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# MAYA'S HOPE

Every Child Has Value











#### **Our Mission**

Maya's Hope works to improve the quality of life of orphaned, impoverished, and special-needs children on a global scale. Whether providing funding for loving caregivers, vitamin-rich formula, or access to quality medical care, Maya's Hope improves lives, one child at a time!

#### What We Do





#### Medical

Surgery & Treatment
Massage Therapy • Checkups

- We facilitate emergency surgeries and procedures for children whose hospital costs are not covered elsewhere and when the surgeries are urgent, life-saving or life-transforming.
- We provide immediate needs such as diapers, wipes, formula for the relief of poverty and the preservation of good health of disabled, impoverished or orphaned children.
- We advance the education of children through access to sponsorship opportunities, educational materials, and field support through our caseworkers and partners.
- We provide loving caregivers and assistance with immediate needs such as diapers, wipes, formula and medical equipment.



Education

School Supplies
Field Trips • School Fees



Nutrition

Feedings • Vitamins Nutritious Formula

#### Where We Bring Hope



Ukraine and Philippines. All from New York City!



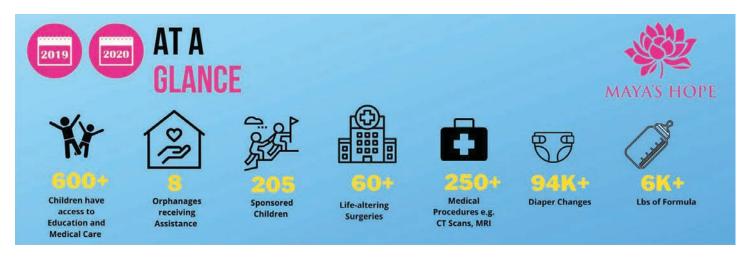




#### Our Objectives -

- Provide emergency surgery for disadvantaged children who otherwise would not survive.
- Directly improve the health, welfare and education of disadvantaged children and their families.





#### Message from Maya

#### **Greetings!**

Here it is!! Our action-packed 2019/2020 Annual Report and I'm so excited about this one!

Take out your Kleenex! When I look back at all that we have accomplished, I am moved and inspired!

First of all, THANK YOU. As always, we are grateful for every donor to Maya's Hope. And it's for this reason that we have listed every donor who gave from \$5 to \$5,000. Every donor that makes up Maya's Hope is helping save and improve lives. Maya's Hope would not be where it is today without every single one of you.

Each year presents different challenges to the one before it but this year was especially challenging. Our families battled hardships brought on by the pandemic that were unexpected, but with your help we worked even harder to help children from impoverished families and orphans around the world.

Because we were so busy, our annual report last year wasn't drafted on time. So in 2021, we have decided to bring you a 2019/2020 Annual Report, a joyous collection of our favorite moments that are the strongest testament of your support.

Our main activities this year were the facilitation of emergency surgeries and procedures. We performed 30 procedures in 2019 and 33 in 2020. This is more than all of our previous years combined!

Not only did we focus on surgeries, we funded immediate needs for the relief of poverty and focused on the preservation of good health of disabled or orphaned children. Hundreds of children are helped in our immediate needs program each month - our committee interviews over 40-70 families each month!

We also ensured non-interrupted education for children throughout the pandemic through access to sponsorship opportunities, educational materials and field support. There are over 200 children in the Maya's Hope Sponsorship program.

We provided orphanage assistance and worked tirelessly towards keeping families together in Ukraine by providing relief for families of children with special needs. We provided relief for 8 orphanages and 47,000 diapers in one year alone! We provided supplies and therapy to over 110 children in families as well as \$1,000-\$2,000 worth of diapers, formula, bottles to children living in orphanages each month.

Thank you for your constant support and thank you for giving hope to children around the world through Maya's Hope. We hope you enjoy our Annual Report as much as we enjoyed putting it together and we can't wait to see what 2021 will bring. Follow us on social media so you can see all the great work that YOU help make happen!

Hugs,

Maya Crauderueff, President and Founder

#### MAYA'S HOPE 🞇

#### Maya's Hope Team

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# Promise and Hope By Keshia Melton

t was the day after Valentine's Day in 2004, and a baby girl had just been born. She had beautiful brown eyes.

She also had a little something extra. She had Down syndrome.



At the hospital, her birth mother decided she could not, or would not, take her home. The baby girl was alone.

Shortly after, she was taken to an orphanage.

She lived in a baby orphanage for 4 years before being transferred to a rural adult institution.

Once there, she spent hours a day in a crib.

She spent her days chewing and twisting rags.

In 2017, Maya's Hope visited her institution for the first time.





We provided her institution with loving caregivers. She received more attention and affection than she had ever had in her life.

She even learned to walk.

Maya's Hope also shared photos and videos of her on social media.

A family that has been supporting Maya's Hope for years saw her photo.

They could not forget about her.

In 2019, they announced she would become their daughter.

Shortly after, they traveled to Ukraine to bring her home.

They named her "Promise".

Later that year, they were the special guests at the Maya's Hope Lotus Ball.

Since coming home, Promise has thrived. She now understands what it is to love and be loved.

Children belong in families!



# OGWWWW By Keshia Melton

can't do this anymore. I am exhausted. I have no money and no help.

This is what a desperate mother told our manager. She contacted him, asking him what the process was to place a child in an orphanage. She has 4 children, one of whom has cerebral palsy. Her name is Bogdana.



She is raising them alone. They live in an extremely rural village, with only 7 houses. Her ex-husband left the family when Bogdana was very small and does not support them. The family of 5 is struggling to survive on \$100 USD per month.

to put her child into an orphanage, but she feels like she has no other options. Our manager said



"We can help; you are not alone."

Thanks to our wonderful supporters, we have been able to help keep Bogdana at home, which is where she belongs! To do this we hired a part-time nanny so that her mother gets the chance to have a break. We also provide Bogdana with formula, diapers and other essentials. Her mother is so grateful and Bogdana and her siblings are thriving.

Keshia Melton is a registered nurse and lives in New Zealand. She is the Ukraine Program Manager and Social Media Manager.

#### **Current Events in Ukraine**

After five years of conflict in eastern Ukraine, 3.4 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance – 60% of them are women and children. Approximately 1.6 million people have been forced from their homes and tens of thousands of civilians have been killed or wounded.

The situation is particularly grave for girls and boys living in areas with the fiercest fighting: Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts - within a mile of the "contact line" - a line that divides government - from non-government controlled areas. (Unicef, 2021).

#### 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.



Maya's Hope Helps 8 Orphanages in 4 Regions in Ukraine!

Kyiv, Chernihiv, Ivano-Frankivsk and Zaporizhia!

# Nadia

By Keshia Melton

baby orphanage we support in Ukraine contacted our partner with an urgent request. A 2-year-old with hydrocephalus and spina bifida was in critical condition in hospital. Her shunt had failed and she urgently needed surgery to replace it.

We said, "Yes, we can help!"

Little Nadia had surgery within days. It saved her life.

Her condition drastically improved. She is so smart and speaks very well. We are hoping that 2021 is the year she will have a family.









#### **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

# You've Come A Long Way, Baby!

By Maria-Joelle Marchal Morris



rince Matthew was 5 months old when his parents applied to Maya's Hope for assistance. He was born with an occipital encephalocele.

Encephalocele is a rare type of birth defect of the neural tube that affects the brain. Encephalocele is a sac-like protrusion or projection of the brain and the membranes that cover it through an open-

ing in the skull. It happens when the neural tube does not close completely during the 3rd and 4th weeks of pregnancy. The result is an opening anywhere along the center of the skull.

In this case, Prince Matthew's protrusion was towards the back and was several times larger than his own head.

His father worked each day at a market while his mother stayed at home to care for him.

It was hard to hold him.

He spent 5 agonizing months, weighed down by the protrusion.



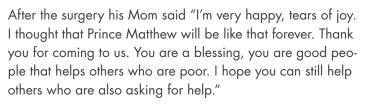
Prince Matthew's basic needs were half of his family's income, rent was the other half. Their monthly income is around \$120 USD. On top of this, his parents had been trying to get surgery for their son since birth, but they were unable to raise the funds needed.

It was simply too much of a mountain to climb.

Prince Matthew, with the help of his supporters, got the surgery he needed. Thanks to sophisticated high-resolution imaging, adequate and proper surgical treatment and post-operative care, Prince Matthew was given a second chance - at 6 months old.

The doctors said the mass weighed 4.4 lbs and that Prince Matthew's neck would get stronger over time. He had been carrying that weight since birth.

He was discharged, just in time for Christmas.



Recently I asked his Mom if she could send me a photo of Prince Matthew. She sent me this picture of him, nestled in between his Mom and Dad.

I couldn't help but sing happily to myself: "You've come a long way baby!"

Maria is responsible for Operations and Compliance at Maya's Hope and is also a lead interviewer on the Surgery Committee.



A happy, little family with... a baby!



# Difficulties Faced During the Pandemic in Ukraine

A note from Rafael, one of our partners

he first and foremost thing that has changed is the orphanages. For the second year now, strict quarantine has been imposed in orphanages and institutions. This means no visits and generally a ban on entering the territory. So we couldn't see our little wards, although we speak on the phone with the older ones.

Also, new types of care, such as masks and antiseptics, have been added to our usual diapers, nutrition, medicines etc.



Zhenya, who has cerebral palsy and epilepsy, receives essential supplies during the height of the pandemic.



Vitalina, who has epilepsy, receives her essential medicines during the pandemic.

In the first months of the pandemic, we passed them on to our wards, since there was a large deficit for these goods throughout the country and even if you could find anything, the prices were too high.

Rafael has been a manager in Ukraine for Maya's Hope since 2017.



Diana, who has cerebral palsy, receives essentials during the height of the pandemic.



Twins Nikita and Vanya who both have cerebral palsy, receive their much-needed essentials.



Artem, who has cerebral palsy and epilepsy, was very excited to receive his essentials!



Hand sanitizers, masks, gloves and more were sent to families who have children with disabilities in Ukraine.



Baby food, formula and more delivered to a baby orphanage in Eastern Ukraine.



Rafael, our program manager, visiting a rural institution in Eastern Ukraine in 2019 and delivering books and supplies to Lyosha and the others living there.

# There is Hope in Tondo!

Maya's Hope Pandemic Response - Philippines

A note from Shaine, one of our partners

parent's success is measured not by their personal accomplishments but by their children's success.

As a child's first teacher, parents/guardians have a moral obligation to teach and nurture their children. It is also a parent's duty to ensure a child receives quality education. But, what if their child has special needs or requires a specific treatment or educational support? And what if all of this is happening during a Pandemic?

A lot of parents/guardians cannot send their children with special needs to a proper school as as well as provide them therapy because it is too expensive. The income of many families is simply too meager, barely enough for the daily survival of the family. Fortunately, since 2014, the presence of Maya's Hope in Tondo, Manila provides hope to families in need.



"It helps Andrei Gio to learn at home not just academic but also practical matters as well. I know him better now and what he needs not only in academics aspect but most importantly what he needs as child. Now, I understand that I have to know more with his situation and what should I do during his tantrums. This experience made us closer." according to Andrei Gio's guardian.



"It helps Gwyneth to know few things even at home. We have bonding moments where I also learned a lot from Gwyneth. I was able to know her more, I could tell her behavior, especially when she's not in a good mood. It made me realized that she do not want to be pushed to do a task. Now I know that I need to wait until she is in a good mood. In school we just get feedback from the teacher and therapist and now, I am confident to say that my knowledge about child's situation has deepened."

Recounts Gwyneth's mother

The COVID-19 pandemic has made the lives of children and their parents/ guardians even more difficult. Children were not allowed to go out. School and therapy sessions were cancelled indefinitely. The teachers and therapists had to provide alternative ways of learning through online or modular learning. Part of our pandemic response was to help parents with curricula for school.

We made a lesson plan every week and gave it to the parents. We provided guidance and coaching to the parents. We also made checklists to monitor the child's progress together with videos the parents sent us. Ron, Gwyneth, and Andrei are some of the kids whose parents were thankful for the efforts we extended. We did this in order to offer non interrupted learning during COVID-19 for their children.

Thanks to the supporters of Maya's Hope, we were able to provide a program that ensured learning for the kids even at home. The money set aside for school fees was used to purchase formula, sacks of rice, canned goods, hygiene and cleaning products.

With Maya Hope's provision of their basic needs, our families were able to stay at home and follow the government's safety measures without worrying where they would get their next meal.

In effect, we helped fight off the spread of the virus and provided great relief for these families, during such trying times. There is ALWAYS Hope!

Shaine is a teacher and lives in Manila, Philippines. She is a fieldworker and tutor for children at Maya's Hope.



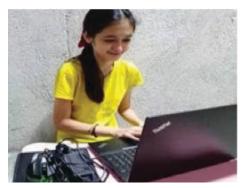
According to Ron's mother, "The lessons and activities helped Ron to learn the things he needs to learn even at home. The activities are good learning process for Ron during these trying times. It helps him to refresh those things and activities he used to learn in school."

# Outside Manila, Our Kids in Bulacan

#### Maya's Hope Pandemic Response - Philippines

A note from Lyn, our fieldworker

t has been more than a year since the pandemic started, and the Philippines are still facing the crisis brought by COVID-19. Many things have changed. Schools are closed and so are many other buildings and places of work. Although the virus has limited our freedom, it did not dampen our willingness to help and be the light in other people's lives.



Since it's prohibited to conduct face-to-face classes, instruction is carried out through blended learning or online classes. Maya's Hope provides laptops for college students so that they have something to use for their online classes. College students have a lot of work to do, so the laptops are a huge help for these students!



Since the children have to stay at home, they do various household chores to help their parents and to also use their spare time in productive ways. Some clean their houses, wash the dishes, do the laundry, organize their clothes, cook their food, and feed their pets.

Maya's Hope is one such light for many young children.

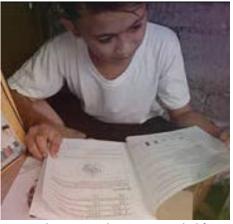
Even when the virus brought about many hardships, Maya's Hope didn't stop helping these amazing children to pursue their dreams. Take a look!



During the pandemic, people found time to grow flower and fruit bearing plants. The children of Maya's Hope also engage in some gardening. They ensure that after planting the seedlings, they water the plants regularly.



Quarantine protocols require minors and seniors to stay home for their safety. They can't go outside their house so they spend their whole day inside. Through Maya's Hope, the children received different gifts from their sponsors. A special thanks to our sponsors who purchased their special children these gifts



Despite the major adjustments needed for the new method of learning, students in the Maya's Hope program remain eager and show perseverance in their studies. Primary and secondary students carry out their modules which are distributed weekly. Those in college attend virtual classes and carry out various activities given by their professors online.



Members of the Maya's Hope Violin Ensemble continue to play their instruments at home to practice. They performed for the Maya's Hope Lotus gala November 18, 2020. They continued to nurture their musical skills, even throughout the pandemic.



Some of the sponsored children also help their parents by working or doing part-time jobs to earn money. This adds to the amount their family can use in buying commodities. Aside from that, they also help in doing repairs around the house.

# Bustos/Norzagaray Maya's Hope: A Light for Young Gouls!

Maya's Hope Pandemic Response - Philippines

By Lyn

he health crisis experienced the world over has caused many sudden changes in the lives of young people all over the world.

In the Philippines, ECQ (Enhance Community Quarantine) has been implemented even up until the present day. Due to continuous community quarantines, students have been hindered in going to school and conduct face-to-face classes; instead they were advised to stay at home and adapt to online/flexible distance learning.

The COVID-19 crisis was unexpected; we needed to adjust quickly in order to adapt to the "New Normal".

The pandemic truly affected the lives of every individual. It changed the way we live our daily lives. Interacting with other people and getting together with friends and loved ones was part of our day-to-day living. Social distancing is especially hard for us because we are not used to it!

Aside from the social aspect, other difficulties young people are facing are joblessness and difficulties in accessing education.

Elementary students are having a hard time answering and understanding their lessons by themselves, since not all parents know how to teach their kids like teachers do.

High school and senior high students also face this problem. The subjects get harder and harder, the understanding of the topic also gets deeper. Not every student can learn on their own.

College students have a hard time because they have a lot of responsibilities,

not just as a student, but also as an older family member. As well as the work they must do at university, they must also do household chores and many have a part-time job to help support their family's finances.

Despite the difficulties we are facing at the moment we can't deny the fact that this pandemic teaches us a lot of lessons and realizations towards life.

In spite of the crisis, Maya's Hope is doing incredible work to help those who are in need. They serve as the light of every sponsored child. These amazing children believe that someday they will fulfill all of their dreams through the help of Maya's Hope.

Erlinda is a teacher and volunteer field worker in the Philippines for Maya's Hope since 2009.

#### Are you interested in becoming a sponsor?

Can you imagine living on less than \$2 a day? It's quite difficult to find a decent meal (let alone any meal) with just that – which is why it's surprising that almost half of the population in the Philippines survive on less!

Not surprisingly, living at poverty level is even harder for kids. There are over 40 million children in the Philippines, but almost half of these kids (barely) survive on a few dollars per week, after learning to provide for themselves from a very young age. Of the 20 million living below the poverty line, nearly 2 million are orphans.

In Ukraine, parents of children with special needs are encouraged to hand their children over to state care. They are told their children are a burden on society. Children are sent to institutions where they are subjected to abuse and neglect. There is minimal support available to parents who fight to keep their children with them. Maya's Hope wants to help relieve some of the burden on these amazing parents and assist in keeping children with their families where they belong.

#### How to help:

- Email maya@mayashope.org to find out which children need a sponsor!
- You can also visit our website to find the latest list of children who need a sponsor.
- Sponsorship starts at \$33 a month!

You can help a child today!

# Gurgery in the time of Covid

ocusing on surgeries is the most impactful thing Maya's Hope can do during a pandemic. Families were not going to the hospital in fear of COVID-19 and were therefore delaying seeking treatment for their children. Early in 2020, a decision was made by Maya's Hope to place a laser focus on surgeries. The world was in lockdown-but the children couldn't wait.

The economic consequences of caring for a special needs child in poverty run deep. Mothers must often leave their disabled child home alone while going to work. They are forced to choose between therapy or food, taking loans that are insurmountable in order to move forward with the surgeries, which leads to reduced income, poor nutrition and lack of education or opportunities.

In Ukraine, the surgeries themselves are often covered by the government. However, many other costs are not - medicines, consumables, metalware for orthopedic surgeries and the shunts used in hydrocephalus surgeries. Maya's Hope assists Ukrainian families with these expenses.

The Philippines, on the other hand, has medical care that in certain cases, is subsidized by the government, but the charity ward may take 5 or more years,

and children are dying before they can get their needed surgery.

Children in the Philippines who live in extreme poverty lack access to quality healthcare. They are often denied assistance and have nowhere to turn. Since Covid, the surgeries facilitated by Maya's Hope have taken place in private hospitals in Manila with the involvement of Eunice Cheng Chua, Executive Director of Bless the Children Foundation, field workers, and top doctors with whom we have built relationships over the years. Together with our supporters, we come together as a family, in order to never let these children down. In the words of Khalil Gibran "Work is love made visible".

With time being such a critical component in the survivability of infants born with birth defects, and our partners unable to leave their homes to interview candidates, we took on the interviews ourselves using an asynchronous model.

The Maya's Hope Committee is composed of program leads, Interviewers, medical experts and translators. The team is located around the globe, with team members all across the United States, Netherlands, Philippines, and New Zealand. Our interviews take place through a messaging service, with

more than 12 hours difference between the USA and Philippines and half that between the USA and Ukraine. Despite the many obstacles as well as the time differences, surgeries take priority, and are taking place with great success.

Although Maya's Hope began funding surgeries in 2013, in 2020 we funded more surgeries than ever before. At the time of the Gala last November, we had already funded 20 surgeries since the start of the pandemic. Now we are happy to announce that the number is 50 and growing daily.

Look through some of our amazing "Surgery smiles" pages, to see the work of so many hands and hearts coming together! Love made visible.

#### Surgeries Funded in 2020

- 24 cranial surgeries
- 13 primary surgeries (Urachal cysts, cystic hygroma, sacrococcygeal teratoma, hernia, esophageal, abdominal, imperforate anus),
- 4 spinal surgeries
- 4 hip surgeries
- 3 tongue surgeries
- pain-relieving muscle release surgeries
- dental surgeries

# **Surgery Smiles in the Philippines!**





# Meet Jenelyn!

Jenelyn was 5 years old when Maya's Hope supporters funded a life saving surgery for her. She had a massive abdominal lymphangioma. She made it through the surgery and has thrived! The surgery was fully funded (\$5,068) and took place in the spring of 2019. Our partner tells us how incredibly amazing she is. She was in terrible pain until she had the mass removed from her belly. She also had parasites which had to be treated. She is a terribly strong and resilient girl. We love you, Jenelyn! If you are interested in sponsoring Jenelyn, send an email to maya@mayashope.org.



Meet Jake!



A Father's Wish Came True

On March 31st 2019 we received a message:

"Good day! Ms. Maya. I'm from the Phillippines. I have heard from my friends that you help children who are in need. The grandson of my sister needs operation from his eyes. And they cannot afford the operation for they are so poor"

We received his pictures and immediately forwarded to our neurosurgeon. Thanks to your help Jake was flown to Manila. His flight, surgery and incidentals came to \$5,000.

Thanks to the generosity of everyday people like you, Jake was able to have his surgery. His parents never imagined that this would be possible for their son. And thank you to the sister of his grandmother who had the courage to message us on Facebook.



"Our FIRST first surgery after the shutdown!" Maya announced on July 5th 2020.

Nino Thaddeus was 3 months old, a newborn when he had to have emergency shunt surgery. He has Dandy-Walker Syndrome with noncommunicating hydrocephalus and arachnoid cyst.

It was indeed a rollercoaster! Nino was scheduled to have surgery, but when doctors were evaluating him, they discovered that little Nino had pneumonia.

Several weeks later, Nino was cleared again for surgery and then there was a hospital change as some hospital staff were sick.

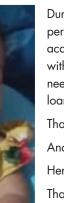
Finally Nino received his surgery and is now doing fantastic.

"Hello Maam Maya,

Baby Niño is recovering now he is back to his daily routine, we feed his milk like before he got the surgery, he is now smiling, stretching his body, interact to our voice I think he is totally fine -he is a strong baby. "Thank you so much maam for all your help and to those who donates please send them my thanks Maam, from our families and relatives."

# Meet Crystal Ann!

Believe it or not, before surgery, Crystal Anne's mother had never seen her smile. She had seen her distressed and in pain from her meningoencephalocele. This is a type of sac that extends through a defect in the skull. She needed reparative surgery that cost \$5,900.



During the interview with Rose, Crystal's mom, we found out that they are so desperate that they were prepared to borrow money from a loan shark. If the family acquired this money from him, they would have to repay a certain amount daily with a 20% interest. This family is so poor they were unable to afford the gauze needed to change the dressings on Crystal's "lump" 2 to 3 times a day. Taking a loan of this type would have been a disaster.

Thanks to our donors, Maya's Hope facilitated the surgery.

And now... she is smiling!

Her mother says: "Tears of joy that is how I feel right now when I see her smile."

Thank you to all our supporters for making this happen!

### **Surgery Smiles in Ukraine!**

### Meet Karolina!





In November 2019 we received a heartbreaking message from the mother of a little girl with cerebral palsy. Her daughter, Karolina, had been crying and screaming in pain so doctors did x-rays which showed her hip was dislocated.

"Without help we cannot afford this surgery. I'm sitting here and don't understand how to handle all these bills - for the implant, the plate and the consumables needed for the surgery. And our baby is in pain. It is not only painful for her to work out on exercise therapy, but simply to lie. Our girl needs this surgery so she can live without pain."

Of course, we told her mother we could help!

Shortly after, Karolina was able to have surgery. As she recovered, her mother reported she was so much more comfortable and her beautiful smile had returned.

"We are forever grateful to you for your help for our daughter."

### Meet Vikita!





Little Nikita was a few months old when his mother noticed a sudden decline. He stopped babbling, stopped smiling and stopped responding. She immediately rushed him to the hospital where doctors diagnosed him with hydrocephalus and advised he needed urgent surgery to place a shunt. They told her she would have to purchase the shunt herself. Nikita is the youngest of three children and expenses are tight. His mother reached out to us for help for her son.

Maya's Hope purchased the shunt for Nikita and he was able to have surgery!

"Nikita is now five months old. He is growing and he feels much better after his surgery. He is smiling all the time. Thank you very much for helping us. We are very grateful. We really hope that everything will be fine in the future, thank you!"

Keep them smiling!
Sponsor a child today!



# Meet Vasyl, Yuriy and Volodya!







y Volody

Thanks to our wonderful supporters, we were able to fund a doctor in a rural institution in Ukraine. The doctor got to work, organizing for children to be seen by appropriate specialists. He was able to secure a visit from an experienced ophthalmologist.

The ophthalmologist has recommended eye surgery for 3 of the children - Vasyl, Yuriy and Volodya. Vasyl had minimal vision and

surgery could give him a chance to see the world! And surgery will prevent Volodya and Yuriy's vision from deteriorating.

We were quickly able to raise the funds needed for surgery for the three boys. Surgery for Yuriy and Volodya was successful! They were also able to get glasses. Vasyl had a cataract removed and the world looks a little brighter for him!



Arthur



Yegor

# Meet Arthur and Yegor!

In July 2019, twin boys were born prematurely at 33 weeks. They both needed to be ventilated. One twin was found to have Klippel-Trenaunay syndrome.

Their mother was alone. Her mother was dying from cancer. She had no support. So she reached out to Maya's Hope for help.

Many people stepped up and donated towards their care. Social services tried to convince her to put her boys in an orphanage. They told her that her apartment was too small. They told her that she couldn't raise a child with additional needs.

"The children would be better off in an orphanage."

But this mama is strong. And she knew she had our support. She refused. And her boys are thriving. With her.

Her apartment is still small. Her son still has additional needs.

But they are safe and loved. They are not wasting away and suffering alone in an orphanage.

Children belong in families.

# An interview with Shalaka, a Maya's Hope Volunteer

# Maya's Hope: Shalaka, tell us about yourself and your background.

Shalaka: I was born and brought up in western India and after marriage, I spent a few years in northern India working as an architect in a real estate consulting firm. We then lived for a few years in the UK before finally moving to the USA. In addition to being a full-time mother of two kids, I also run my small photography business. Recently I finished my studies in human resources and I'm in the process of searching for a job.

I have been working with an organization in India where I teach tribal kids to speak and read English through storytelling. I enjoyed working with the children and seeing their progress and I decided that I wanted to continue volunteering for an organization that had helping children as their focus.

### Maya's Hope: How did you find Maya's Hope?

Shalaka: I found Maya's Hope through VolunteerMatch. I read about the Maya's Hope mission - to improve the quality of life of orphaned, impoverished and special needs children on a global scale - and immediately wrote to Maya. I told her "I love what you guys do and I want to help out". I love the way that things are done by the organization – the tangible results. I also like that the Maya's Hope Foundation has been dedicated to its amazing mission for the past 10 years.

### Maya's Hope: What's it like to volunteer for Maya's Hope?

**Shalaka:** It's incredible! I've met so many people and have learned so much! I work on the Interview Commit-

tee and we are responsible for screening applicants to receive assistance from Maya's Hope. The Committee consists of a team of program leads, translators, medical experts and Maya herself of course!

My favorite part is the fact that when a family receives our help, you can see the joy that we have brought to their lives through their smiling faces – their before and after videos are so heartwarming. As a parent, you realize what the other person might be going through and it feels really good to be able to make such a real and tangible impact on someone else's life.

# Maya's Hope: What is the hardest thing about being on the Interview Committee?

**Shalaka:** Sometimes it can be difficult emotionally. You feel the pain of what others go through in life. But it also makes you grateful for what you have been blessed with and I'm thankful to be able to help families through Maya's Hope.

### Maya's Hope: What have you learned about yourself while volunteering?

Shalaka: After being a full time mother and part time student for almost 8 years, volunteering with Maya's Hope has given me a sense of confidence. I think many working mothers will identify with this - the ability to balance life and work and be responsible for something outside of motherhood and studies. It's a wonderful platform to see what you are good at and to hone in on skills that are relevant to the workplace. Alongside interviewing applicants, I have been involved in managing and improving the interview



process. I have helped in recruiting and on-boarding new members to the interview team. It made me realize that I was a great team player and also could lead when need be.

I also learned how to work in a virtual team environment which is very important in today's world. Often there is a lag in communication when all the work is happening virtually—so it teaches you to be clear in your communication – how to get your ideas across and most importantly how to listen to others.

# Maya's Hope: What advice would you say to someone who was interested in volunteering in Maya's Hope?

**Shalaka:** Do this with a lot of love in your heart! You should volunteer because you have a passion for helping people, not if you just need to show volunteer hours. If your passion truly is helping people then Maya's Hope is perfect for you!

I would also say that it's a team-game – it's important to feel comfortable with and trust your team, and to work hard!

Shalaka Joshi is the Volunteer HR coordinator.

# The Faces of Maya's Hope

### Meet Our Great Volunteers. Thank you for all you do!



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# The Boy with the Butter Lid

By Maria-Joelle Marchal Morris

"What is the plastic on his hand for?" one of our interviewers asked.

"The plastic ware, Ma'am?"

"Yes."

"His toy, Ma'am".

Strapped to his wrist was the yellow lid of a butter container. It was tied on with cloth, clearly visible in the photo.

His mother, Faith, explained that when she tried to take it from John, he would cry. Sometimes he would accept to hold a clothes hanger but whether it was the butter lid or the hanger, it needed to be tied to his wrist with a cloth, as he could not grasp it well.

No special toys. No adaptive toys for sensory play. There was just no money.

Faith is a single mother taking care of John, a 15-year-old, who has cerebral palsy, epilepsy, hydrocephalus and severe dermatitis.

To earn money, she makes food to sell at the market. There is no one else to take care of John, so he comes with her. Despite all her hard work, her income is not enough to take care of her son. She has to make do.

A butter lid as a toy.

A paper cup instead of a nebulizer.

Faith did all she could to make sure he could have medicine to prevent his seizures.

John's dermatitis was severe and the expensive creams prescribed by a dermatologist completely out of reach. John was desperately thin, skin and bone and his skin condition caused him to suffer needlessly. He sat in his wheelchair and was always hungry.

"Before without your help,

I had many problems - I only

ate once a day. You are
a big help to my child especially
on the health conditions."

When Faith contacted Maya's Hope, she did not have the money to buy his essentials.

She was not able to pay the rent and

was about to get kicked out of their home. Her worst fear was coming true – she would be on the streets with her child, who is unable to walk or talk, use the bathroom or feed himself. Although he was thin, he at 15, still weighed a lot for tiny Faith to carry on her own.

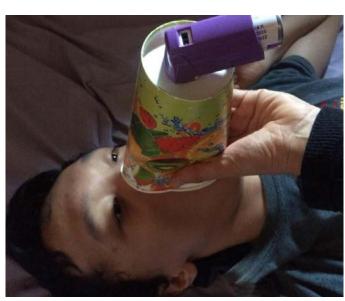


Then the pandemic started.

The food market closed and people stayed home. The little income she had dried up.

Her landlord allowed her to stay for another month without paying rent, and then another.

She contacted Maya's Hope in desperation. During the interview she







was gracious, she explained about the lid, about her family circumstances and about how much she loved and would do anything for John.

# She ate once so that he would eat twice.

Just like her namesake, she said she had faith but there was no doubt that things were incredibly hard for them.

We quickly decided to help and set John's first fundraiser in place. Within days, Faith found relief.





An enormous package arrived at her door with the essentials:
Pediasure, oatmeal, diapers, wipes, medicines, vitamins, cream for his skin.

And a toy.

With the help of Maya's Hope, his mother was able to pay off her rent, and place a deposit on a new modest but nicer, home.

Faith was able to save up to start her own stall, in her new location. Lately, she has reported that John is even putting on weight! He went from 48.5 lbs to 85lbs in the space of a year. They are doing so much better.

And yes, at Christmas, John received a special toy of his very own from the Maya's Hope Interview Committee.



"You have no idea, the magnitude of problems I had before you came along. I didn't know where to go with my child if I couldn't pay for the room we're renting. Now it is a big change for our situation because of your donation because we used to be short on rent, electric and water. Even when I don't eat as long as my child and rent are being taken care of...you helped us so much you have no idea."

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# 9th Annual Gala Other States of the States

The Maya's Hope Lotus Ball was hosted on Zoom.

#### November 18, 2020

Thanks to our many generous donors, including Luminary, The John and Daria Barry Foundation, and Wagner, Berkow and Brandt LLP, we were able to raise over \$90,000 towards medical expenses, education and loving care for children who were once forgotten. A sincere thank you to Elizabeth Erickson and Michael Meltzer, our Gala chairs, the Host Committee and all of you who celebrated with us!

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Michael Meltzer and Elizabeth Erickson, Gala Chairs get the Gala fun started!



Fairy Pardiwalla - our Top Host for the 9th Annual Maya's Hope Lotus Ball 2020!



Our special guest *Dolly Parton* with a very important message! "We are here to make a difference! We have the ability to do this - what a blessing this is! And what a blessing for these children who have so little. Together, we can reach out and literally touch their lives. Family. And Hope. That's what Maya had in mind when she first started Maya's Hope ten years ago. So in a way, we have that in common!"



Andy Peeke, who served as the evening's MC, graciously hosted the event.

Maya gave a wonderful speech and introduced a VERY special guest!

#### The Michael T. Meltzer Award of Service



The wonderful Keshia Melton accepted the Michael T. Meltzer Award of Service. She has been volunteering for Maya's Hope since 2014. "What inspires me to do what I do, are the children, their bravery and ability to fight through anything they go through."

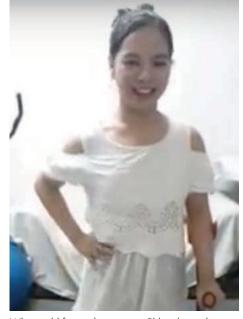


Neressa and her son Nate sent greetings from the Philippines. "Maya's Hope is a big blessing to us, especially to my son".



"Hello to everyone at the Maya's Hope Lotus Ball" - Greetings from Ukraine from Viktoriia and her mother.





Who could forget the moment Chloe threw down her walking aid and said "Thanks to Maya's Hope's unending support, I am able to walk painlessly - and confidently!" Talk about melting everyone's hearts! Maya's Hope has been sponsoring Chloe's therapy and providing her with basic needs over the years. Maya's Hope also funded Chloe's surgery to help improve her ability to walk.



Nikita before the Sotolongo family came to get him and bring him home!



Maya's Hope Lotus Ball Special Guests! We listened to a special message from the Sotolongo family who adopted Nikita (on the left) and 2 other siblings (now Elijah, Judah and Gracelyn) from Eastern Ukraine, to add to their beautiful family.



Debra Messing ("Will & Grace) made a cameo appearance to thank us for our work.



The Kryvoshlikovykh family expresses gratitude for the support that 3-month-old Dasha received from the donors of Maya's Hope.





From the outside, he looked like a healthy little boy. But he was suffering from a myelomeningocele, putting him at serious risk of life-threatening infections. Thankfully, through the Maya's Hope foundation, Janrick's surgery was funded and now he is a healthy happy little boy after all!



Lizochka and her mom. "We thank all the helpers, all the friends and all those who remember us."



Maya's Hope Violin Ensemble played a rendition of "Can't Help Falling in Love"



Karinka and her mom Anya. "We are very glad you are in our life."  $\,$ 



"We are very glad we have a chance to thank you personally for the help. Thank you for the food and the vitamins - and the high calorie desserts!" chime in Sasha and his sister.



Katie Wagner sang the cover of Journey's "Don't Stop Believin'" which was the theme of this magical evening!

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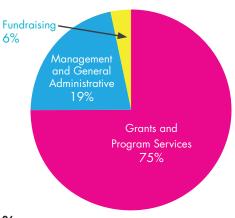
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Assets:	
Cash & Equivalents	101,129
Investments	1,937
Pledge Receivables	12,400
Security Deposit	2,000
Fixed Assets	1,716
Total Assets	119,182
Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	1,761
Total Liabilities	1,761
Net Assets:	
Unrestricted	117,421
Total Net Assets:	117,421
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	119,182

# Annual Operating Expenses by Function



Statement of Activities			
	2019	2018	2017
Public Support & Revenues			
Contributions	211,779	172,416	160,441
Special Events (net of expenses)	108,229	109,014	110,935
Donated Goods & Services	10,101	2,795	7,633
Return on Investment	366	(90)	219
Net Assets Released from Restriction	-	5,000	-
Total Public Support & Revenues	330,475	289,135	279,228
Expenses			
Program Services	230,759	245,556	205,056
Management & General	59,321	49,841	55,038
Fundraising	18,247	32,725	23,776
Total Expenses	308,327	328,122	283,870
Change in Net Assets	22,148	(38,987)	(4,642)
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	95,273	134,260	138,902
Net Assets - End of Year	117,421	95,273	134,260

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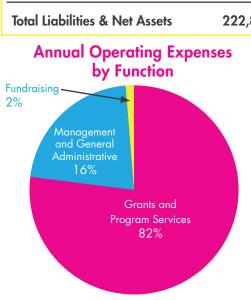
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Assets, Liabilities & Net Assets (As of December 31, 2020)				
Assets:				
Cash & Equivalents	214,542			
Investments	2,138			
Pledge Receivables	5,000			
Security Deposit	_			
Fixed Assets	1,183			
Total Assets	222,863			
Liabilities:				
Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	20,950			
Total Liabilities	20,950			
Net Assets:				
Unrestricted	201,913			
Total Net Assets:	201,913			
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	222,863			



Statement of Activities					
	2020	2019	2018		
Public Support & Revenues					
Contributions	408,574	211,779	172,416		
Paycheck Protection Program	11,263	_	-		
Special Events (net of expenses)	84,515	108,229	109,014		
Donated Goods & Services	3,566	10,101	2,795		
Return on Investment	201	366	(90)		
Net Assets Released from Restriction	_	_	5,000		
Total Public Support & Revenues	508,119	330,475	289,135		
Expenses					
Program Services	349,470	227,933	245,556		
Management & General	67,581	64,863	49,841		
Fundraising	6,576	15,531	32,725		
Total Expenses	423,627	308,327	328,122		
Change in Net Assets	84,492	22,148	(38,987)		
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	117,421	95,273	134,260		
Net Assets - End of Year	201,913	117,421	95,273		

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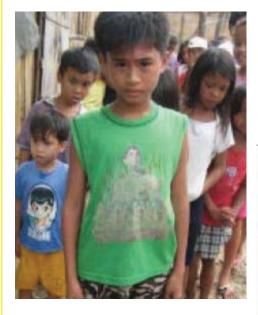
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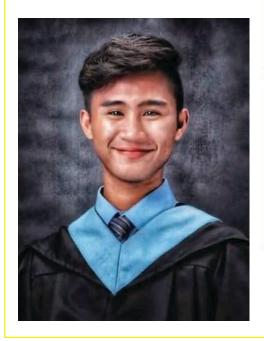


# We are Go Proud of Jorrymie



Success can be achieved through hard words, potience, und determination.

When we met Jorrymie, he had dreams of going to school and one day going to college. Thanks to the help of Maya's Hope, Jorrymie's dreams have come true!



Dear uncle bave

Good Pay!

I am now showing you my happiness through this picture. It was taken during our graduation day. I am very happy because this picture proves that I already pinished and successfully faced my high school life; I'm also happy because you were there to support and help me.

Mext school year is my next step to success. I am very excited, because I am now a college student. And I'll promise you my family, tita Agnes and also maya's foundation headed by Ma'am Maya that after four or five years I'll give you my next graduation picture with black ucadenic gown with matching blue collar.

Again, Thank you very work!!
God Bless +

# It's Been Ten Years! Woo hoo! by Maya Crauderueff

smile when someone says "Where does the time go?"

As the saying goes (often by parents of children), "The days are long, but the years are short."

And certainly, Maya's Hope has been my baby for 10 years.

I had lost my own mother in 2007 and in my pain and sadness, I felt drawn to visit orphanages. I was, after all, half an orphan. Back then, if someone asked me, "Why are you doing this?" I would have said, "Because I understand the pain that orphans go through."

I may not have lived the lives these children had, but it was the common feeling of grief and longing that I understood; it was palpable and tangible for me.

How do you cope when you are separated from your parents? In their cases, they were brought to orphanages for "a better quality of life"- a quality of life that never happened. The sadness enveloped me and I had to do something!

I wanted to help and to enable others to help, to encircle our arms around these children and give them HOPE.

Turning to today, and all that Maya's Hope has accomplished, I am filled with a sense of elation. It's been 10 WHOLE YEARS, Woo hoo!! (Cue fireworks!)



And boy have we helped! Thousands of children, hundreds, if not thousands of medical procedures - countless lives saved.

As an organization, we feel the warmth of so many thankful mothers (and fathers!) in their gratitude towards our donors and sponsors, and I feel the warm nature of my own mom who inspired me. (I can also feel her smiling down on me, especially during the tough times.)

So many wonderful memories, so many amazing kids have been helped in some way by Maya's Hope! I would love to share all of the incredible stories that we have witnessed, but I would need an entire book, perhaps even several volumes. I remember each story.

When I had to come up with a name for the work I was doing (before we

became a fully-fledged charity), I just called it "Maya's Hope Project." I wanted to spread a little bit of hope for kids - hope for a better life, hope that there was a bigger bright world beyond the grey walls where they were growing up.

We dropped the word "project" when we became a non-profit because what we came to do wasn't just a project - it was transforming into a global mission.

So, 10 years ago, the idea popped into my head of visiting an orphanage while I was on the subway in New York City. And I thought to myself, "Why not?"

6 months later, I found myself at an orphanage in the province of Bulacan in the Philippines. When I came back to New York, I sent countless care packages to the orphanages I had visited and then I was asked to sponsor kids.

I thought, "Why not?"

Maya's Hope began to sponsor children so that they would get financial support and be able to live with their families. After all, family preservation, when there is love, holds the best life, the best chance, for these children.

10 years later, some of those very kids we sponsored have graduated from col-





lege. They became the first kid in their family to graduate from college. And boy, am I proud of them! It is no easy feat to make it to college. The ones who make it that far, those children are the fighters, the winners, the ones who will help give hope to others and inspire those around them. The ones who will help to transform their own communities.

Here are some of the amazing transformations I've witnessed in the past 10 years:

Children coming back from the brink of starvation. I have witnessed children with gaunt faces and stick-thin arms and legs coming back - turning back - into children with chubby cheeks with happy little bellies - finally having their most basic needs met! Hence we have an immediate needs program at Maya's Hope where children receive diapers, wipes, formula, medicines, vitamins.

Neglected orphans with special needs adopted from orphanages in Ukraine - suddenly shining with the unconditional love they receive from their adopted families - finally able to be loved! Our orphanage assistance program in Ukraine, run by the amazing Keshia Melton is so desperately needed.

Children who needed life-saving/ life-transforming surgeries smiling, clutching crayons, or dancing - finally able to be children! Our surgery program helps families fund surgeries that otherwise would not have happened. In most if not all of these cases, no surgery means the child does not make it. I thank Eunice Cheng-Chua for helping us to coordinate and facilitate these surgeries. (Eunice by the way is a living saint!)

My greatest joy is when children can move from a place of coping and surviving to a place of be-

ing able to truly live and be able to be a child. In this world, children grow up so fast, and we need to give them the time to be able to be a child. It should not be a question of survival.

For a child to grow into a healthy adult, they must be able to grow in love.

Facebook and social media have helped create a platform for the children we serve. Many people dislike social media but for me and Maya's Hope, social media serves a great purpose: to allow these children a platform one which to shine. To act as a spotlight in the darkest of places. To touch anybody and everybody around the world. And to show that each child has value.

I remember when we first started funding surgeries; it took a lot of effort to raise money for a single surgery. Now, we see sometimes see campaigns for surgery funded in a matter of days, thanks to a network of donors from literally around the world!

I thought it important to share the stories of a few kids over the past 10 years who, through their stories, have transformed Maya's Hope to where it is today.

#### Margarita

Margarita was a little sweet child who was bedridden, and who just touched my soul. During my trips to Ukraine, I loved seeing her and holding her and I desperately wanted her out of the orphanage. Even though she was receiving massage therapy, formula, and more through Maya's Hope, I hoped she would get adopted.

I still remember walking around Times Square with an oversized poster of her in hopes of spreading awareness for her.

In time, an amazing family came to adopt her from Ukraine and I had the pleasure of witnessing Margarita blossom with the love of her family. She rode a horse, she basked in the glow of an attentive and loving family. She was still receiving therapy but this time her face, laughter, and eyes told us so much more.

Sadly, her time on earth came to an end, and many of us grieved her loss. Margarita had inspired and touched the hearts of so many and despite her passing, she left us all with a sense of hope. She was the sweet angel who despite all odds was adopted and got to experience the love of a family and a life outside of an orphanage. And she was happy!





### It's Been Ten Years (continued)



#### Joshua

Joshua is a sweet little boy who, back in 2015 (2015!! Where did that time go??) was getting bullied due to a large protrusion on his face.

He had the most beautiful brown eyes but his mother said he had never felt special during his life because of the relentless bullying he received at school. He wanted to learn to read and write, but the teasing was too painful.

Joshua needed invasive cranial surgery. Anyone who has been bullied knows the psychological impact it has when someone says "you're ugly".

It was one of the first surgeries we did. Medical care is a luxury in the Philippines. Joshua would never have had surgery if we didn't fund it. I felt we needed to move fast to restore his dignity and to allow him to enjoy his own childhood.

#### **Jorrymie**

In 2009, I visited a remote village where poor children were being sent to orphanages. They did not receive education or have clothing or even enough food to fill their bellies. This is where we began our sponsorship program and where I met Jorrymie.

Jorrymie did not even have shoes. I still

have a photo of me putting slippers on his feet.

Thanks to an amazing sponsor, Jorrymie received food, school supplies, uniforms, and other basic needs and his first accomplishment was graduating from high school.

Jorrymie did not stop there.

He wrote us a letter and said "I promise that after four or 5 years, I'll give you my next graduation picture with my black graduation gown and matching blue collar".



In 2014 he attended the state university and majored in Education. He always wrote to his American sponsor and hoped to meet him one day. In 2016, his sponsor came to meet him in the village where I first put slippers on his feet. It was the first time one of our sponsors had the opportunity to meet his sponsored child in the Philippines.

If you wish to know the impact you can have as a sponsor, just look at Jorrymie.

He made a video for our virtual gala last year. His plan? To inspire children to believe in their dreams and give them education like he was fortunate enough to receive.

#### Nikita

When I first saw Nikita, he was quiet and less active than the other children. The 'carers' at the orphanage had labeled him 'incompetent'. They had sewn up his sleeves so that he would not be able to chew on his hands. He had one of the most beautiful smiles I had ever seen. I was shocked to discover he was 10 years old. This tiny boy.

One day, to break his routine of doing "nothing", I took him out with the big boys. Since he couldn't keep up, I decided to sit down and cuddle him. I rocked back and forth. He never wriggled out of my arms or made a fuss. He was happy. When he smiled it was like staring into the face of an angel.

I returned to the States and thought about Nikita.

Then the worst news arrived in my inbox at work. "Nikia is going to die".

He needed an operation on his heart. I contacted an organization specializing in heart surgeries for orphans. I contacted doctors in Texas. They requested specific tests to make sure that he was properly evaluated.



He had congenital heart defects and the tests showed that it was just a matter of time. Nikita needed a miracle.

One day, I got an email.

"I have someone interested in adopting Nikita."

I couldn't have been happier. Out of all the children at Kalinovka, Nikita was chosen. I started to get nervous..was this too good to be true?

In November 2012, I flew to Ukraine and the first person I wanted to see was Nikita. I called out his name and hugged him. I knew it was the last time we would meet at Kalinovka.

On Thanksgiving he met his mother Monica and his father Ricky who would take Nikita away from the orphanage and love him forever.

Many things have changed since I first started Maya's Hope. We have grown as an organization. We have been able to deepen our impact. Our galas are getting bigger and better each year! Even through a pandemic, we have funded more surgeries than ever.

And I have changed too.

I am now a mother myself, and feel even more deeply what the parents in our program go through. What we do and accomplish together encircles our children in love. We are sending more than well wishes across the world. We are putting many hands together and changing lives.

I couldn't be more proud of Maya's Hope, our board, our partners and fieldworkers, our volunteers and those who have supported our mission for the last 10 years.

Together, we can make miracles happen.







# Meet Eunice!



Eunice Cheng Chua is the Executive Director at Centro Salvador.

She is responsible for the sponsored children of Maya's Hope. She is also the person in the Philippines who facilitates all of the surgeries funded through the Maya's Hope Foundation.

Every time we move forward with a surgery, Eunice works with the parents of the child and all involved to help facilitate the process.

She is our Magic Miracle Maker.



A picture of Eunice, drawn by Janrick's mom in gratitude.

# Hello, Dolly, Well, Hello, Dolly!

Hello everybody!

As you know, children have always been a huge part of my life.

I've been writing children's songs all my life and with the Imagination Library, I feel like I've been able to reach out and make a connection with these children - to make a difference in the world.

And this is what we're here to do again today. We are here to make a difference!

We have the ability to do this what a blessing this is! And what a blessing for these children who have so little. Together, we can reach out and literally touch their lives.

Family! And Hope! That's what Maya had in mind when she first started Maya's
Hope ten years
ago. So in a
way, we have
that in common! Hope,
that thanks to
a network of
volunteers and
donors like you,
we could come

together to help improve the lives of hundreds of children around the world. Surgeries, Caregivers, Nutrition, Daily needs and as you know, Education is very dear to my heart.

When Maya asked me to introduce the appeal for this year's Maya's Hope Lotus Ball, there was no way I would say no to help these beautiful children.



Now ladies and gentlemen, the proceeds from this event provide a great deal of funding for Maya's Hope for the entire year. Each and every dollar helps! I'm not only asking you to open your pocketbooks, but I'm also asking you to open your hearts - which is the greatest gift anyone can give.

Thank you and may God Bless each and every one of you.



# Dolly Parton

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Ways to Help:

**Lotus Sponsor:** Help make a greater impact and become a monthly sponsor. Your help keeps Maya's Hope growing.

**Guardian Angel:** Be a Guardian Angel by providing for compassionate caregivers for orphans with special needs in Ukraine.

Margarita's Hope: This sponsorship, named after Margarita, who was once a bedridden orphan and is now thriving in a family, provides life-saving formula, massage therapy, and medical needs to bedridden orphans in Ukraine.

**Sponsor a Child:** Transform the life of a child in need in the Philippines. Your help provides 3 meals a day, education, therapy, and addresses the individual needs of the child.

Sponsor Families in Ukraine: Help relieve some of the burden on these amazing parents and assist in keeping children with their families, where they belong.