



**La VIA**



**ANNUAL REPORT  
2021**

## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTORS

In spite of the ups and downs that last year brought us, **La VIA Community Center continues to be a place of hope and safety** for children and youth where they experience healing in the context of relationships. Our vision is for La VIA to be a place where the most vulnerable among us are **loved, valued and empowered** to achieve their full potential.

In 2021 we had two groups of children, grades 1st-3rd (10 children) and grades 4th-9th (13 children) who met daily with La VIA educators Nadea and Ivanna.

Vitali continues as Director of Administration and Rachel continues with Communications and Community Care. Aliona has been a cornerstone of the community for almost 6 years as cook. Since June 2021 we employ part-time a single mother for cleaning. Overall our full-time staff grew from three to five in 2021.

**Thank you for being a part of this story of hope with us!** We are continually confronted with new challenges, and yet we paradoxically also find beauty and hope in the midst of it all.

This year we have increased our budget to help offset medical costs for beneficiaries, to offer staff wages that keep up with inflation, and to offer new services for the 25 children in our program including access to therapy, sewing lessons and dance classes.

We continue to rely on God's faithful provision through **friends who share our vision and mission**. Together we are making a difference. **Thank you for your support!**

**Vitaliy Dyachenko, Executive Director**  
**Rachel Dyachenko, Field Director**



# A STORY OF HOPE

## After school clubs

In October 2021, we began working to ensure that children and teens who participate in the La VIA program began to develop their talents by attending hobby groups. One of the first was a dance club that now has 5 girls attending every Tuesday and Thursday. Their participation in the dance club has had a positive effect on their performance in school. From October to February, the girls enthusiastically studied, trained and participated together in a dance group. They want to keep growing and this is one of the achievements for which they can be proud. Dance class keeps them responsible as they know they have to finish all their homework and personal tasks by 3:30 pm to go to the dance class. Their families do not generally teach them about discipline, planning their time or consistency, so this project helps them develop not only their talents, but also their character.

– Ivanna Negrutsa, La VIA Educator

***“The work of La VIA is invaluable in providing children with a place of safety, unconditional love, consistency, hope and joy.***

***- Bequi Innes, volunteer***





## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

**In response to COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent school closures throughout the year, La VIA offered food to take home (1548 portions) and bags of staple foods for 16 families twice during the year.**

**We offered needs-based financial support to five families in the amount of \$2,015, to help cover the cost of rent and utilities.**

- 2483 hot lunches served at La VIA Community Center
- 38 children attended 6 full days/nights of summer camp
- 8 weeks of day camp for 33 children at La VIA Community Center
- 2 jobs created for parents
- 2 new extracurricular lessons offered for children: dance(5 children) and sewing (12 children)
- 2 new educators hired full-time

# FINANCIALS

In 2021 La VIA received solidified two new local partnerships: An IT company “Endava” helped with the purchase chairs, and from Optima Fide for repairs of the outer walls.

- 2 La VIA board meetings, 2 La VIA Advisory Council meetings
- Repair of the exterior walls to prevent moisture seeping into classroom (Value ~\$10,000)
- 30 new colorful, quality chairs to replace unstable stools

## Statement of Changes in Equity

We are thankful to see positive numbers financially. God continues to provide for all our needs through the faithful generosity of friends around the world.

	<b>Growth</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expense s</b>	<b>Year end Balance</b>
	<b>2019</b>	\$30,952	\$32,306	\$9,382
	<b>2020</b>	\$37,119	\$36,539	\$15,449
	<b>2021</b>	\$57,563	\$53,920	\$15,299



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Your support has made all this possible, and we invite you to continue partnering with us in 2022! Even as the effects of the pandemic stretch us to our limits, and the added challenge of armed conflict in neighboring Ukraine, we will continue to seek to provide a place of hope and safety for vulnerable children and their families to heal, learn and grow.

**Join our community of support** through prayer and finance by visiting one of the links below.

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