

HART's Child Sponsor Project

Sponsor-funded care is mending a little girl's heart

This story follows Elina's journey of healing—made possible through the love and compassion of her sponsors from Canada, Ronald and Jeanette.



Elina's Turning Point

Before the war, seven-year-old Elina loved stories at bedtime with her dad, drawing in bright colors, and racing her sister down the path to church.

She was tender-hearted—quick to help, quick to feel—and happiest when someone else was smiling.

Then the shelling began, soldiers occupied her city, and the girl who once laughed easily learned to be very quiet.



played, she played only one game with her doll: "Air Raid Alarm." Even The lively, sociable child became anxious and withdrawn, haunted by

Occasional visits to a psychologist proved to be ineffective. The grief piled

Her mother heard the same sober conclusion from a psychologist: Elina's heart and mind needed attentive, tailored care—help to process trauma,

And then the story turned.

Because friends in North America chose to love a child they'd never met, through HART's Child Sponsor Project, Elina's story turned. Yuliia writes this to the sponsors, "Thanks to your generous support Elina

Elina's therapist also recommended physical movement to release emotions and process trauma, so she encouraged her to start swimming lessons. Elina had dreamed of water and a real pool for so long; now the pool became

more than exercise—it became a place to breathe, to feel safe, to try, to try

was able to begin a course of psychological rehabilitation. This has been a

turning point." Steady, compassionate, child-centered care.

again, and to discover that courage can grow one stroke at a time. Healing doesn't erase the past, but it does reframe the future. Her therapy sessions focused on strengthening her emotional and cognitive development crucial for a child navigating grief and emotional sensitivity. Even her physical health has been impacted by her sponsors. Yuliia says,

"We are also incredibly grateful that your support allowed us to afford

vaccinations and essential medicines. Elina's fragile emotional state has

weakened her immune system, making her more vulnerable to illness. Your help has been a priceless gift of care during one of the most difficult times in our lives. This is what transformation looks like in a child's life: not a sudden leap, but faithful steps—caring adults, consistent support, prayer, and a community that believes God can "bind up the brokenhearted."

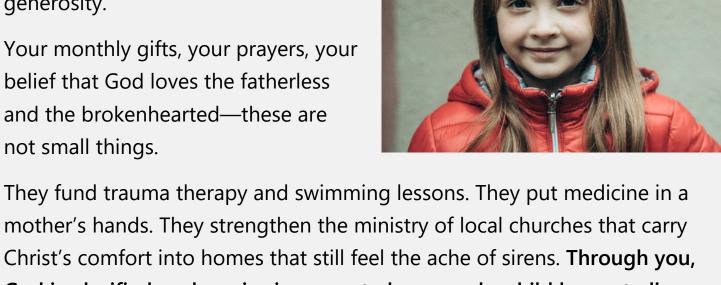
peace that can grow and endure. Her mother says it simply: "Your compassion brought light into Elina's world and hope into ours."

Through HART's local church partners and programs, Elina's story has moved from hiding to healing, from silence to the first brave words, from panic to

And here is where you come into the story. For families like Elina's, the distance between Calgary or Houston and a Ukrainian village is bridged by your

generosity. Your monthly gifts, your prayers, your belief that God loves the fatherless and the brokenhearted—these are

not small things.



Christ's comfort into homes that still feel the ache of sirens. Through you, God is glorified as despair gives way to hope, and a child learns to live unafraid again. Elina's future is brighter today because people across North America refused

to look away. Thank you for being part of her turning point. And for every

child still waiting for one, your love can write the next chapter.

