



Recommendation for support

The association "Bär & Leu" was founded in 1999 and is working with children from broken families, elderly and infirm people, patients with tuberculosis, offers medical aid, supports the rights of minorities, for prisoners and engages dialogue between estranged churches. The bear, heraldic animal of the city and canton of Berne, stands for a small group of social and church-committed persons from aforementioned region. The lion, emblem of the city of L'viv, stands for our partners in the region of Lemberg. They actively work in and with their communities for our common concerns, but are dependent on moral and financial support from Switzerland.

For this association, I work as the leader of the detention program together with the All Ukrainian Public Organisation "Association - my Family". This organisation is our most important partner in the area of prevention.

"My Family" stands out especially due their goal oriented and foresighted work and planning. Children should have the possibility to grow up in a family environment instead of isolated children's homes. There are already over 3200 families professionally supported in this project, the installation of supervised extended family is pushed forward. The organisation also offers extracurricular activities for children grown up in homes to prepare them for the "life after the home". A preparation often neglected by children's homes, which directly influences the number of juvenile offenders.

The "Association - my Family" manages to find professionals from different areas to work with them. Their work is characterized by reliability, commitment and creativity. For all these reasons, "My Family" is a very valuable partner for "Bär und Leu". Because "Bär & Leu" is a small organisation with a limited budget, it is a major concern for us that especially "my Family" is getting financial support by other institutions and organisations.

Sincerely,
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