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«ПРАВОСЛАВНЫЙ СВЯТО-СОФИЙСКИЙ
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THE DOMIK

St. Sophia Social House

An independent non-profit complex social services organization “Orthodox St. Sophia Social House”.

St. Sophia Social House (former St. Sophia Orphanage) is the first and only private small house of a family-type for congregate living of orphaned children with special needs and fosterlings of majority age with severe structural disorders.

On 2nd March 2015 the Domik (as friends lovingly call the Social House), accepted 22 children with disabilities from a state residential care facility for mentally-retarded children.

In the Domik special attention is paid to social integration of the fosterlings into society. The children regularly attend developmental classes at the Center for Curative Pedagogics, learn swimming at the swimming pool, dancing, study with specialists - movement therapist, special education teacher, psychologist, etc., explore the surrounding world visiting developmental classes, museums, sensory performances, inclusive events and many others.

From the 1st of September 2015 all the fosterlings of the Domik have been enrolled in educational institutions of the city of Moscow, where they study on special education programs adapted to their level of development. Most of the children didn't go to school before that.

Commitment to finding a family for every foster child is another distinctive feature of the Domik.

Often finding a family for a child with multiple developmental disorders is an egg dance. 5 fosterlings of the Domik managed to find loving families. If other children fail to find such families, the Domik is ready to take care of every fosterling even after their attaining the age of majority. In 2016, after amending the charter of the project, it became possible not to transfer the fosterlings of majority age into psychoneurological care facilities for adults. At the same time, the project name was changed from the familiar “St. Sophia orphanage for disabled children” into “St. Sophia Social House”. In spite of the name change, the project concept remains the same: today the Domik is the only private institution in Russia, where children and adults with severe multiple developmental disorders live in conditions most closely resembling a family.

23 children with severe developmental disorders live in the Domik today, 6 of which are over 18. Staff members of the Domik – tutors, special education teacher, social worker, movement therapist, experts on development of communication skills, aim to create conditions favoring most effective development of every fosterling according to their abilities.

Life in the Domik is organized by family type. Each child has a significant adult - a close and special person, spending a lot of time with the fosterling and in due course becoming a real friend— empathic, caring and understanding. The presence of such an adult in the life of each fosterling partially compensates for the lack of parental care and provides with a sense of security and love - which is the strongest driver for development.

St. Sophia Social House is one of the 27 social projects of “Miloserdie” service. St. Sophia Social House exists on donations. You can sign up for regular donations on the website www.domik.today

You can help by sending an sms with the word “Домик” (space) and the donated amount to the short code 3434, for example 3434: Домик 300.

The address of the Domik: Moscow, Krupskaya str., 12a. Telephone: 8-499-133-87-25.

We would be glad to provide you with more detailed information, comments or organize necessary interviews and recording videos. On request, we can promptly forward you photo-video and other materials, which might be useful to you.

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