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SEE WITH THE HEART

Report on activities in 2025





Dear friends, partners, and like-minded colleagues!

2025 was a year of challenges, growth, and new opportunities for us. Despite the difficult circumstances, we continued to carry out our mission — to support families raising children with complex developmental disabilities, to foster a society of equal opportunities, and to promote a culture of empathy and mutual support. We are sincerely grateful to everyone who stood with us: our partners, donors, volunteers, and all those who care. Thanks to your support, we were able to implement meaningful initiatives, support hundreds of people, and take another step toward the change we strive for.

In **this report**, we summarize the **key results** of our work in 2025, share **stories of impact**, and outline our plans for the future. We believe that together we can create more opportunities and support for those who need it most.



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2025 marked the fourth year of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine and the eleventh year of the ongoing war. These are years in which time is measured differently — years of courage, resilience, and faith.

We express our deepest gratitude to our defenders for every new day, for the opportunity to live, work, and continue our activities.





The events and public discussions of the past year have once again shown that the understanding of inclusion in Ukraine still requires deeper reflection and development.

Inclusion is not something that should require special mention or prior notice. It is a fundamental principle that should be a natural part of everyday life in society.

Inclusion is for everyone and about all of us.

It is equality and dignity for each and every person.

It is respect and non-discrimination in all its forms.

It is the ability to embrace diversity in the world around us.

It is equal opportunities and rights, regardless of skin color, cognitive abilities, appearance, or disability.



Our mission:

We create opportunities for people with disabilities and their families through inclusion in society and by challenging stereotypes.

Our vision 2030:

A dignified life for people with disabilities in a society free from stereotypes.

Our values:

Safety, recognition, love, and growth.



The word of the founder

The full-scale invasion has changed the living conditions of many families, including those raising children, adolescents, and young people with disabilities. The focus of public attention has shifted, and there is now more fatigue—and at times despair—among all of us. Supporting others has become more difficult.

Inclusion is not about children with disabilities or any specific group. Inclusion is about all of us. It is about how our society is structured and how we live together within it. It is a reflection of who we are as a society.

I believe inclusion begins where we stop dividing people into ‘us’ and ‘them’—where we recognize that no one is unnecessary, that every person has value. Every individual is a full participant in society, and their rights, opportunities, and needs are just as important as our own.

Inclusion is when we listen to, notice, and respect different experiences, different paces, and different rhythms. It is when we come together to find ways to support one another—rather than pretending that some people do not exist.

We must do everything possible at the legislative level and strengthen civil society initiatives and projects to ensure that children are not placed in closed institutional settings where they may face abuse or lack humane living conditions—places where their dignity and rights are not respected

Olesia Yaskevych, Founder and Head of the NGO “SEE WITH THE HEART”

Parents'/Caregivers' Testimonials

*"Studying in the online programme became a real escape from everyday life for Danya. Thanks to the stable schedule, individual approach, and supportive atmosphere, he was able to learn comfortably without stress or overload. I am sincerely grateful to the entire team for their care, professionalism, and genuine love for children," — **Alina, mother of a "School for Everyone" student.***

"CosmoCamp restored my faith in people. For a long time, my experience with educational institutions was filled with phrases like: 'You must stay with your child'; 'Your child has health issues, we don't want the responsibility'; 'We can't accept Semen because we don't have a doctor'; 'We won't teach him, he needs a different approach.' For me, CosmoCamp and the NGO 'Bachyty Sertsem' are an example of how to create a space that is safe and meaningful for different people.

*I received confirmation of something I had been saying for a long time: responsibility for children's safety, organization, and comfort lies with adults. Too often in schools, the child alone is held responsible for their behavior and condition—for example: 'Please take your child home, it's too difficult for the teacher.' I had admired your work for a long time, but after experiencing it firsthand, I am even more grateful. Now I know that many things that seem impossible are actually achievable," — **Vita, mother of a CosmoCamp participant.***

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We sincerely thank everyone who stood with us in 2025.

To our defenders—for the opportunity to live, work, and continue our mission.

To our donors and partners—for your trust, support, and belief in our shared mission.

To our team—for your dedication, professionalism, and daily work that changes lives.

To the families who entrust us with what matters most—for your openness, strength, and readiness for change.

Together, we create more than programmes or projects — we create a space of support, dignity, and opportunities. Thank you for being with us. Ahead lies even more work, challenges, and meaningful changes that we will bring to life together.

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