needs school.
- Children are healthy and have access to healthcare.

Did You Know?

26 Million live in poverty*



= Three times the population of New York City

"Rapid population growth has exacerbated poverty and has fueled rapid urban population growth, overseas labor migration, and unprecedented environmental degradation."
(United Nations)

2.1 Million children are laborers. 95% are in hazardous work.*



1 out of 4 people make less than \$1.25 USD per day.*

1 in every 4 or about 4 Million Filipino children and youth were **out of school in 2013***

(More than the Entire Population of Los Angeles)



*Philippines Statistics Authority 2015

The Beauty of Grey

by Maja Poetsch

In Centro Salvador, I met Jhasmine, who was too weak to hold her own heavy and big head. When I held her I could feel how



after a short amount of time she had to rest her head on my chest because it became too heavy. We tried to have her sit up straight but she only man-

aged to sit upright for less than a minute. After that, she always shrank back with a round back and hanging shoulders.

My name is Maja and I am a volunteer from Germany working directly with Maya, for Maya's Hope. In September 2016, I traveled to the Philippines performing our mission to improve the lives of orphaned, special needs, and disenfranchised children around the world. During my stay I learned a lot about myself, the Philippines, our mission, and how smiles



can affect one another.

This was my first time in Asia. My first impressions were: humid, loud, and dirty. Some-

times, I could not believe that people actually lived there. Many houses, or huts, were right at street level where hundreds of trucks and cars pass every day.

On our first day, we visited a center for children called Centro Salvador. On our way there, we saw a rather poor part of Manila, Tondo. Maya could tell how shocked and sad I was. I told her that everything seems so grey, and at first she did not really know what I meant. All the houses were grey. Even the ads from big companies like



McDonald's were bleached by the sun. The colors of the children's clothing did not brighten this picture. The only color was from the trash. And there was trash everywhere.

We passed big trash containers and people sorting and searching through it to earn some money. This is where I suddenly realized how fortunate I have been my entire life. I knew about the conditions, but I never felt such pity until I saw for myself how much in need some of these people were. Their biggest need was hope, or at least a smile.



And that's what I did. I smiled even though I did not always feel like it. And it was nice to see that sometimes the people and children sort of lightened up just because we smiled and we gave them hope. I think they still have hope.

Even though I saw the not-so-nice things, I am very

happy I got to go and experience it. I will keep the memory forever. I am even more committed to our mission, because the children should be afforded the same fortunate lifestyle I was given. I have hope for them, and that is why I keep smiling.

Maja Poetsch is 20-years-old and from Bremen, Germany. She is the first Maya's Hope volunteer to visit the Philippines. She is a Zumba instructor and loves to crochet. She even crocheted a doll for her favorite Maya's Hope cutie pie, Jennifer Allen.



Success Superstar



Dear Auntie Rhonda,

First of all, thank you for helping me in pursuing my studies. Thank you for giving my needs such as food and paying some of my school activities like fieldtrip. I hope that we will meet someday so I can thank you personally. My family is also very thankful. This opportunity is very important for us because we cannot afford this. I would like to thank also the person that use in this kind of charity, the person that use as an instrument to make you become my sponsor. I'm very thankful to be part of this charity. I promise to myself that I'll do my best in studying to achieve my goals in life.

Sincerely Yours,

Lander M. Cruz

Lander's father died 7 years ago. He is raised by his mother and his brother, who helps support their family through his drawings and sketches. Lander is 15-years-old and salutatorian. He is the top artist in his class and designed a note card for Maya's Hope.

The Heartbreaker



Emanuel is raised by his grandmother. His mother has lupus and his father isn't in the picture. He was born with a weak heart and a cleft palate. His grandmother went to an orphanage seeking help.

"Emanuel has already suffered enough in life, he deserves a chance to live."

Maya's Hope funded his heart surgery and his cleft palate surgery. Today, Emanuel is smiling and has a second chance at life!



The Dreamer

Snooky was born healthy and normal. At age 2, she developed Leukemia. By some miracle, she was cured, but it left her with intellectual disabilities. She lives in the slums of Manila and her parents could not afford the trans-



Snooky Planca, Age 16

portation to go to school for special needs. So she stayed at home. She helped around the house and prayed that one day she could go to school.

In 2016, Maya met her while walking near her home, which was flooded. Her mother helped Maya cross over the flood waters and Maya noticed Snooky. Maya asked why she wasn't in school. Her mother explained that her daughter was "special" and they could not afford to send her to school. Maya said to meet her the next day at the center. Snooky arrived early, in clean clothes and gave

Maya a big hug. Snooky was evaluated and her results were good.

Maya's Hope sponsors her education. To this day, Snooky is the first to arrive at the center so she can get driven to school with the other children with special needs. Her dream came true.

TEACHER'S COMMENTS FIRST QUARTER:

Snooky is doing well in daily life skills activities. She can do a task independently like gardening, laundry and housekeeping providing with clear instructions and constant reminder of the sequence of the activity. In functional academics, she's attentive in our lessons and participates in each activity.

Snooky has difficulty in identifying letters and numbers, but she is doing good in writing.

Give Snooky more time to study at home aside from her take home activity.

The Rising Star

Erica's father is a carpenter and her mother is a housewife. She is 17-years-old and salutatorian with high honors. She is gifted in music.



Maya's Hope Medical Miracles

In 2016, Maya's Hope funded 16 life-saving surgeries.
Without Maya's Hope, these children would not be alive today. These are some of their stories.



Molina Delgado, 11-years-old

A Heart Full of Hope

Molina lost her mother 5 years ago. She has 4 other siblings and two of them reside at an orphanage. Her eldest brother is a boatman, earning \$48 USD a month. Her father can barely work because he's almost blind. During a typhoon, her family lost their house which was made of wood and straw. They received very little government assistance. In October 2015, Molina was

diagnosed with Patent Ductus Arteriosus (a congenital heart defect). After having a negative reaction to her medicine, she was brought to a Pediatric Cardiologist who recommended surgery. The orphanage where her siblings live asked us to fund her heart surgery. We were her only hope. Maya's Hope fully funded her surgery. It was a huge success.

Molina is currently at an orphanage and is sponsored by Maya's Hope. She says that she "is healthy, strong and happy now." Her heart is whole.

Rev. Father Boyet, Ma'am Maya at Ma'am Eunice

I, LEODARMO DELGADO, father of MOLINA DELGADO, wholeheartedly express my sincerest thanks and gratitude for making it possible for my daughter to undergo that delicate operation to help her recover from her ailments, despite the fact that she is unknown to you. I hope and pray that you will continue to help poor people like us in our dire needs. Many thanks and may God bless and reward you.

Fr. Boyet, Ma'am Maya and Ma'am Eunice, I beg your patience and indulgence if you cannot understand my letter. I find it hard to write because of my poor eyesight. I am already nearly blind. When can I talk to my daughter MARIALYN. I miss her so much. Father, I hope that my eyesight may be restored, even if I have to undergo an operation so that I will be able to work again for the sake of my family.

Gratefully yours,

LEODARMO DELGADO

Grateful Father

"There is hope for children with special needs with Maya's Hope."

– Eunice Cheng-Chua, Executive Director of Bless the Children Foundation

A Twin's Tale

Vanessa Rose was born the youngest of fraternal twins. Her sister was born healthy, and she was born with an occipital encephalocele (a sac-like protrusion from the skull). After Vanessa Rose spent a month in the hospital, doctors told her parents that without surgery, she would die. She needed both cranial surgery and surgery for shunt insertion.



Vanessa Rose Cañete, 5 months old

The amount was impossible to raise for her family. Maya's Hope was their only hope. Maya's Hope fully funded her surgeries and she's active and improving day by day.



Roviklein, Age 11



Alliyah, Age 10

Smiling Siblings

Roviklein and Alliyah were born with Hirschsprung Disease. They've both had colostomy bags their whole life... until they got two surgeries (each!) to close their tummies! They were both so excited to get surgeries, they couldn't stop smiling!



Karen and Sergey Blake, the special guests, with Maya Rowencak

5th Annual Gala *Lotus Ball*

November 4, 2016
583 Park Avenue, New York City

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(As of December 31, 2016)

Assets:

Cash & Equivalents	126,181
Investments	1,516
Pledge Receivables	14,835
Security Deposit	2,000
Fixed Assets	1,488

Total Assets 146,020

Liabilities:

Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	15,118
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Total Liabilities 15,118

Net Assets:

Unrestricted	130,902
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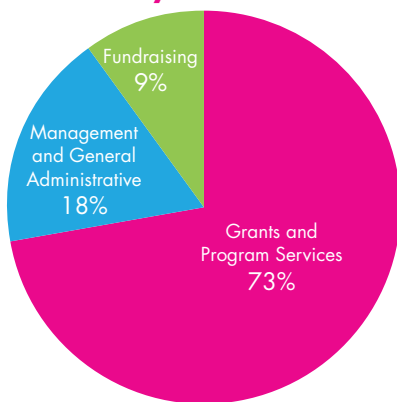
Total Net Assets: 130,902

Total Liabilities & Net Assets 146,020

Statement of Activities

	2016	2015
Public Support & Revenues		
Contributions	174,857	158,590
Special Events (net of expenses)	85,741	67,696
Donated Goods & Services	8,978	10,563
Interest Income	320	258
Total Public Support & Revenues	296,896	237,107
Expenses		
Program Services	196,389	158,680
Management & General	49,299	38,577
Fundraising	23,622	24,763
Total Expenses	269,310	222,020
Change in Net Assets	586	15,087
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	130,316	115,229
Net Assets - End of Year	130,902	130,316

Annual Operating Expenses by Function



Excerpt from the annual financial statements audited by Schall & Ashenfarb, CPA's, LLC



Hope for Igor

Igor is an orphan who is alive today thanks to a surgery funded by Maya's Hope. He is still hoping that one day a family will adopt him.



Princess Ariana

Ariana is the little princess from the slums. She has Down Syndrome and stayed at home. Today, she is going to a school for special needs and receives therapy.

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Happy Stories

Brothers Forever



Nikita was a tiny orphan with Down Syndrome who spent most of his life in a crib in Ukraine. He was finally going to be adopted. His adoptive father, Ricky, was staying at Kalinovka (orphanage) for 10 days. He spent time with the big boys at the Happy Home, where Maya's Hope provides for their care. One of the boys, Yura, wanted to play soccer with Ricky. He took Ricky's hand and didn't let go. It was that moment that Ricky knew that one day Yura would also be his son. "He stole my heart," he told his wife.

Nikita was adopted in 2013 and Yura was adopted in 2016.

Margarita Fashionista



Margarita was a bedridden orphan in Ukraine. She was adopted in 2015 and goes to school. She loves music and TV programs. Doctors once considered her a "vegetable." Look at her today!

Lude-Am Walks



Lude-Am was suffering from Potts Disease, a form of tuberculosis in the vertebrae. She was skin and bones and could barely lift her body. Maya's Hope funded her medical needs. Today, she is fully healed and can walk again.

A Brave Girl



Jennifer Allen has Ewing's Sarcoma and is receiving medical care funded by Maya's Hope.

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