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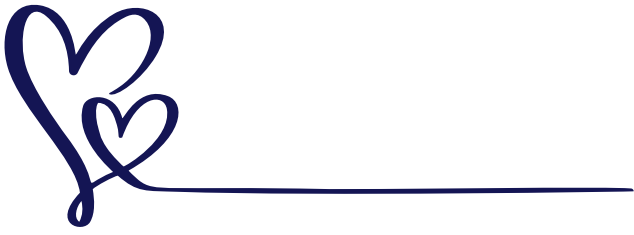
## **CELEBRATING 25 YEARS**

2000 - 2025

**Together for a Better World!**



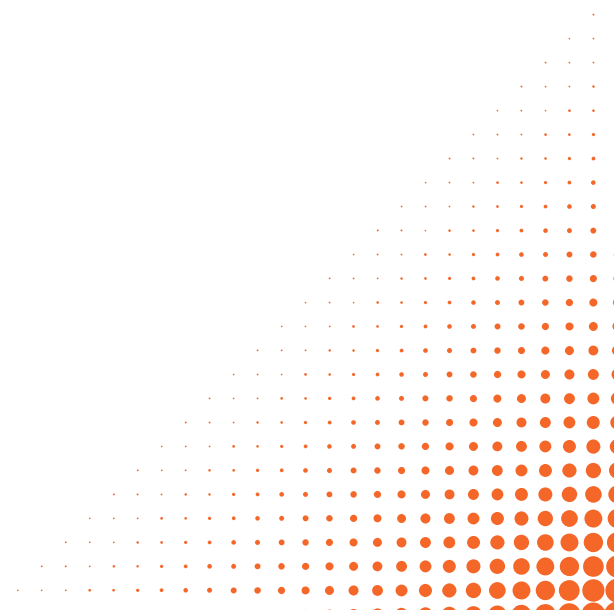
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This anniversary report presents 25 life stories of the individuals we have supported over the years, together with our partners, donors, and people of goodwill.

On behalf of our entire team and our beneficiaries, we sincerely thank everyone for their trust, support, and collaboration.







## 25 YEARS TOGETHER

In 2000, we reached out with a helping hand to those most in need. What began with raising awareness about the dangers of illegal migration and preventing human trafficking has grown into the Regina Pacis Foundation - a steadfast pillar of solidarity in the Republic of Moldova. Over the years, we have learned to adapt: children, young people, the elderly, refugees, all have found support, guidance, and encouragement through our work.

Looking back, we see faces, not numbers. Every project represents a story transformed, a life uplifted. Behind each result are real people, with names, dreams, and hopes. Ultimately, our story is the story of those we have walked alongside, helping them rise, reclaim their paths, and embrace new possibilities.

**In this milestone year, we celebrate the voices of our beneficiaries, for they are the living proof of the impact of our work.**





A photograph of a man with a beard and short hair, wearing a grey barber cape, sitting in a chair. A barber with a beard and short hair, wearing a black shirt, is standing behind him, styling his hair. The background shows a window with trees outside and a circular mirror on the wall.

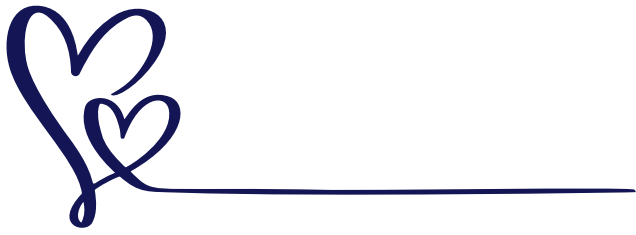
## REGINA PACIS – THE PLACE WHERE I BECAME HUMAN

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„I am Ivan Taradaev, one of those children who found themselves in a difficult life situation: I was weak, in need of help, and very small. I came to the Regina Pacis Foundation at the age of nine and left at seventeen. During all those years, I received food, warmth, and a foundation for life that sometimes even parents cannot provide to their children.

But that was not all. At first, I was a stubborn child, and I too needed love, affection, understanding, and support. I received all of these at Regina Pacis, and I am deeply grateful to the foundation and to the people who stood by me.

It was not easy after leaving the center, but I am a determined person: I knew what I wanted, I knew where I was going, and I knew what I had to do. I grew up at Regina Pacis, and I am proud to have become a person who can say with dignity that I was shaped there.



Today, I am a teacher at the Academy of Hairdressing Arts and also a practicing barber. I am a musician, I have opened a music studio in Chişinău, traveled to many countries, and fulfilled my dreams. I have built a career and a life that I am truly proud of.

More importantly, my time at Regina Pacis shaped me not only into a man but into a responsible, capable individual, someone who can make decisions, face any challenge, and approach every obstacle with confidence and joy.

Faith has played a significant role in my journey. Though I am now Muslim, I will always remember with gratitude that my first encounter with God was nurtured by Don Cesare. That faith gave me strength, and it has been a guiding force in the success I enjoy today.

I am profoundly grateful for the education, love, and values I received. I thank everyone from the bottom of my heart for all the good they have done.

I wish you happiness and continued success. Kindness always comes back."

With love and respect,  
Ivan Taradaev







## THE HOME THAT TAUGHT ME HOW TO LIVE

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„I was ten years old when I first entered the Regina Pacis Child Placement Center. Before that, I had spent two years living on the streets alone in a big city, without a roof over my head, without support, and without a future. I still remember the moment, at eight years old, when I realized I was truly alone, the first turning point in my life. The second came when it was time to leave the Center, and I promised myself that I would take my first step into the world on my own. I was afraid, yet I knew I could not turn back.

Arriving at the Center, I felt warmth, calm, and hope for the first time. It was as if the world was welcoming me again, giving me a place and a name. I was no longer just a child with a difficult past, but part of something greater. I was constantly inspired by the thought that I carried the faces of everyone who had given their time, patience, and heart for me. I knew that if I gave up, it would not be only me who lost, but their trust as well, and if I succeeded, their dedication would live on through me.

One winter, during a holiday trip to Italy, I saw a barista working with such passion and grace that I was captivated in that moment. That is when I discovered my dream and decided to follow it. I promised myself I would become the best barista in my country, and I have carried that promise ever since.



The Regina Pacis Foundation gave me more than a roof over my head; it gave me warmth, a warmth I have carried with me and tried to share with others every day. There have been people in my life whose guidance and example I will always cherish: Emilia Moraru, the psychologist who taught me how to navigate even the hardest situations, and Ilie Zabica, a role model for every teenager. When he tells me he is proud of me, my heart fills with joy.

I shudder to think what might have happened if I had remained on the streets or followed the path of my parents, both alcoholics. Thanks to the Regina Pacis Foundation, my life took a completely different direction. I still feel welcomed in this family, as if I truly belong at home. Even though I have never fully known what a “family” is, I know how to be a loyal friend, a dependable colleague, a person others can rely on, because these lessons were instilled in me here.

I remember the staff arriving every day, leaving their own children at home to care for us, the children of no one. That commitment left a mark on me. If I could thank anyone truly, I would thank from the bottom of my heart the person who had the vision to create this Center, because it changed my life forever.

Today, my greatest pride is my six-year-old son, the most beautiful gift life has given me. My past does not hold me back; it drives me forward.

If I could speak to that small, exhausted child who once stood alone on a cold street, I would tell him: *“Keep going. Stay the course. You are on the right path.”*

Denis Nederiță







## MARIA AND VASILE. FROM SMALL, FRIGHTENED CHILDREN TO PEOPLE WHO HAVE FOUND THEIR PATH IN LIFE

„My brother and I grew up in a family where life was far from easy. Mom and Dad struggled with serious problems, alcohol and constant arguments were part of our daily life. We could never feel safe at home, and that made us scared and insecure.

When I was thirteen and my brother was nine, the authorities decided that we needed a better place, where we could be protected and loved. That's how we came to the Regina Pacis Placement Center. It was a huge change for us, we left behind fear and loneliness and entered a place where, for the first time, we felt that someone truly cared about us.

At Regina Pacis, the educators were always there for us. They listened when we needed to talk, encouraged us when things were hard, and showed us how to be stronger, how to trust ourselves. It was a new environment, but a warm one, where we learned that we were not alone.

Here, we went to school, completed middle school, and later graduated from a vocational school. I learned many things that have helped me and continue to help me today. Not just lessons from textbooks, but lessons about life, about managing on our own, being responsible, and respecting ourselves.



## 25 YEARS TOGETHER



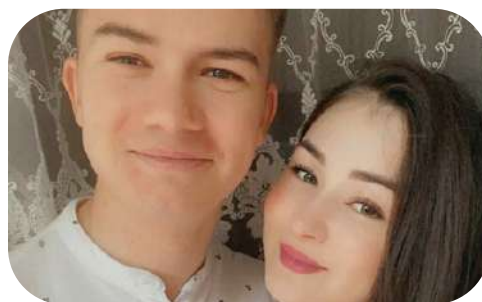
After finishing my studies, I was not left alone to face challenges. I moved to the In Cammino Assisted Living, a place where I continued to receive support and grow. There, I had access to personal development courses and English classes, which helped me broaden my horizons. Most importantly, I was assisted in finding a job. I worked as an office manager in an Italian company, which gave me confidence that I could manage on my own and build a meaningful life.

Looking back now, I realize how much I have grown. We arrived as small, frightened children, and now we are people who know what we want, who have learned to fight and move forward.

For me, the Regina Pacis Foundation is more than a center; it is home. The place that welcomed me when I needed it, taught me to be strong, and believed in me when I could not yet believe in myself.

And for that, I will be forever grateful."

With much love,  
Maria Severin



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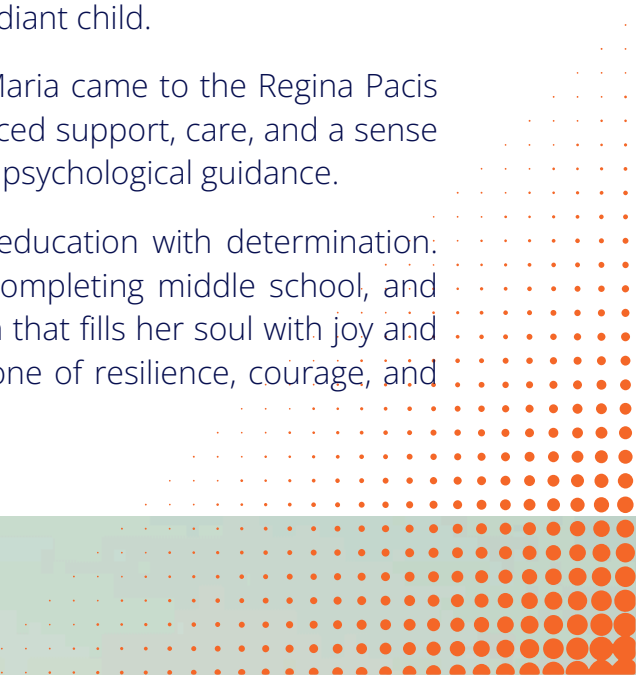
## MARIA'S STORY IS ABOUT THE COURAGE TO FACE PAIN



Maria was born into a family that appeared ordinary in a village in central Moldova, but her childhood was shaped by profound challenges. Her father passed away early, leaving the family vulnerable, and her mother struggled with alcohol and was trapped in an abusive relationship. When Maria was only a few months old, a serious accident at home caused severe burns on her face, chest, and hand. The scars and the long years of treatments and surgeries could have broken her spirit, yet she grew up with remarkable inner strength and an early maturity, becoming a diligent, responsible, and radiant child.

Without the security of a family to protect her, Maria came to the Regina Pacis Child Placement Center, where she first experienced support, care, and a sense of peace. She found shelter, food, education, and psychological guidance.

With the foundation's help, Maria pursued her education with determination. She first attended an art-focused high school, completing middle school, and later a vocational school, where she chose a path that fills her soul with joy and gives her confidence in the future. Her story is one of resilience, courage, and the power of support in transforming a life.

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Alongside her educational and vocational achievements, Maria also received the support she needed to regain her self-confidence. A truly decisive moment came in the summer of 2023, when she underwent a cosmetic procedure that softened the scars left from her childhood. This change not only brought a visible transformation in the mirror but also significantly boosted her self-esteem.

Today, Maria is a young woman worthy of admiration. She is part of the “In Cammino” Social Housing project for youth without family support, has a stable job, and supports herself independently. Through hard work, perseverance, and resilience, Maria looks to the future with optimism. Her story is living proof that when a child receives support at the right moment, they can overcome any suffering and build an independent, dignified life.





## HOW WE BECAME IONELA'S FAMILY



Ionela's childhood was overshadowed by a lack of protection and parental support. Instead of safety and trust, she faced traumatic experiences caused by her mother's neglect and her father's violent behavior. At just ten years old, she endured hardships that no child should have to face, deeply affecting her emotional well-being and taking away the chance for a peaceful childhood.

Everything changed when Ionela joined the Regina Pacis Child Placement Center. There, she found shelter, protection, and unwavering support, but most importantly, a community that nurtured her growth. The Foundation opened doors to educational programs, extracurricular activities, cultural events, training, and volunteer opportunities, where she formed friendships, learned teamwork, improved her communication skills, and discovered her talents. Through this environment of care and encouragement, Ionela began to regain confidence, resilience, and hope for the future.





Through psychological counseling and rehabilitation activities, Ionela began to overcome her fears and shyness. The stable environment and constant support helped her regain self-confidence and look to the future with hope.

Today, Ionela is a successful young woman with a balanced and meaningful life. She completed middle school with good grades, then attended college, and pursued university studies. She has built her own family and is a mother to two beautiful children.

The Regina Pacis Foundation has become her family. She joyfully visits us during holidays and invites us to important events in her life, always keeping gratitude and affection for those who stood by her when she needed them most.





## ANA MARIA'S EXPERIENCE AND LIFE AT "IN CAMMINO"

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The “In Cammino” Assisted Living has been an important space for my personal, educational, and social growth. I am grateful for the opportunity to be part of this environment, which helped me pursue my studies with greater clarity and confidence. It was not just an opportunity, but a place where I could grow, discover myself, and develop in an authentic way.

Participating in personal development workshops helped me understand myself better, strengthen my confidence in my own abilities, and learn to handle daily challenges more effectively, both emotionally and practically.

I also had the chance to take part in an international project in Italy, an experience that exposed me to other cultures and taught me to appreciate diversity, be more open, and show greater empathy toward different perspectives.



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Another important aspect was living together with the other girls in the project. This experience taught us to cooperate, respect one another, and set healthy boundaries in our relationships. We learned to relate with empathy, support each other, and build sincere, lasting connections.

Being involved in volunteer activities also played a significant role. By participating in campaigns where we collected food for elderly people in need, I was able to directly help both the Regina Pacis Foundation and the wider community. Through these activities, I learned the true meaning of solidarity and responsibility toward others.

"In Cammino" was not just a project, for me, it was an experience that shaped my character and laid the foundation for the path I walk today.

Thank you, In Cammino!

Thank you, the Regina Pacis Foundation!"





## FROM A CHILDHOOD IN FOSTER CARE TO AN INDEPENDENT LIFE



Irina became an orphan at a very young age. During her early years, she lived without a father, alongside a neglectful mother and her younger brother. Her childhood was harsh, with few happy memories to cherish: her brother passed away due to maternal negligence, and at only six years old, Irina was forcibly removed from her family by child protection authorities. She then spent her life in care, and upon turning eighteen, she once again found herself alone, without support or a home.

In this difficult situation, Irina decided to seek help and was included in the Regina Pacis Foundation's "In Cammino" assistance program. For eighteen months, she benefited from the full range of services offered by the project, designed to help her integrate into society: life skills and personal autonomy, education for a healthy lifestyle, financial management, group activities and individualized programs, leisure activities, development of social skills, and support in finding employment.



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During her time at the “In Cammino” Assisted Living, Irina graduated from the Center of Excellence in the Light Industry, earning a diploma as a seamstress, Category III. She was subsequently employed at a garment factory, successfully applying the skills she had acquired.

During this period, she managed to save enough resources to rent her own apartment and live independently, integrating successfully into society. Her story shows that even after years of hardship and loneliness, the right support and kind-hearted people can transform a young woman's life, giving her the chance to take control of her own life and build a dignified and secure future.





## THE LIFE STORY OF THE SISTERS WHO NEVER GAVE UP



Cristina and Marina are twin sisters who experienced a childhood marked by hardship and uncertainty. Their parents faced significant financial difficulties, and their mother went abroad to work. Tragedy struck the family when, on the way to Italy, the girls' mother suffered a heart attack and passed away, leaving the sisters to face pain and insecurity on their own. After this loss, their father left much of the responsibility in the care of their grandmother, including the children. Although elderly and with limited resources, their grandmother did everything she could to support them. That period was marked by emotional and financial crises.

Determined to move forward, the sisters sought support from the Regina Pacis Foundation and were included in the "In Cammino" Assisted Living program, which provided them with comprehensive assistance. Each followed an individualized plan focused on education and personal development.

They received free accommodation, psychological counseling, social support, and vouchers for daily needs. They participated in personal development sessions where they learned to manage their emotions, communicate more effectively, and strengthen their self-confidence.



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The project team supported them step by step in learning the skills necessary for independent living, from managing a personal budget to maintaining a home. Their involvement in volunteer activities helped them build trusting relationships and feel that they could also contribute to the community.

Cristina and Marina recently graduated from college in Chişinău: one in social work, the other in primary education. Their academic results were excellent, and they received merit-based scholarships, reflecting their ambition and consistent effort. With their mother's photo on the nightstand, each pursues her own dream: Cristina aspires to become a social educator to support young people in difficult situations, while Marina hopes to become a teacher and contribute to children's education.

The "In Cammino" Assisted Living program provided them with safety, stability, and confidence, helping them focus their energy on their studies and future plans.





## MARCEL AND HIS JOURNEY FROM HARDSHIP TO INDEPENDENCE

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Marcel grew up in an unstable environment without family support. At just seven years old, his parents were stripped of their parental rights, and he and his siblings were placed in a care center. His mother passed away shortly afterward, and his father, an alcoholic, remained absent and indifferent to the children's fate. Marcel's childhood was marked by both material and emotional deprivation.

After leaving the child protection system, Marcel faced new challenges. Although he had a stable job and a vocational qualification, the lack of a solid foundation held him back. That is when he sought support from us and was welcomed into the “In Cammino” Assisted Living program for boys. There, he found a safe and stable environment, a place where he could begin his independent life.



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At our program, he received not only free accommodation but also psychological counseling, guidance in gaining work experience, and support from a dedicated team. He learned to organize his life efficiently, plan for the future, and acquire everyday life skills such as financial management, household responsibilities, and accountability in independent work.

Over six months, Marcel made steady progress. He developed a plan for the next stage of his life, centered on stability, responsibility, and personal growth.

His job provides a stable income, and his desire to continue his education is stronger than ever. One of the next steps he plans to take is enrolling in evening courses to enhance his skills and build a solid career.





## ILIE CODREANU: THE TRADES THAT CHANGED MY LIFE

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When I arrived at the Juvenile Detention Center in Goian, I didn't really know what to expect from life. The days were hard, filled with uncertainty and regret. But throughout that time, the Regina Pacis Foundation was like a light guiding me toward a new path.

Thanks to them, I had the opportunity to take vocational courses in three different trades: cook, auto mechanic, and barber. I chose to learn these trades because I wanted a real chance to change my life and not remain stuck in the past.

After I was released, I began working as a cook in an Italian restaurant in Chişinău. There, I learned a lot, especially about pizza making, and gained experience that opened doors for me. Later, I started working at Andy's Pizza, where I had the privilege of serving as assistant to the head chef for an extended period. It was a valuable experience that helped me grow professionally.





„Life then took me abroad, together with my family. Overseas, I began working as an auto mechanic. At first, it was out of necessity, but over time I came to do it with passion, repairing and maintaining cars both for my construction company and for friends who asked for my help.

Without the support and courses from the Regina Pacis Foundation, integrating into society would have been much more difficult. They gave me not only knowledge but also the hope that I could become someone new, that I could build a life in which I feel dignified and useful.

I am grateful for everything I have learned and for the people who never gave up on me when I still didn't believe in myself.”

Signed, Ilie Codreanu





## WITH A COOKING DIPLOMA IN MY POCKET, I CAN DREAM!

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Cătălin is an 18-year-old young man. When he was free, he had begun studying the culinary arts. He loved cooking and saw himself becoming a renowned chef. He had set ambitious goals and beautiful plans for the life ahead. But one reckless act disrupted the course of his life. He was sentenced. He watched as all the dreams he had carefully planned seemed to vanish. He felt powerless in the face of such a change. And the light beyond the bars seemed far, very far away.

After a difficult period of adjustment in the penitentiary, he realized that life had not stopped. He could still dream, albeit quietly. Moreover, he could continue his studies thanks to vocational training courses organized in the penitentiary by the Regina Pacis Foundation, with support from the Renovabis Association in Germany. Without hesitation, he carefully reviewed the available programs and, with great joy, found on the list exactly what he wanted to become in life: a professional chef.



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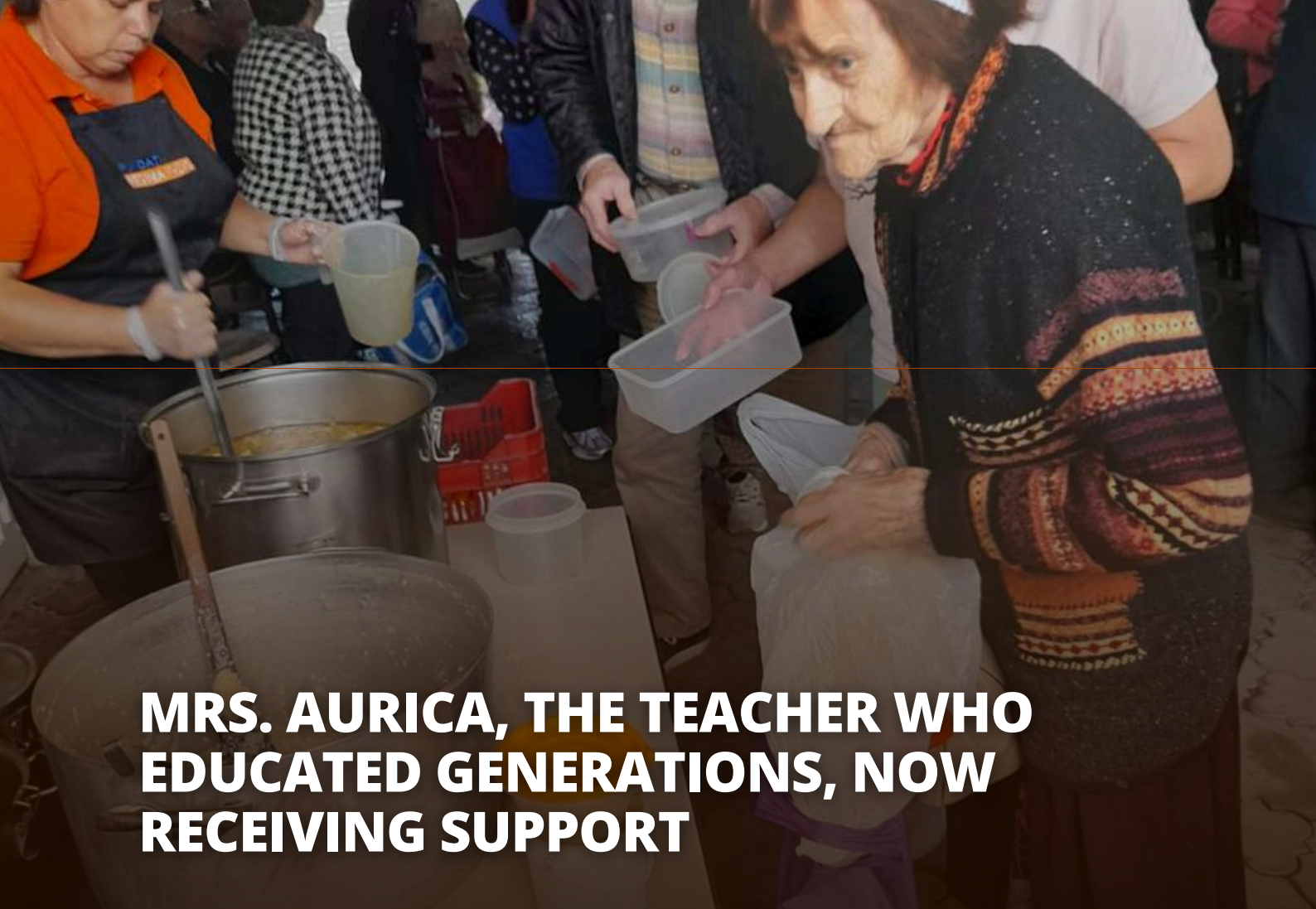


Cătălin was an exemplary student, actively participating in all theoretical and practical lessons, and he worked hard to memorize all the information provided by his skilled instructors.

Now, with a cooking diploma in his pocket, his dreams are waiting to become reality. He feels more confident, proud, and determined to become a skilled chef. In addition to the culinary profession, Cătălin also learned the craft of barbering.

In his life after incarceration, the diplomas he earned in the penitentiary can provide him with real opportunities to reintegrate more easily into society, giving him access to multiple professions available in the job market.





## MRS. AURICA, THE TEACHER WHO EDUCATED GENERATIONS, NOW RECEIVING SUPPORT

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“I spent my entire life working at school, with love for children and for learning. For more than thirty years, I taught others what I knew best and tried to be like a mother to them, with kind words and patience. But even though I gave so much of my heart and my time, life has not been easy.

Now I am 90 years old and live on a small pension. I live with my grandson, who also works for a modest salary, and we try to manage all the hardships. High bills, rising food prices, and the need for medication make every penny count.

Since I started coming to the Regina Pacis Foundation Social Canteen, my life has changed. It's not just about the hot meals, but also about the people who ask how I am and listen to me patiently. The food packages and essential products help me tremendously and make me feel that I am not alone.

Here I have also met other elderly people with stories similar to mine. We share not only meals, but also memories, advice, and small joys. It is a place that warms the soul and gives me the strength to keep going, day by day.”

Aurica, Social Canteen Beneficiary





## MRS. ELENA: I FEEL LESS ALONE THANKS TO KIND PEOPLE

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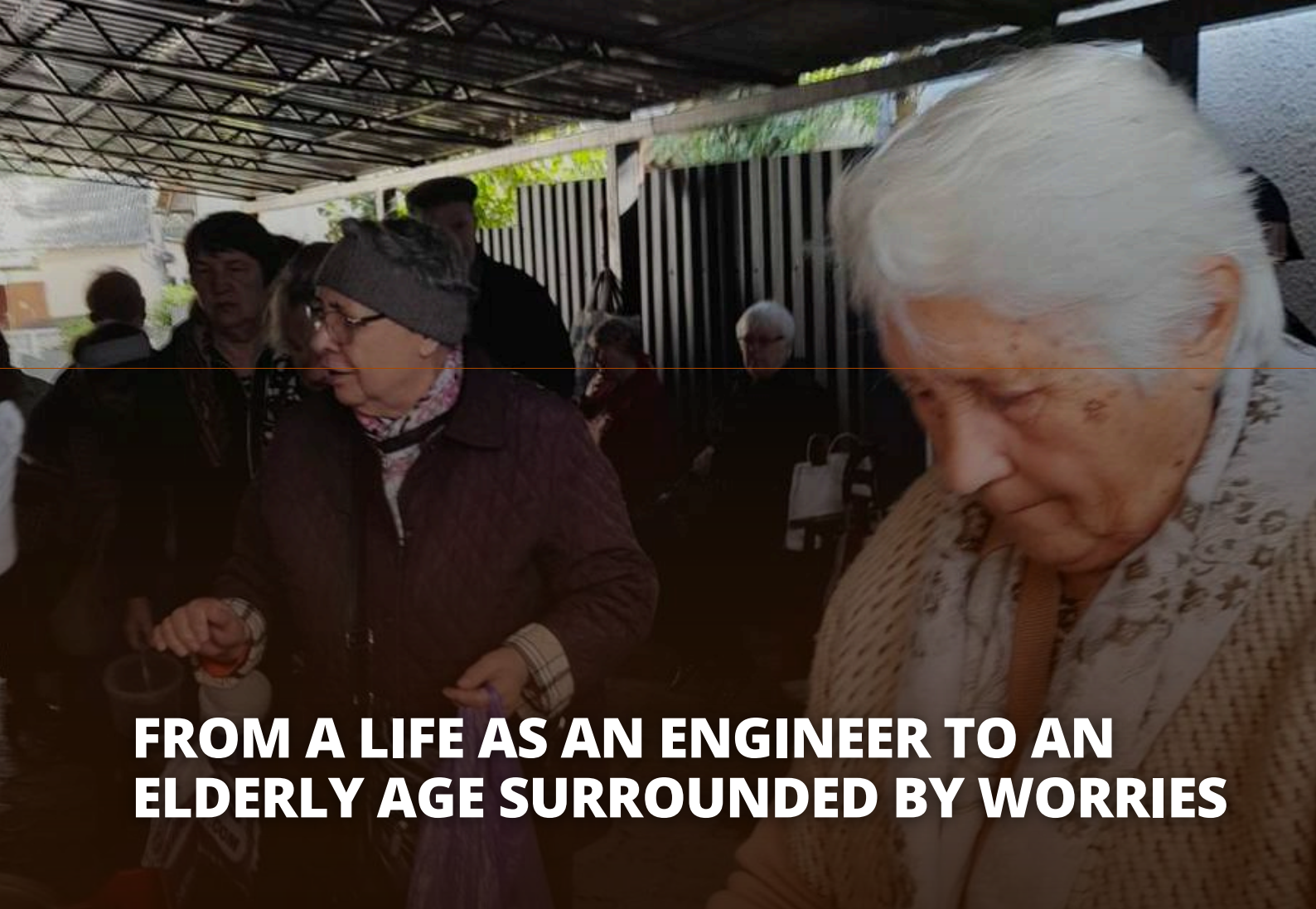
“My name is Elena, and I was born in 1938. I spent my entire life working in healthcare, helping sick people. Even though I received a few state honors for my work, the pension I receive is very small, less than 3,000 MDL.

I have two sons, both long gone abroad, but neither can help me. One had an accident and can no longer get out of bed, while the other struggles and cannot be close to me. So I live alone and have no one to support me.

Since October 2023, I have been coming to the Regina Pacis Foundation Social Canteen. Here, I receive hot meals and a package of essential products, but most importantly, I receive kind words and people who care about my health. This makes me smile at times and feel less alone.

I am grateful to all those who help us. I pray to God to give them health and strength!”

Elena Musteața, Social Canteen Beneficiary



## FROM A LIFE AS AN ENGINEER TO AN ELDERLY AGE SURROUNDED BY WORRIES

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“My name is Lidia, and I am almost 90 years old. I spent my entire life working as an engineer at a factory in Chişinău. My work brought me satisfaction, but also many sleepless nights, thinking about projects and the people I worked for.

After losing my husband, the house felt too big and too quiet. Today, my pension does not exceed 3,000 MDL, and even though I try to be careful with every penny, I barely manage to cover the costs of bills, medication, and some food.

Since August 2020, I have been coming to the Regina Pacis Foundation Social Canteen, where, thanks to kind-hearted people, we have a hot meal and a place to exchange a few words.

I am deeply grateful to the ladies at the canteen and to everyone who makes this place possible. Every visit gives me energy and hope, helping me to look ahead and believe that even at my age, I can find warmth and kind people around me.”

Lidia Sîsenco, Social Canteen Beneficiary





## THE STORY OF ELDER ION AND THE PLACE WHERE HE STILL MATTERS TO SOMEONE

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“I worked my whole life as a driver at a factory, but before I retired I suffered a heart attack and could no longer work. The illness affected one of my hands and a leg, and household chores are difficult for me. I live alone and without any help. Some days feel long and hard, but I try to keep going.

For several years now, I have been coming to the Regina Pacis Canteen. Here, I receive a hot lunch, but even more important are the kind words and the people who care about me. A few words or a morning joke lift my spirits and remind me that I still matter to someone.

At the canteen, I also meet other elderly people who, like me, need support and companionship. We can talk, laugh, and sometimes just sit together, and these moments make our day brighter.

I don't know what I would do without this place. Here I find warmth, friendship, and people who do not forget the elderly of our country. I am deeply grateful to the ladies at the canteen and to everyone who helps us. Every day spent here gives me strength to move forward and hope for better days.”

Ion Gonța, Social Canteen Beneficiary



## THE LONELINESS OF A SICK TEACHER AND THE HELP FROM THE CANTEEN

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Zinovia has worked her entire life as a teacher, shaping young minds and sharing knowledge with dedication and passion. For years, she was a source of support, encouragement, and an example for generations of children in her village. After divorcing in her youth, she remained alone, and with her daughters living abroad, she had no one nearby during times of need. Illnesses, worries, and daily challenges increasingly isolated her, and loneliness became a heavy companion.

In this quiet struggle, the support from the Social Canteen has brought her a renewed sense of presence. For nearly two years, since receiving hot meals and food packages, Zinovia has felt, for the first time in a long while, that she is not forgotten and that someone cares for her.

Each visit to the canteen brings her a kind word, a friendly glance, and a sense of belonging to a community that cares. These small gestures give her the courage to smile even on the hardest days and remind her that human kindness can chase away loneliness.





## THE SUPPORT OF THE REGINA PACIS FOUNDATION IN MRS. ANNA'S LIFE

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After years of dedicated work in medicine, Mrs. Anna lives on a modest pension of 2700 MDL, trying to cope with everyday challenges.

Life has, however, brought her significant difficulties. Her husband has passed away, and her only son faces serious health problems that prevent him from supporting himself. As a result, Mrs. Anna finds herself in the difficult position of managing her own illness while also caring for her son, who lives with her. Often, when her son's condition worsens, the burden of seeing her own child suffer falls entirely on her.

Mrs. Anna has suffered from diabetes for many years, a disease that has led to severe complications: as a result of diabetes, both her legs were amputated. Despite this extremely challenging situation, she continues to face life with dignity and courage.

Since 2021, Mrs. Anna has been included among the permanent beneficiaries who receive monthly food packages worth 1,000 lei. This modest support provides her with stable assistance and makes daily life more manageable.



## ECATERINA, A UKRAINIAN REFUGEE WHO BECAME PART OF THE TEAM

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„My name is Ecaterina, and I am from Kharkiv, Ukraine. February 24, 2022, changed my life forever, dividing it into 'before' and 'after.' After spending four months in the fear of war, I decided to leave with my daughter for Moldova, to stay with relatives, seeking a place of peace.

I have a large and loving family, and during this difficult time, everyone tried to help as much as they could - with housing, money, and food. My brother helped me find a job, and that's how I ended up working at the Regina Pacis Foundation.

This organization is a true beacon of hope for the vulnerable, providing support for orphans, the elderly, and other people in need for over 25 years. When waves of refugees from Ukraine began arriving in Moldova, the foundation did not stand aside. I had the honor of being part of the team that distributed food supplies and later contributed to expanding aid: psychological and medical assistance, vouchers for clothes, and school supplies.





Every day, together with my colleagues, we met people with incredibly difficult life stories, and we tried to bring them hope and meaningful support.

Even though there were thousands of people, not a single one was overlooked.

I also want to highlight the wonderful team at the Regina Pacis Foundation: professional, empathetic, and warm-hearted individuals who made the workplace feel like a true home. The atmosphere was always welcoming, almost like being 'at home'.

It has been a year since I left Moldova, but I have kept the friendships and the fond memories connected to Regina Pacis close to my heart.

I look back on that time and on the kind people I met with gratitude and warmth.

I wish the Regina Pacis Foundation many more years of success and strength in their noble mission.

Thanks to you, many people have found their way again, have come to believe in kindness and solidarity, and have felt that they are not alone.

Wishing you all the very best in the world!"

With love,  
Ecaterina





## ARTIOM, THE BOY WITH AUTISM SEEKING PEACE IN MOLDOVA

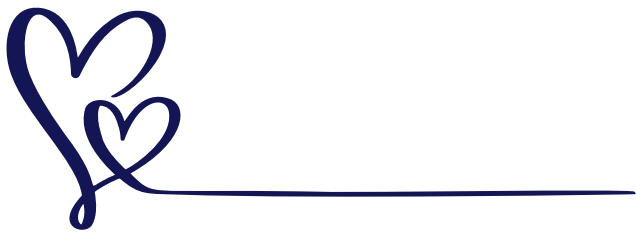
Artiom was 13 years old when he fled the war in Ukraine, together with his mother, younger brother, grandmother, and the family dog. His father remained behind, alone, across the border.

Until then, Artiom, who had been diagnosed with autism, had lived a stable life. His mother had devoted recent years entirely to his education: she had left her job and studied pedagogy and speech therapy so she could be a constant support and help him develop the skills needed for an independent life.

The first sound of rockets turned their world upside down. The journey to Moldova was long, filled with fear, tears, and hardship. Once here, Artiom was no longer the same child. He was overwhelmed by fear and nightmares. Night after night, he would wake up terrified, convinced he was hurt, with rockets flying overhead.

His mother lived the same nightmare beside him. Seeing how deeply her son was suffering, she sought neurological and psychological treatment, along with medication.





Meanwhile, due to the ongoing bombings in Odesa, two more elderly and vulnerable relatives came to live with them. The mother, caring for a young child, a child diagnosed with autism, and three sick elderly family members, was no longer able to find employment.

In this challenging situation, the Regina Pacis Foundation stepped in to provide support. The family received regular food packages, vouchers, and essential items that helped them meet their daily needs. Artiom was enrolled in occupational therapy and inclusive activities at the Regina Pacis Community Center. Through interactions with the psychologist, he is gradually regaining his sense of calm and well-being.

At the same time, Artiom continues his studies remotely following the Ukrainian school curriculum, being an exemplary student in the seventh grade.

Thanks to attention, patience, and dedicated activities, Artiom has had the opportunity to rebuild his self-confidence and learn to face the future with greater courage.





## FAR FROM HOME, UKRAINIAN REFUGEES FIND A HAVEN AT THE REGINA PACIS FOUNDATION.

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„My name is Svetlana Rogalevich, and I came to Chişinău with my daughter, Anisia, from the Zolociv region in Ukraine, a country at war. At first, we moved from one family to another, without a stable home, until we were guided to the Regina Pacis Foundation Social Center in Vărvăreuca, Floreşti District. There, we were welcomed with warmth and care, and provided with a room equipped with everything we needed.

We have now been here for over two years. My daughter is a first-year university student. Initially, we received food assistance, followed by clothing vouchers, support that has been truly invaluable. During this time, we have felt like part of a family, sharing joyful moments and supporting each other through difficulties.

One unforgettable moment occurred in April, when, thanks to Mrs. Eugenia Zabica, I was urgently taken to the hospital, where my life was saved. I am profoundly grateful to Eugenia, the entire Regina Pacis team, and everyone who has been part of this support.





During a time when the war had taken away our sense of safety and peace in Ukraine, the support and care from Regina Pacis gave us hope and a sense of stability. I felt protected, truly heard, and respected, something that helped my daughter and me adjust to life as refugees and face the future with renewed confidence.

The Foundation offered us more than material help; it provided warmth, understanding, and moral support. Through this experience, we discovered the power of solidarity, which gave us strength to keep moving forward despite the hardships.

I wish everyone at Regina Pacis continued health, peace, and prosperity. Your dedication transforms lives, and for my daughter and me, your support has been the gift of a fresh start, a chance to believe in tomorrow."

With heartfelt gratitude,  
Svetlana Rogalevich

#### **Support from the Regina Pacis Foundation for Ukrainian Refugees**

From the very first days of the war in Ukraine, the Regina Pacis Foundation has shown solidarity with those affected, providing comprehensive and ongoing support. We have offered temporary accommodation and assistance in finding safe housing, distributed food and essential supplies, provided medical services and psychological counseling, supported the school integration of children, and developed programs and facilities to help refugees adapt and integrate into the community.

To date, nearly 14,000 people have benefited from the support of the Regina Pacis Foundation, highlighting the organization's commitment to addressing urgent societal needs.





## A MOTHER, FIVE CHILDREN, AND THE STRENGTH TO MOVE FORWARD

For years, Ana, a single mother of five, has been living a reality where even the most basic needs are hard to cover. Alone in the face of daily struggles, she divides her days between caring for her children and tirelessly trying to secure the essentials for their survival.

The hardships leave visible marks on her children: difficulty adapting to kindergarten or school, repeated absences because of insufficient clothing or other unmet needs. The youngest live in a world of improvisation, where diapers run out quickly and simple things other children take for granted are missing. For Ana, these shortages turn into constant worry, fatigue, and at times an overwhelming sense of exhaustion.

With the support of the Regina Pacis Foundation, Ana has been able to offer her children a minimum of comfort, safety, and continuity in their education. Her hope is for them to be respected, encouraged, and prepared for life beyond their home.

Despite the hardships, Ana remains unwaveringly devoted to her children, giving them love, care, and the values that will guide them throughout life. Her story is one of quiet courage and the power to keep moving forward.



A photograph of a woman in a black t-shirt holding a young child in a red shirt. They are standing in front of a pile of supplies, including several large bags of baby formula, a box of baby food, and other household items. The background is a plain, light-colored wall with a visible crack.

## DISTANCE ASSISTANCE FOR A FAMILY WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

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Inga is the devoted mother of a child living with infantile cerebral palsy, a severe neurological condition that irreversibly affects the brain. For her child, every small action - a step, a raised hand, a steady gaze, is an act of will and extraordinary courage.

Beyond the challenges of movement, muscle tone, and posture, cerebral palsy brings other daily struggles. It does not progress, but it never goes away; it remains a constant presence in the life of the child and the family. Yet behind these physical difficulties lives a child's desire to connect, to play, and to learn. Inga dreams of enrolling her child in school, convinced that education is possible.

The family survives on a disability pension and Inga's modest income as a personal assistant. For over a year, the Regina Pacis Foundation has been a steady source of support - food, hygiene products, toys, and diapers. This help does not change the diagnosis, but it offers relief, dignity, and breathing space in a life full of challenges. It eases the financial pressure and brings a ray of hope into their everyday reality.



## DESPITE HARDSHIP, HER CHILDREN REMAIN THE CENTER OF HER HEART



Lucia is a mother of six. Four of her children have already grown up, but the bond with them is distant and their support almost nonexistent. Only her two little girls remain by her side, the reason she gathers her strength every single day, despite the exhaustion and the constant shortages that weigh on her.

Her husband is the only breadwinner, and his modest earnings go entirely toward paying off loans to make their house livable. Lucia herself lives with a disability, but without a medical certificate to prove it, she is excluded from social assistance. Their financial situation has become so difficult that she no longer sends her daughters to school festivities, afraid they will be marginalized for not having suitable clothes.

The Regina Pacis Foundation has been with them from the beginning, when the family lived in a summer house without heating, hygiene, or safety. The Foundation offered temporary shelter for the children in a placement center until things stabilized, but the parents refused — not out of stubbornness, but out of deep love for their daughters.

For several years now, the family has been receiving continuous support from the Foundation. This help is more than food and supplies; it is reassurance that, despite all the hardship, they are not alone and the future can hold something better.



A group of children are standing in front of a wall, holding colorful bags and shoes. In the foreground, there are boxes and baskets filled with food and supplies, including oranges, canned goods, and bottles of cooking oil.

## SUPPORT FROM THE REGINA PACIS FOR A FAMILY WITH MANY CHILDREN

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Nina is the mother of five children and knows what it means to fight every day to provide them with a decent life. For several years, the support of the Regina Pacis Foundation has entered her family's life as a true lifeline. With every bit of assistance received, the burden of financial worries has gradually lessened.

Nina's children are hardworking, educated, and diligent. They have big dreams for the future. One of her proudest moments was when one of her children became a university student. This achievement was not just an academic success; it was proof that the support received made it possible to continue education without overwhelming the family financially. For Nina, witnessing her children's achievements confirmed that her efforts, including the Foundation's help, had not been in vain.

The food and clothing provided, especially during the cold season, were of great help to the family and the children. The support of the Regina Pacis Foundation has not only changed the family's life in the short term but has also laid a foundation for a brighter and more hopeful future.



## MRS. OLGA – THE VILLAGE’S UNFORGETTABLE EDUCATOR

“Mrs. Olga devoted 27 years of her life to the children of her village, guiding them with patience, gentleness, and a generous heart. In a remote corner of the country, where schools have few resources and communities find strength in each other, she became more than a teacher: she was a mother, a mentor, and a constant source of support for hundreds of children who passed through her classroom, carrying with them not only knowledge but cherished memories and life lessons.

Today, Mrs. Olga enjoys the warmth of her family, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Yet life in the village still brings challenges: limited infrastructure, scarce access to services, and a modest pension. Since 2004, the Regina Pacis Foundation has been by her side, offering clothing and school supplies for her grandchildren, food packages, and other essential items that make daily life a little easier.

Mrs. Olga’s story is one of dedication, humility, and the quiet power of those who transform the world in silence. Through its support, the Regina Pacis Foundation honors her lifelong contribution, standing with those who have devoted themselves selflessly to the community.



***25 YEARS TOGETHER***

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If you wish to make a difference in the lives of elderly people and children facing hardship, you can join us in supporting their well-being. You can contact us directly, allocate 2% of your income tax to the Regina Pacis Foundation (tax code: 1015620000999), or make a financial donation.

Every contribution, no matter the size, brings hope, comfort, and a brighter future to those who need it most.

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