

Mirra

From Forgotten Orphan
to Marvelous Miracle



"I'm alive today because
of Maya's Hope."

– Renz

MAYA'S HOPE



Our Mission

To improve the quality of life of orphans, extremely impoverished children, and children with special needs around the world.

What We Do



Loving Care

Caregivers • Toys
Special Care Packages



Medical

Surgery & Treatment
Massage Therapy • Checkups



Education

School Supplies
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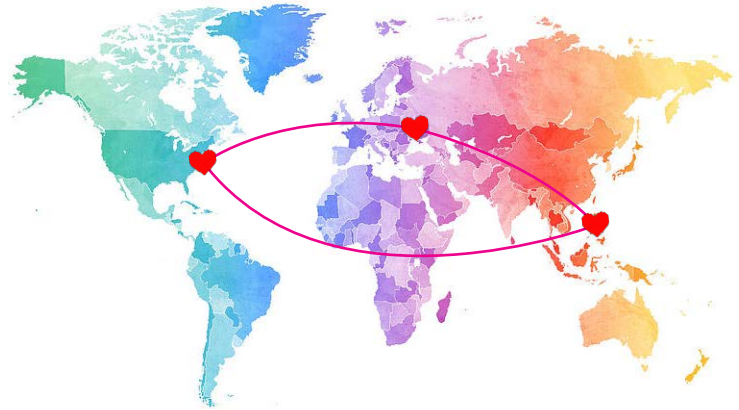
Nutrition

Feedings • Vitamins
Nutritious Formula

Who We Serve

Children with Special Needs • Orphans
Extremely Impoverished Children

Where We Do



Ukraine and Philippines. All from New York City!

Message from Maya

Hello!

2017 marked the 7th anniversary of Maya's Hope as well as the year I found out I was going to have a baby. I started the year by visiting orphanages in Ukraine so we could expand our efforts and help more children in Western Ukraine. It was also a year of expansion of medical cases in the Philippines. While child sponsorship is the foundation of our organization, we have also sought out more children who need access to life-saving medical care.

After 7 years, we are seeing the fruits of our labor. We serve hundreds of children in both countries, but it's the story of each individual child that touches our hearts. Each child is unique and special, and we strive to meet each one's individual needs.

As we continue to grow, I want to thank you for coming along with us on this journey. At the 2017 Lotus Ball, I was thrilled to be reunited with a child whom we had helped at an orphanage in Ukraine. I was able to witness Mirra's dreams come true, thanks to her adoptive family and Maya's Hope. The odds were totally against her. She is one of the lucky ones. There are so many more children who need our help.

As a mother, I will continue to love and advocate for the children we serve. Thank you for your continued support of Maya's Hope. You are their hope.

Hugs,

Maya Rowencak Crauderueff,
President and Founder



Varya and Maya

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MAYA'S HOPE



The Hidden Gems

by Keshia Melton

At Maya's Hope, we are always looking for ways to extend our reach in Ukraine. In 2016, I spent a lot of time looking for partners in Ukraine that share our values. And I found one! This organization was improving the condition of orphanages in Western Ukraine. However, additional financial resources were required to expand their work. I reached out to them – they had heard of our work and were very open to collaborating with us. What they told us about the local need was heartbreaking.

For years, children in a rural orphanage in Western Ukraine had been locked away, hidden from the world. They had endured abuse, neglect, pain and loneliness.



Gregory

Our Ukrainian partner had been working hard to bring these children out of the darkness and into the light. To give them a chance at life, to be loved and to be happy. There had NEVER been an adoption from this orphanage.

We had to see this place for ourselves, so Maya and I travelled to Ukraine in February 2017. We travelled along bumpy, rural roads until we reached the isolated orphanage. So many children – and adults – locked away. Rooms full of them. Our partner had been redecorating the rooms to make them more friendly; they had improved half of the rooms at the time of our arrival. Some rooms had beautiful paintings on the walls and colorful mats on the floor. The other rooms were dark and bare. Filled with chipped metal cribs.

Despite the bleak surroundings, the children were pure sunshine. So many amazing kids, all forgotten by the world. We knew we had to help these children. We had to give them hope.

Maya's Hope now funds loving caregivers and raises awareness so that these children can find families! In 2018, following a Maya's Hope awareness campaign, the first ever adoption from this



Ira and Keshia

institution will be completed! Hopefully, several more will follow.

Keshia Melton is a registered nurse and lives in New Zealand. She is a Board Member and Maya's Hope Ukraine Program Manager.



Bogdan and Maya

Why Help These Children in Ukraine?

Ukraine has been in the news in recent years due to war. With political and economic turmoil come less funding for institutions that care for children. These institutions are remnants of Ukraine's Soviet past and attitudes towards orphans have not changed. The most vulnerable of these children 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.

How Does Maya's Hope Transform Lives?

- Jobs in local communities that offer official and competitive wages (doctors, caregivers, and other staff)
- Training for caregivers
- Hiring of caregivers who educate and provide loving care
- Frequent medical check ups
- Massage therapy to help with mobility, social engagement, and muscular stimulation
- Medical equipment
- Nutrition-rich formula for bedridden children
- Awareness through social media so that children have the possibility of being adopted

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



The Belle of the Ball

by Maya Rowencak Crauderueff

When I was a little girl, I read about princesses. They wore big poofy dresses and had fairy godmothers who helped their dreams come true. They didn't always have the easiest beginnings, but they always got their happily ever after.

I stopped believing in fairy tales when I became an adult. I was hopeful that good things happen, but not at all certain. Working in New York City was a daily grind. After years of running to catch trains, and work, work, work, I yearned for meaning—a sense of purpose in my life—and I started visiting orphanages in places like the Philippines and Ukraine.

What came as a real shock to me was how children in institutions in Ukraine were living. Children with physical and mental disabilities—conditions that they were born or later diagnosed with—were all thrown together into institutions and forgotten.

One of these children was named Miroslava. She was given up at birth because she had Down Syndrome. For years, she was tied to a crib. She rocked back and

forth. Her head was shaved. She did not engage socially with others. She bit her hands and bent them backwards. She hurt herself constantly. No one cared about her.

When Maya's Hope got involved and



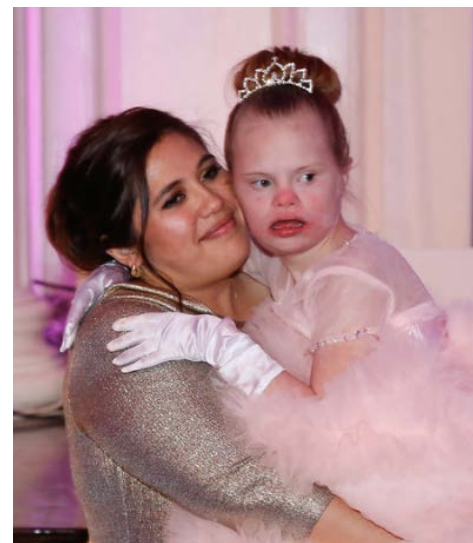
hired caregivers at her institution, she began to receive personalized care. She finally had caregivers who engaged with her, played with her, taught her, and showed her love. But the years of institutionalization had taken a toll on Miroslava, and it was no easy feat to bring out the sweet little girl hidden inside.

Maya's Hope spread the image of Miroslava tied to a crib on social media. That image made its way to a woman in North Dakota who said one day, "That's my daughter." It was not easy for the woman and her family to complete the paperwork necessary to adopt Miroslava, but they did everything they had to do to bring her to their home. Once adopted, she became Mirra and became a sister, a cousin, a daughter.

Mirra celebrated her first Halloween, went on vacations, had meltdowns like

any other teenager, had medical procedures, learned how to sip from a straw, and tasted American fast food. It was not an easy journey for any of them. Adopting a special needs child requires serious commitment. Mirra arrived with scabies so bad that they required a year and a half of treatment. She also had MRSA, needed her tonsils removed, had a lifetime of plaque buildup on her teeth, and is fed through a tube because she never learned to chew and swallow. She goes to therapy four days a week—physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, feeding therapy. But through it all, the love she has experienced from her family has allowed her to become the little girl who had always been hiding inside her, longing to come out. Mirra became her true self—spunky, giggly, loving, and just perfect.

Mirra was our special guest at the 2017 Maya's Hope Lotus Ball. Her entire family flew in from North Dakota to share her story so that people would know more about children like Mirra.





opportunities and love she deserves. And they expressed their appreciation for Maya's Hope. As her mother Jenny put it, "Maya's Hope stepped in before we stepped up." Mirra was one of the lucky ones because a family found her. If they hadn't adopted her before she turned 16, she would have spent the rest of her life in a mental institution with no hope, like many other children in Ukraine.

From tied to a crib, to belle of the ball, Mirra's story is a miracle. She is a symbol of transformation who offers hope to other children forgotten in institutions. I didn't believe in princesses until I met children like Mirra. And I am glad to be able to say that she got her happily ever after.

They talked about how they found her, how they fell in love with her and how they would do anything to give her the



Maya's Hope Cutie Pies



Polina

Beautiful Polina has a smile that can light up a room. Kirill loves attention and high fives. They were both born in 2008. Maya's Hope provides their orphanage with loving caregivers, formula, medications, diapers and more!



Kirill



Paloma

Maya's Hope provided Paloma's orphanage with an oxygen concentrator in 2017. Paloma is a brave little fighter. We hope 2018 will be the year she is adopted!

Happily Ever After for Children in 2017!



Yulia



Anzhela



Yulia





The gala's special guest, Mirra Isom and her family and friends

6th Annual Gala Lotus Ball

October 27, 2017
583 Park Avenue, New York City

Gala Sponsors: The Atkinson Family, Canar Advisors, Corbel Communications Industries, Dynamic Resources International, The Iacoviello Family, Self Reliance NY Credit Union, and Tocqueville Asset Management



Julia Maksimova, Gala Chair

"I've been a supporter and a volunteer with Maya's Hope for 6 years now – 4 of which I've served as a gala chair for the Annual Lotus Ball. It has been my honor to help a charity that creates such big miracles in the lives of kids who really have no hope. I've seen the grassroots efforts, partnered with passion, care and pure hustle of the founder, ability to inspire and bring people together for the greater good and make us all better human beings – that is why I love Maya's Hope and am proud to see all the growth the foundation has achieved through the years."



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Andy Peeke is our Master of Ceremonies and helped raise \$25K!



October Top Host!

Lorena Davison sold the most tickets in October 2017 and was recognized by Mirra, our special guest, on stage.



Renee Cherkezian, Heather Lang, Stephanie Dauman, Jocelyn Jensen, Philippe Dauman

Photography: Steve Maya



Jenny Isom spoke about how Maya's Hope "stepped in before she stepped up" to adopt Mirra.

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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 families 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 250 children.

Maya's Hope Successes in 2017

- 16 life-saving medical procedures funded
- 12 sponsored kids in college
- 250 sponsored kids
- 15 sponsored kids in Maya's Hope Violin Ensemble

Maya's Angels

Angelica Galvez is a 12th grader who studies Accounting, Business, and Management. She is an honor student and part of the Maya's Hope Violin Ensemble. She is the first in her family to go to college.

Jheannarie Martin is a 12th grader studying Humanities and Social Sciences. She is an honor student and part of the Maya's Hope Violin Ensemble.

Jeddahlyn Allarces is a university freshman pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration major in Financial Management. She graduated high school as Salutatorian last year. Because of Maya's Hope Foundation, this daughter of a seamstress will have a better future.

Erica de Jesus is a 12th grader who studies Accounting, Business, and Management. She is a Salutatorian and Academic Achiever with Honors. A member of Maya's Hope Foundation Violin Ensemble, she plays violin every day.



Maya's Hope Violin Ensemble



Maya's Angels

Life Saving Surgery



Renz Mongkill

"I'm alive because of Maya's Hope!"

Renz was having headaches and vomiting. It was discovered that he had tuberculoma, a rare and serious form of tuberculosis that mimics cancer tumors in the brain. Thanks to prompt intervention, doctors were able to successfully remove the tuberculoma from his skull.



Sponsored Children with Special Needs

Maya's Hope Sponsors Children with Special Needs

"Maya's Hope is their only hope."

2017 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Assets, Liabilities & Net Assets

(As of December 31, 2017)

Assets:

Cash & Equivalents	131,773
Investments	1,668
Pledge Receivables	3,533
Security Deposit	2,000
Fixed Assets	1,011

Total Assets 139,985

Liabilities:

Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	5,725
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Total Liabilities 5,725

Net Assets:

Unrestricted	134,260
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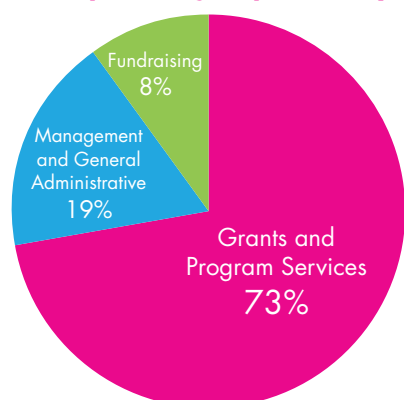
Total Net Assets: 134,260

Total Liabilities & Net Assets 139,985

Statement of Activities

	2017	2016	2015
Public Support & Revenues			
Contributions	160,441	174,857	158,590
Special Events (net of expenses)	110,935	85,741	67,696
Donated Goods & Services	7,633	8,978	10,563
Interest Income	219	320	258
Total Public Support & Revenues	279,228	269,896	237,107
Expenses			
Program Services	205,056	196,389	158,680
Management & General	55,038	41,299	38,577
Fundraising	23,776	23,622	24,763
Total Expenses	283,870	261,310	222,020
Change in Net Assets	(4,642)	8,586	15,087
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	138,902	130,316	115,229
Net Assets - End of Year	134,260	138,902	130,316

Annual Operating Expenses by Function



Excerpt from the 2017 annual financial statements audited by Wegner CPAs
Excerpt from the 2015 & 2016 annual financial statements audited by
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Engineer and Artist



Lander Cruz is a 12th grade future engineer who receives Academic High Honors. He is also an excellent artist who has won many Poster Making Contests and designed notecards for Maya's Hope.



Tiny Math Wiz

Ericka Cruz is a 4th grade Mathematician and Academic Achiever. She is always a school representative in the District Mathematics Contest even though she suffers from Beta Thalassemia a blood disorder that reduces her Hemoglobin. Once a month she is admitted into the hospital for a blood transfusion. Thanks to Maya's Hope Foundation, her spleen was removed two years ago, which greatly improved her condition.



Future Math Teacher



Maricel Bernardo is a 4th year college student currently in her internship. She will receive a Bachelor of Secondary Education with a major in Mathematics. She has been an Academic Achiever since elementary school, and is a dean's lister in the university. A former member of Maya's Hope Violin Ensemble, she serves in the church as lector commentator.

Future Teacher

Ernie Bartolome is a 4th year college student currently in his internship. He is a dean's lister and will receive a Bachelor of Secondary Education major in Technology and Livelihood Education. Ernie's mom has a mental illness and Ernie looks forward to the day he can afford to send her to a mental specialist. Ernie says that Maya's Hope Foundation makes the impossible possible.



Multi-Talented Future Teacher



Jorrymie Sandoval is a 4th year college student currently in his internship, working toward a Bachelor of Secondary Education major in MAPEH—Music, Arts, Physical Education, and Health. He is a popular student in the university because of his many talents—he can play many musical instruments and is a good dancer. Jorrymie is a former member of Maya's Hope Violin Ensemble and an officer of Student Government in the university.

Mathematician and Violinist

Hannah Lee Tantan, an 8th grader, has been an Academic Achiever since elementary school. She has competed in many Mathematics Contests and has won some of them! She is a member of Maya's Hope Foundation Violin Ensemble.



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