

Life2Orphans, Inc. does not typically respond to news media articles. An article appeared in The Sunday Times, distributed in Britain, reporting that a charity known as His Kids Too considered Torez Internat (for special needs orphans) as the worst Internat in the orphanage system of Ukraine, and the article presents the orphanage and its Director in a negative light. Life2Orphans feels compelled to respond to this allegation by this charity and the overall negative light that the article places on the wonderful Director and staff that are doing amazing things with the orphans..

Life2Orphans, Inc. has worked with the Torez Internat since 2005 and knows first hand that Director Alexander Vasyakin has worked tirelessly and with such love for the children to make this orphanage the best in the system of orphanages of this type in Ukraine. You can see the great efforts that have been provided for these children in the many photos that are published on the old and new Life2Orphans websites, which document the dramatic changes from the first day we started providing them humanitarian aid. There are several children that have begun to walk due to the efforts through the Bedridden program that was instituted by Director Vasyakin. For example, Tina Kacirek recently adopted a nine year old boy with cerebral palsy from Torez. Tina and her family have experienced the amazing results of the rehabilitation program provided at Torez by the staff and the support of various charity organizations. A miracle occurred as her son began to walk with the help provided through the Bedridden program.

Life2Orphans, Inc. has no direct knowledge as to the level of support provided by the charity His Kids Too. It is our understanding that there have been attacks directed towards the orphanage/Director Vasyakin and that their relationship has been strained for some time. Photos of sick children were being published by His Kids Too for fundraising, and yet the orphanage has received scant benefit. Director Vasyakin notified His Kids Too that they were no longer welcome at the orphanage. It was after this that His Kids Too provided unfavorable information to the journalist for the article. Life2Orphans, Inc. finds it unfortunate that the journalist did not include information from interviews that were favorable towards Director Vasyakin and staff, nor conducted interviews with the other aid organizations that have first hand knowledge of the results and also provide significant support to this orphanage.

We want to express our continued confidence and support of Director Vasyakin and his staff in light of this negative leaning article. As the donors of Life2Orphans, Inc. continue to support the Torez Internat, there is much more to be done to help the orphans in Ukraine. Life2Orphans, Inc. welcomes you to be a part of this path of care and love.