

Kidsave started its work in Russia **in 1999**.

As of today, our programs have directly touched **more than 3,500 children**.

Imagine... growing up without love and support of a family, having no helping hand for the future, and no one to call "Mom" or "Dad". Imagine at 18 being put out on the street with no place to call home, just because that's the age a child must leave the orphanage. It's *not* okay.



Kidsave® is a 501(c)(3) international non-profit organization that helps find loving families for orphaned and abandoned children around the world.

**Kidsave works to create change so older forgotten orphanage and foster kids grow up in families and connected to caring adults.**



Kidsave's "**Teen Mother**" Program in St. Petersburg (since 2004) and in Moscow (since 2010) helps vulnerable young mothers and pregnant girls learn how to care for their babies, experience the joy of motherhood, and strip the dreadful cycle of "inherited orphanhood". Girls are provided with counseling and assistance in finding housing and jobs, accessing social benefits, prior to delivery and during the critical early years of motherhood.

The goal of the program is for each girl to also be matched with caring volunteer mentor while she is in the program, who can continue to support her and her child after the professional support stops. As of June 2014 teen mother program has served 249 young women and 256 new babies. Key supporters of this program are Johnson & Johnson, Boeing, Mary Kay and United Way.

**"Strong Shoulder" (Social Adaptation and Mentoring)** Program helps youth without parents develop the skills they need for independent living. Youth are taught how to search for a job, create a budget, make wise purchasing decisions, and what their rights are with regard to housing and government subsidies. As an integral part of this program Kidsave's *Corporate Mentoring* is designed to give older children in orphanages exposure to the workplace and to a variety of occupations. Youth are helped to create resumes and obtain the training they will need to qualify for their chosen occupation. Kidsave works to recruit and train individual companies and their employees to take on emancipating orphans to mentor and/or provide internship experiences. The main supporter of this program is JPMorgan.



**Family Placement Program and Advocacy.** Through this program, Kidsave shares experiences and methodologies that were developed in Smolensk and then successfully implemented and expanded on Sakhalin Island, Yaroslavl and Moscow. The project includes training of regional government officials and local NGO partners; advocacy efforts in regards to legislation conducive to family placement; teaching local specialists how to recruit and prepare children and families and training them to effectively monitor the families after a child is placed; and creating a regional family support and resource center. Over 750 professionals have been trained in permanency.

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