



She walked in as a caseworker—and walked out as a guardian.

What began as a home visit became a turning point in a young girl's life.

The moment Iryna opened the door, she knew the paperwork could wait.

What stood before her wasn't a case file—it was a frightened young girl living in conditions no child should endure. The home was unsafe. The air was heavy. And the young girl—Natalya—had learned far too early how to be invisible.

As a HART caseworker, Iryna had protocols to follow. Reports to write. Systems to work through. But that day, she made a decision that went far beyond her job description.

She took Natalya home.

Not for a visit. Not for a few hours. But into her own house—so the child could sleep safely, eat regularly, and finally breathe.

Natalya's mother was battling severe alcohol addiction and untreated tuberculosis. Despite repeated efforts, encouragement, and support, her condition worsened. Iryna didn't walk away. She prepared Natalya gently for what might come—speaking truth with compassion, shielding her heart without filling it with fear.

When the courts eventually removed the mother's parental rights, Iryna stepped forward again—this time not as a caseworker, but as a legal guardian. She opened her life, her home, and her heart.

And when Natalya's mother passed away, it was the church—supported by HART—that ensured she was buried with dignity.

Natalya was not left alone in her grief. She was already surrounded by care.

Today, Natalya is safe. She is attending school. She laughs more easily. She sleeps through the night.

All because one caseworker made a life-changing decision that went far beyond her job description.



Why This Story Matters

HART caseworkers are the relational backbone of the Child Sponsor Project. They serve as advocates, monitors, encouragers, and bridges—connecting vulnerable children and families with sponsors who care deeply about their future.

This is what your support makes possible.

Not just food. Not just school supplies.

But people—faithful, courageous, Christ-centered people—who step in when a child's world is falling apart.

This is the quiet heroism of HART's Child Sponsor Project.

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