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CHARITABLE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR

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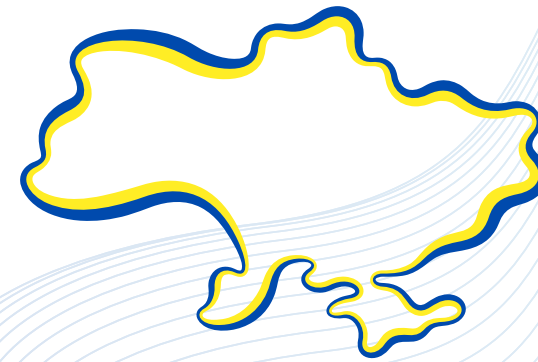
**The program was initiated by:
Beishem Foundation
Charitable Foundation "For the Future of Children"
Educational Center "Optima"**



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: GOAL AND OPPORTUNITIES

The program is designed to help school-age children who do not have the opportunity to gain knowledge in general education institutions to receive a quality education through distance learning.

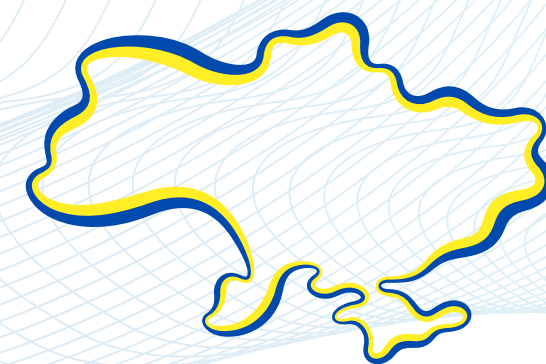
The scholarship program allows you to cover the full or partial cost of studying at the Optima Educational Center”



In addition to scholarships, program participants who have the status of “children affected by war” have the opportunity to receive laptops for free.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: GOAL AND OPPORTUNITIES

The majority of the Program's participants are children from vulnerable groups who have suffered due to the war and have health issues. They face anxiety, depression, and fear. They may experience isolation and social alienation, as well as difficulties in learning in a regular school setting. Their families typically struggle with severe financial problems. Additionally, the treatment and rehabilitation process for these children is often expensive and lengthy, creating further challenges in acquiring an education. The distance learning format is the most convenient, accessible, and effective way for these children to receive a quality education.



CATEGORIES OF CHILDREN

Children who belong to the following categories can become participants in the program:



- **children whose parents died in the war, went missing or are in captivity;**
- **children with post-traumatic effects and health disabilities;**
- **children evacuated from the war zone, internally displaced persons, children living in front-line or temporarily occupied territories;**
- **children of military personnel;**
- **children athletes, young champions;**
- **children from large families**

OVERALL RESULTS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM (2022-2025)

2022-2023 academic year: scholarships issued - 846

2023-2024 academic year: scholarships issued - 687

2024-2025 academic year:

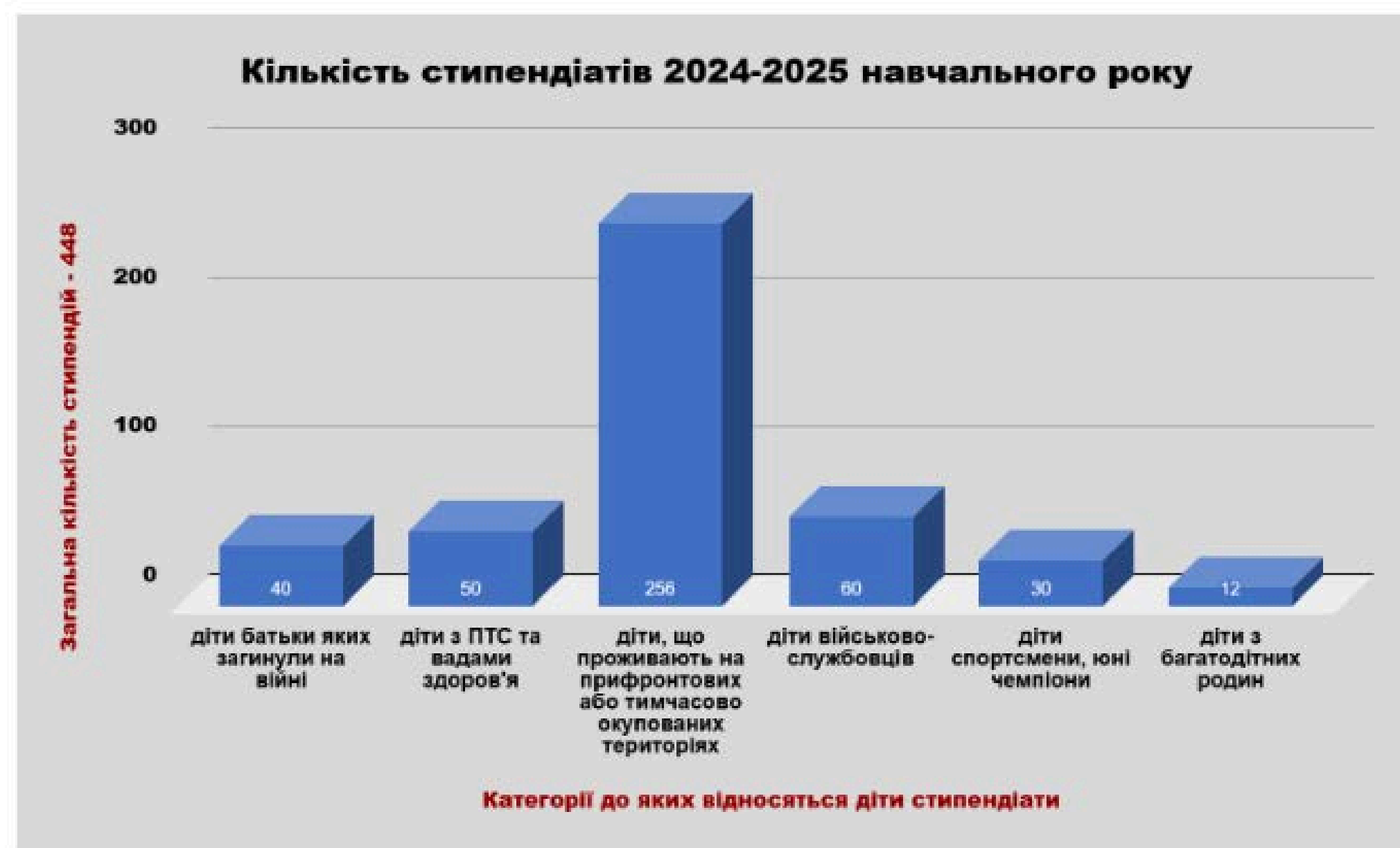
- **scholarships issued - 448**
- **free laptops provided - 77**



STATISTICS OF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM RESULTS (2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR)

Scholarships were awarded in accordance with the categories defined by the terms of the Scholarship Program, under the "Student" and "External" packages. In the current academic year, 448 scholarships were awarded.

The total project budget is 6,526,841 UAH (159,191 Euro)



THE "LEARNING WITHOUT BARRIERS" PROJECT IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE "SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM"

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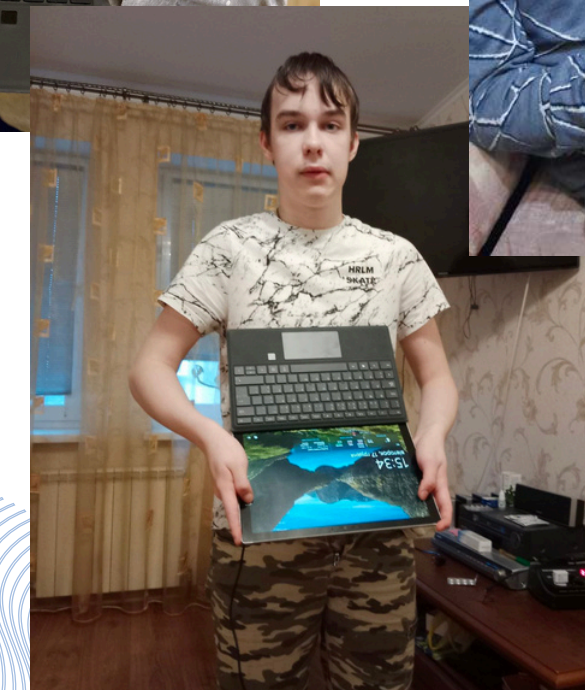
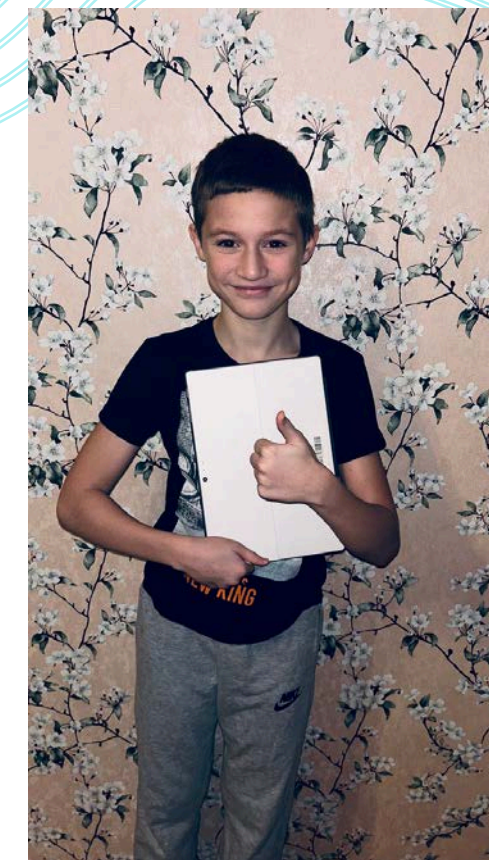


The project aims to provide children with computer equipment necessary for accessing quality distance education.

The Foundation received laptops with a total value of 495,000 UAH (12,073 Euros). The laptops underwent thorough technical inspection, were equipped with the required software, and had the Ukrainian alphabet engraved on the keyboards.

The prepared computer equipment was distributed free of charge to children with the official status of "children affected by war."

The laptops were delivered to 15 regions of Ukraine, including frontline areas and regions that are under constant shelling.



FUNDRAISING VIA THE FOUNDATION'S WEBSITE AND CROWDFUNDING PLATFORMS

To raise additional funds for scholarships for children's distance education, the Foundation actively used its own website to collect donations from individual donors in Ukraine and abroad.

In addition, a crowdfunding campaign was launched on the "Moie Misto" platform, supported by a wide information campaign on social media and advertising via Google Ads. The fundraising was targeted specifically for children with health issues.

Thanks to the efforts of generous donors, 119,344 UAH was raised and evenly distributed among four scholarship recipients. Each child received 29,836 UAH in charitable assistance, enabling them to study at the "Optima" school.



Orest, 13 years old



Timur, 13 years old



Alisa, 10 years old



valeria, 13 years old

ВДЯЧНІ ПАРТНЕРАМ ЗА БЕЗЦІННУ ПІДТРИМКУ



Beisheim Stiftung



- **“Beisheim Foundation” - Grantor**
- **“Optima” Education Center - Grantor and Implementer**
- **“TechAid Foundation Ukraine” Charity Fund - Benefactor (providing children with laptops)**
- **“My City” Crowdfunding Platform - Fundraising from Legal Entities and Individuals.**



Partners in the implementation of the Scholarship Program



Діти Героїв
Благодійний фонд

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ДИТЯЧА СПЕЦІАЛІЗОВАНА ЛІКАРНЯ
«ОХМАТДИТ»



- **CF "Children of Heroes" - support for children who lost their parents due to the war;**
- **ОКНМАТДЫТ - providing opportunities for children undergoing outpatient treatment to study;**
- **FST "Dynamo" of Ukraine - Certificates for education for children of "young champions";**
- **"To the Children of Our Defenders" Charitable platform of socially responsible business "Ukrainian Helicopters" - support for children of defenders of Ukraine.**

PLANS FOR THE 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR



- Raising funds and expanding educational programs to support children and youth.
- Expanding the program to include after-school and vocational training.
- Providing children with technical means for learning.
- Further implementing the program for children who are forced to study remotely and need special attention.

Categories	Number of students by educational package:		Budget	
	Student	Extern	Student	Extern
children whose parents died in the war, went missing or are in captivity	35	17	794 018 ₺	213 858 ₺
children with post-traumatic effects and health disabilities	38	27	831 499 ₺	321 814 ₺
children living in frontline or temporarily occupied territories	36	92	568 115 ₺	971 553 ₺
children of military personnel	38	22	500 506 ₺	186 889 ₺
children athletes, young champions	26	20	507 440 ₺	32 951 ₺
children from large families	6	6	82 736 ₺	40 315 ₺
summary by training packages	178	184	3 284 314 ₺	1 767 380 ₺
<i>Total</i>		362	5 051 694 ₺	
Total Program Budget	5 051 694 ₺			108 127 euro

STORIES OF OUR WARDS

Each child we support has a unique story and challenges, and unfortunately, in this format, we can only share a small part of them.

Due to Russia's aggression in 2014 and the beginning of the shelling of Donetsk airport, my mother and I left for the city of Mariupol.

Like many others at that time, our family left home with only a few belongings, thinking we would return in a couple of weeks. But soon, returning to our hometown, which was under constant shelling from Russia, became impossible.

Mariupol became a refuge for nearly 100,000 people who relocated from other parts of the Donetsk region. Eventually, we received the official status of internally displaced persons (IDPs) and obtained our IDP certificates in Mariupol.

A year later, I started school, and Maksym began attending kindergarten. We made new friends and finally experienced some sense of stability. It remained this way for eight years.

On February 24, 2022, the full-scale invasion by the aggressor country began. The invaders surrounded Mariupol from all sides, and with each passing hour, the circle was closing in. It was decided that we had to escape the city. Our father could not leave with us, as he is a serviceman and had to fulfill his duty.

After some time, the three of us reached Ukrainian-controlled territory and settled in Ternopil. Our father has been serving in the military since the very beginning of the conflict in 2014, participating in the Anti-Terrorist Operation in eastern Ukraine. In 2015, he was officially granted the status of a combat veteran due to his active involvement in countering the illegal actions of Russian and pro-Russian armed groups. He continues to serve to this day.

In 2023, my mother and I moved to Kharkiv, where my father is stationed. It's very unsafe in Kharkiv, but we live near our dad!

Constant shelling of the city, the offensive of the aggressor's forces in the Kharkiv region, and the active operations of enemy sabotage groups in our area make it impossible to attend school—most schools are closed.

The only viable option for continuing our education was the distance learning format at "Optima" school, and the opportunity to receive a scholarship allowed us to take advantage of it.

My Dad – My Hero **Story of Dmytro Petrov**

We used to have a happy family: dad, mom, older sister, older brother, grandparents. Everything changed in 2019 when my mom got seriously ill. She spent a long time in a hospital in Kyiv while I lived with my grandma and finished 4th grade. I missed my mom a lot. Eventually, she came back home, and we became a joyful family again. I thought the worst was behind us... but then the war began.

On February 24, 2022, I woke up to explosions. My dad said, "It's war..." We heard planes and gunfire. Everything shook. My mom cried while my dad tried to calm us down. We couldn't go to the basement because mom was in a wheelchair, so we stayed in our apartment on the fifth floor, blocking the windows with mattresses and blankets. We cooked outside on a fire in the yard. The shelling got closer. I saw enemy soldiers on our street – it was terrifying.

Mom needed daily medication, so dad insisted we evacuate if there was a chance. On March 9, we heard that buses might come. Dad pushed mom in her wheelchair, and I carried a backpack with documents. On the way, we were stopped by armed Russian soldiers who pointed their guns at us. It was terrifying. After a moment, they let us pass. At the city hall, we waited for hours in the cold. When buses didn't arrive, we had nowhere to go.

A young man named Ruslan saw us and invited us to stay in his apartment. His wife had just given birth in Zhytomyr, and he was home alone. He gave us a couch to sleep on and shared what little food he had. The next day, we went back to wait for the evacuation. Snow was falling. We saw 67 civilians being buried near a church because the cemetery was unreachable. Around 2 p.m., the buses finally arrived. Chaos broke out. People were pushing, trampling others. Dad helped us onto the bus and comforted mom through the window. He smiled – maybe he was happy that we were finally getting out.

That was the last time I saw my dad.

On March 17, while delivering medicine, he was captured by Russian soldiers. They tortured and executed him, then mined his body. For a long time, we hoped he was just out of contact. Later, after liberation, we learned the truth and buried him.

My dad was brave. He helped people evacuate, brought medicine, delivered food. He believed in victory. He will always be in my heart.

It's been three years since my mom and I left home. We dream of victory and of returning to our city.

REVIEWS

About the Scholarship Program

"Good evening, our family sincerely thanks your Foundation 'For the Future of Children' for the financial support for education.

My children, Vlada and Maksym Panasenko, plan to continue their studies at the distance learning school 'Optima'. Schools in Kharkiv are closed due to constant air raid alerts and shelling.

We are deeply grateful for your care for our children."

About the Project "Learning Without Barriers"

Laptops are an absolutely essential tool – the children have been studying using mobile phones, and in the current situation with constant power outages, laptops will be a real lifesaver!

After receiving the laptops:

"Oh my God! Two of them?! :)"

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts! Truly, gifts from Saint Nicholas! To the entire team of the Foundation – thank you for your work and for caring about our children!"



REVIEWS



We are sincerely grateful to the **Charitable Foundation** “**For the Future of Children**” for the opportunity to study at **Optima**. The studies are going well. My son finished the first half of the year with good grades. We would like to continue studying at this school, but unfortunately I don't have the money for it. I am a disabled person of the first group and my pension is not enough. My husband was shot during the occupation. And we have no one to help us pay for our studies.

We are very grateful to you for the opportunity to study.

Petrov Yana and Dmytro

REVIEWS

about the Scholarship Program

Good day, We sincerely thank you for giving our special boy, Sviatoslav, the opportunity to study. Distance learning, especially in a test-based format, is a perfect match for his autism and limited verbal communication. We will definitely continue his studies next year. Also, his little brother Orian will start first grade at Optima. We delayed his schooling for two years due to a more severe regression after the onset of autism.

Sviatoslav is currently making progress and achieving success in both his education and overall development. We still hold on to the hope that one day, having a diploma will help him – even if just a little – to live a more social and independent life. This is one of the greatest advantages of Optima School: it offers the incredible opportunity to study externally and earn a real diploma, rather than just receiving a certificate from a boarding school or developmental center.

So we express our heartfelt and sincere thanks for caring about our family and for making education more accessible for us.

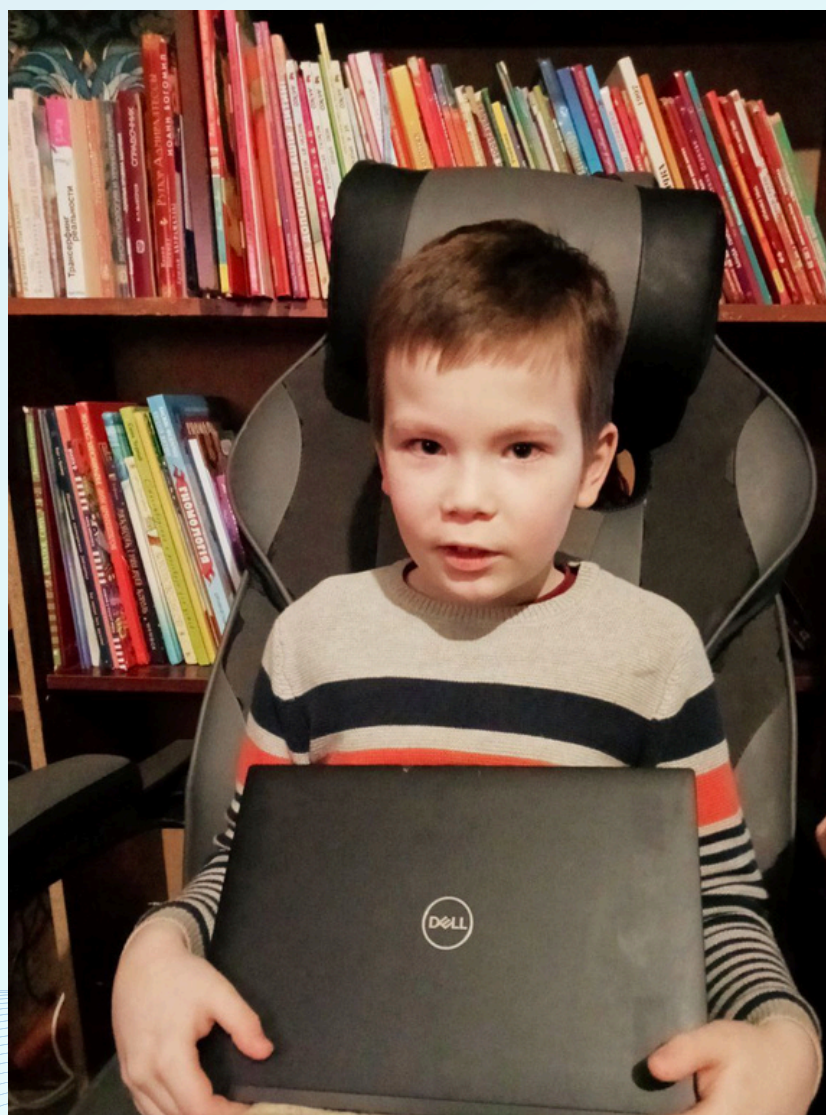
Wishing you peaceful skies and the fulfillment of all your dreams.

about the project “Learning without Barriers”

Children like Svyatislav are most often active in the evening or at night due to hormonal disorders of the brain, and distance learning is a chance to gain knowledge on your own schedule, and a laptop is the main tool thanks to which my child can fully study. We will be very grateful for such a gift!

Good afternoon, we received a laptop! Thank you very much for your support and care for our children and the opportunity to receive a quality education!

The Kostash family



REVIEWS

Шановна команда БФ «За майбутнє дітей»!

Від усього серця дякуємо вам за надану допомогу та підтримку!
Отриманий ноутбук стане для Злати незамінним інструментом у навчанні та розвитку.

Ваша турбота про дітей, які потребують підтримки, – це не просто технічна допомога, а справжня можливість для них отримувати знання, відкривати нові горизонти та відчувати, що вони не самі у своїх труднощах.

Ми щиро цінуємо вашу роботу, ваші зусилля та добро, яке ви даруєте.
Бажаємо вашому фонду процвітання, а всій команді – здоров'я, натхнення та ще більше можливостей допомагати дітям!

З повагою та вдячністю,

Яна Хоменко та Злата Ляпустіна.



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