

More Than Surviving: Liudmyla Is Learning to Help Others Stand Again

At only 23 years old, Liudmyla Muzyka carries responsibilities that would overwhelm many people twice her age.

She is an orphan. She grew up in a family-style children's home.

She helps care for an older brother with a disability who cannot manage life independently.

And somewhere in Ukraine, another brother—a soldier—is missing in action.

Every day, her family waits and hopes for news.

Yet Liudmyla has refused to allow hardship to define the direction of her life.

Instead, she has chosen a profession built around something she understands deeply: **helping people recover.**

Carrying the weight of responsibility

When Liudmyla entered medical school, she knew there would be no parents waiting in the background to pay tuition, rent, groceries, or transportation.

She would have to support herself. So that is what she did.

Today, Liudmyla is in her second year at the **Zhytomyr Medical Institute**, studying to become a physical and occupational therapist.

Her dream is to work with people whose lives have been disrupted by injury, illness, or trauma—to help them regain strength, independence, and hope.

In a country where thousands of wounded soldiers and civilians will require rehabilitation for years to come, it is difficult to imagine a more meaningful calling.

But reaching that goal has required extraordinary determination.

A Daily Marathon

Liudmyla's days begin with lectures and classes. When school ends, she goes to work.

Her dependability and strong work ethic recently earned her a promotion to instructor. When her shift is finished, she returns to her student dormitory and begins studying. Sometimes that means waiting until late at night for the room to become quiet enough to concentrate.

Then the next morning, she begins again.

Study. Work. Family responsibilities. Church. And somehow, she keeps going.

But beneath that determination is a young woman who has spent much of her life believing that if she does not carry the burden herself, no one else will.

Then Someone Came Alongside Her

That is why a **HART Education Scholarship** means far more to Liudmyla than simply help paying tuition. It means someone believes in her. Someone cares about what happens to her. Someone sees potential in her future.

Liudmyla explains it this way:

“This support has lifted a heavy burden from my shoulders. It has given me the opportunity to focus on my studies instead of constantly worrying about where I will find the money.”

And then she adds something especially meaningful:

“It gave me the feeling that I am important and that someone cares about my future.”

For a young woman who has spent years learning to depend almost entirely on herself, that realization is powerful.

From Receiving Help to Giving It Away

Despite everything she carries, Liudmyla continues to make room in her life for others.

She is actively involved in the **Spring of Life Church** and serves with the **Young Life Student Club**.

Those around her say she has an unusual ability to make people feel accepted, welcomed, and safe. Perhaps that gift was shaped by her own life.

Liudmyla knows what it is like to need encouragement. She knows what it feels like to wonder whether anyone cares.

And now she is becoming the kind of person who offers that care to others.

She hopes one day to purchase professional training equipment so she can strengthen her emergency first-aid skills and become an excellent medical professional.

But her vision goes even further.

Liudmyla dreams that one day she will be financially strong enough to **help another young person receive the same opportunity she has been given.**

Your Generosity Is Already Multiplying

This is what makes an Education Scholarship so powerful. You are not simply helping Liudmyla pay for another semester.

You are helping form a future medical professional.

You are giving her more time to study. You are reducing the financial pressure she carries. You are reminding an orphaned young woman that she is seen, valued, and worth investing in.

And one day, Liudmyla will stand beside a wounded soldier learning to walk again. She may help a person recovering from a devastating injury regain independence.

She may encourage another struggling student. She may even become the donor who gives someone else the opportunity she once received.

And when that happens, **your generosity will still be at work.** This is the beautiful multiplication of kindness.

Someone in Canada or the United States gives. A young woman in Ukraine receives an opportunity. Her future changes.

And then she carries that blessing into the lives of others.

Thank you for helping Liudmyla discover that she does not have to carry every burden alone.

Through your generosity, she is moving from simply surviving to becoming someone who will help others heal, stand again, and move forward.

And through lives like hers, God continues to turn hardship into hope and generosity into something that reaches far beyond a single scholarship.



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