Jhasmine

“They told me I would never walk.”
Greetings!

What a year! I became a mother in 2018 and boy, did that make a huge difference to the work we do for Maya’s Hope. I learned that by becoming a mother, I have even greater empathy for and understanding of the children and families we serve.

This year, we made it a priority to take on more emergency medical cases and to help families with children with special needs in Ukraine. If we help the children in institutions, we also need to help the families who take care of their children with special needs and struggle financially every day to keep their children out of institutions. Keshia Melton, our Ukraine Program Manager, made greater efforts to get our partners on the ground to find the families who are struggling to obtain therapy for their children.

Every year, we find more children who would otherwise be forgotten and find solutions to help them thrive. We see value in each and every child in our program. And their families are grateful.

This past year was quite the struggle between being a mother and running Maya’s Hope, but with hope and perseverance, I made it through. It made me realize that it’s these children who keep me going - they are the ones who give me hope.

When you see a video of a smiling child who just had surgery, or a sponsored child who just graduated from college… it makes it all worthwhile.

Thank you for being on this journey with us. I promise to 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

Maya Crauderueff, President and Founder
In February 2018, one of the children we support (who lives in an orphanage) was in the hospital. He needed medications that the orphanage couldn’t afford, so we purchased them for him. This got us thinking about the families who have children with disabilities or medical needs. How do they afford medications, nutrition, therapies, and treatment?

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. There is minimal support available to parents who fight to keep their children with them.

We decided we wanted to help relieve some of the burden on these amazing parents and assist in keeping children with their families, where they belong. Within days, our Ukrainian manager had found our first child in a family to help – Arthur! Arthur has cerebral palsy, epilepsy, and other diagnoses. His family has fought for him from day one. They were struggling to provide him with the nutrition, therapies, and medications he needed to stay healthy. They are so grateful to be in our program.

Since then we have been able to help family after family.

We are Family
by Keshia Melton

Of course, we will still continue to support children living in orphanages and institutions for as long as they need us!

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

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!
During my visit, a child was brought into the office of our partner in the Philippines.

“Meet Jhasmine.”

Jhasmine was carried into the office and placed on the table.

“She cannot walk. Doctors say that she will never walk.”

I could see that her head was oversized and she wore big glasses. She was shy and yet curious about me.

Our partner, Eunice, said she was born with hydrocephalus (excess water in the brain), and had 500/600 vision which led to her being “cross-eyed.”

She had just had shunt replacement surgery and what Jhasmine needed at the time was immediate physical therapy. I said, “Let’s help her!”

Jhasmine’s struggles were obvious. This five-year-old could not hold herself up because her head is enlarged (23 inches circumference) and heavy. She had no “feeling” in her feet. They showed me her feet that just seem to “hang” - they were like soft and squishy pads.

But despite this, she sang a song for me in the most beautiful little voice. She’s known as the caregiver and watches over her younger
siblings. She also loves drawing, cleaning, folding clothes, and organizing.

Once she started therapy, magic began to happen! She was able to crawl and stand alone when holding onto someone/something. She then began to take tiny steps and learned to balance her body.

Over the course of years of therapy, Jhasmine started to walk in a straight line and smoothly, without any support!

Jhasmine is now 8 years old and in First Grade. Her self-confidence and dedication to therapy show results today.

She was told that she couldn’t walk, but Jhasmine believed she could and so she did!
“Yulia would have starved if it wasn’t for Maya’s Hope. Her team sees value in the lives of children who are otherwise ignored, forgotten or thrown away. They saved Yulia’s life.”

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- WABC-TV

The Michael T. Meltzer Award of Service

2018 marked the inaugural year of the Michael T. Meltzer Award of Service. Michael Meltzer has spent 10 years helping Maya’s Hope, and we acknowledged him for his commitment to service and his compassion for children around the world.
The gala’s special guest, Yulia with Oleg Bloom and their mother Kayleigh Bloom. Jacky Flood, Board Member

Photography by Steve Maya
Why the Philippines?
Growing up poor is not the fault of any child. Not having access to healthcare and resources to improve a child’s quality of life are violations of human rights. Our mission is to serve children who live in extremely impoverished conditions and give them access to education, healthcare, and opportunities. Children with special needs are the most marginalized. Their needs are expensive, and the resources are next to nothing. Waiting 5 years for a surgery can be a death sentence for a child who needs urgent care. And that’s where Maya’s Hope comes in!

Maya’s Hope Successes
• 60+ life-saving medical procedures funded
• 12 sponsored kids in college
• 250 sponsored kids
• 15 sponsored kids in Maya’s Hope Violin Ensemble

Children at a school in Bulacan, Philippines receive goodies and products from Maya’s Hope.

Maya’s Hope Violin Ensemble started when a violin teacher from New Jersey decided to gather used violins to send to our sponsored children. They now perform locally in malls, churches and more!

Prince and Princess are siblings who both have cerebral palsy. They lived in the slums and, due to the terrible conditions, Maya’s Hope relocated them to a small apartment that is clean and safe. They also receive sponsorship items and therapy!

Sponsored children are celebrated at the Maya’s Hope Annual Christmas party. Food from fast food chain Jollybee is a huge treat for these kids.
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2018 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Assets, Liabilities & Net Assets
(As of December 31, 2018)

**Assets:**
- Cash & Equivalents: 93,723
- Investments: 1,574
- Pledge Receivables: 5,700
- Security Deposit: 2,000
- Fixed Assets: 586

**Total Assets:** 103,583

**Liabilities:**
- Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses: 8,310

**Total Liabilities:** 8,310

**Net Assets:**
- Unrestricted: 95,273

**Total Net Assets:** 95,273

Statement of Activities

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**Total Public Support & Revenues:** 289,135

**Expenses:**
- Program Services: 245,556
- Management & General: 49,841
- Fundraising: 32,725

**Total Expenses:** 328,122

**Change in Net Assets:** (38,987)

**Net Assets - Beginning of Year:** 134,260

**Net Assets - End of Year:** 95,273

Annual Operating Expenses by Function

Excerpt from the 2017 & 2018 annual financial statements audited by Wegner CPAs
Excerpt from the 2016 annual financial statements audited by Schall & Ashenfarb, CPAs, LLC
Thank you to all of our 2018 Donors!

$15,000
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$5,000 to $14,999
American Online Giving Foundation, Inc Simran Brandon Fidelity Investments Beth and Matthew Iacovello Laura Parker Rafael Saeda and Jacqueyun Flood

$2,500 to $4,999
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The above individuals generously donated to Maya's Hope from January 1 - December 31, 2018. Every donor is valuable to Maya’s Hope. We apologize if we have omitted any name from this list.

Donations of Goods and Services

1. Restaurant
   - 50% Burger

2. Retail
   - ALC
   - Alexandria Clancy
   - Almond Restaurant
   - Bridgwater
   - Amy Lauren Matching
   - American Roadhouse
   - Barneys New York
   - Barry’s Bootcamp
   - Belle Fleur
   - Benjamin Steak House
   - Bush household
   - Campbell Acupuncture
   - Citytown
   - Corks on Columbus
   - DeLonghi
   - Dippyque
   - Drybar
   - Elite Island Resorts
   - Emeraude Resort and Spa
   - Equinox
   - Felice Wine Bar
   - Felida

3. Other
   - Fig & Olive
   - Flea’s Pins
   - Hodgson Russ Attorneys, LLP
   - Jack Silver Formal Wear
   - Jay Suites
   - Jennifer Farkas Graphic Design
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   - Kusmi Tea
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   - Lene Kalsøen
   - Lisa Lyons
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Thank you ICAP!
Maya’s Hope received $15,000 on ICAP World Charity Day!

Maya’s Hope Superstars

Riztine has a voice!

Riztine is hearing impaired. Thanks to her sponsored therapy, she is now able to say words and communicates well. We are so proud of her!

Prize-Winning Artist

Ryan is a prize winning artist at the Dr. Pablito V. Mendoza Sr High School. He won first place at On-the-Spot Poster Making Contest with his theme “Lingga ng Kabataan 2019: Transforming Education”. Ryan also graduated Valedictorian in 2018.

Snooky is Thriving

Maya met Snooky in 2016 as she walked through the slums in the pouring rain. Her mom offered Maya a step stool so that she wouldn’t have to wade through the polluted water. Snooky smiled shyly at Maya as her mother told her story. Snooky had leukemia as a child. Somehow, she got better, but as she got older, it was obvious her development was delayed. She can cook rice, she can clean, but she cannot say very many words. Her mother sent her to a special needs school for a short time, but it was so far away and she couldn’t afford daily transportation. Snooky had to stop attending school. Maya said, “We can help!” Snooky is so grateful to go to school. She is the first one to arrive at the center so she and the other children can be driven to school. Look at all the prizes she won at her school ceremony! Snooky is thriving!

Every Child Has Value. You Can Transform A Child’s Life Today!

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.

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