

Through the Guardian Angel Project, the 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

Your sponsorship of a child is an outstretched hand of friendship providing material and moral support. Through your sponsorship, you will provide one-to-one help to a child for better nutrition, warm clothes, health care, an education, and skills training. Ultimately, you enable your child to overcome obstacles created by poverty, to improve his or her life and community, and to live with dignity.



Alonya (right) is sponsored by the Guardian Angel Project. Lubov and Edward (left), Alonya's brothers, are still awaiting sponsors.

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. Your direct sponsorship 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.

Through the success of our Women's Support Centers, many women have chosen not to have abortions. With this success, 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 for the world's most vulnerable by helping the 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.

Your Sponsored Child

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. Your sponsorship may go to any number of needs. These may include:

- new baby supplies (diapers, vitamins, etc.)
- nutritious food supplements
- school tuition/supplies
- medical/dental care
- clothing/shoes
- bedding/blankets
- assistance with fuel for heating



Mom, Anna, is technically blind and her husband is in prison. Their home in Lesozovodsk needs repairs and coal for winter heating.

Ongoing Support

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

Meet Your Sponsored Child

We welcome and encourage you to join one of our mission trips. Our 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 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. They need food, clothes, shoes, medical and dental care, and school supplies.

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.

Committed to Responsible Stewardship

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

Since 1992, 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 in the USA:

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