

Mary Mother of God Mission Society is creating a network of solidarity and compassion by uniting sponsors in the US with children and youth in the poorest regions of our mission territory in Eastern Russia.

Benefits of Sponsorship

Sponsorship provides one-to-one help for a child who needs nutritious food, warm clothes, medical or dental care, educational supplies, or even skills training. Ultimately, your help enables a child to live with dignity and overcome obstacles created by poverty.

Most children of the Guardian Angel Project are in homes with single moms. Due to the inability to afford their children's food and clothing, some mothers send their children to orphanages. But your direct support helps to keep these families together.



Yelena's boyfriend abandoned her when she became pregnant and refused to have an abortion. Yelena's twin boys are sponsored through the Guardian Angel Project.

Thanks to the success of our Women's Support Centers, many women have chosen not to have abortions. However, further

assistance is needed for these new families that have turned away from the culture of death. Sponsorship is a tangible way to act on your concern by helping these babies saved from abortion.

Sponsorship creates an opportunity to share in a deepening relationship with your child and with God. Through personal letters and photos, you will be inspired as you watch your child's progress and growth. You will also gain a deeper understanding of poverty and will develop friendships with families from another culture.

How This Works

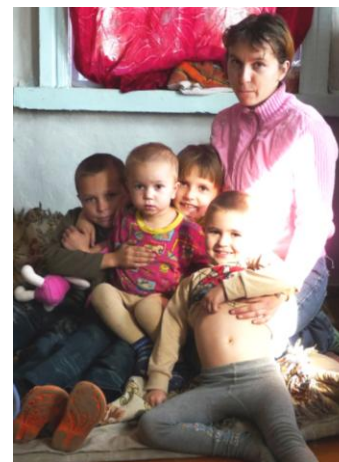
Each child has only one sponsor as long as the level of monthly support covers the child's needs. If one sponsorship does not cover the needs, another sponsor may share in the help.

Each sponsored child receives your personal outreach and direct monetary help, facilitated by our mission parish in Russia. Your sponsorship may cover any number of needs. These may include food supplements, baby clothing, children's shoes, bedding, vitamins, or even minor surgery.

Sponsorship is an ongoing relationship and can last as long as your child remains in the Guardian Angel Project and you choose to continue as a sponsor. Most sponsors participate for several years, while many plan to see their sponsored children through high school, college, or technical training.

Meet Your Sponsored Child

We encourage you to join one of our mission trips. These trips offer the opportunity for you to meet your sponsored child, to see how you are making a difference in the life of your child, and to develop a greater understanding of the child's culture and country.



Can you sponsor Alexander, Valentina, Maxim or Stephen? Mom, Barbara, cares for the children as best she can, but they need food, clothes, shoes, medical and dental care, and school supplies.

How This Program is Unique

First, to allow you greater flexibility, we let the sponsors determine their level of support. You can choose the exact amount you wish to donate each month.

Second, unlike many other programs, we do not pool the donations to feed into community projects. Many of our sponsored families live in remote areas or in towns where community programs simply do not exist.

Third, we do not automatically cut off sponsorships when the child turns 18. If you wish to help with a young person's professional education, you are free to do so.

How to Become a Sponsor

- Contact the mission office in Modesto, California, for a portfolio of children in the Guardian Angel Project and their needs.
- Choose your child and decide on your level of sponsorship.
- Notify the mission office in Modesto of your decisions. Fr. Myron Effing in Russia will contact the child's family.
- Fr. Myron will send you additional information about your child such as address to write your child and clothing and shoe sizes.
- For your convenience, monthly sponsorship and one-time donations to the Project can be made on our website www.vladmission.org, or by automatic credit card or checking account withdraw.



Mary Mother of God Mission Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and your donations are tax-deductible.

We never sell, loan, give, or share our donor list with any other organization.

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Mother of 3, Anna is in poor health and is technically blind. Her husband is in prison. Their home, a simple shack in Lesozovodsk, needs repairs and coal for winter heating. The children need proper nutrition, medical care, and clothing. Due to Anna's poor health and inability to fully provide for her children, the children often live at the orphanage.

Committed to Responsible Stewardship

Our commitment to responsible stewardship ensures that contributions are used efficiently in support of the sponsored children.

Since 1992, the Mary Mother of God Mission Society has consistently acted with the highest standards of stewardship, relying solely on private donations to support and build the Church in Eastern Russia.

For more information about the Guardian Angel Project or any of our work, please contact our mission office.

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