

PROGRAMS

The foundation welcomes small scale pragmatic project proposals in the above referred fields.

Project proposals may be submitted by student groups, NGO's, governmental organisations and individuals.

Subject to availability of budget and means project proposals will be selected on basis of

- Personal engagement of the project initiators
- Compatibility with our vision
- Transparency, accountability and reporting discipline
- "Learning by doing" potential of project proposal
- Benefit for target group and formation of caregivers.



Henri Nouwen in Lviv, 1994

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HENRI NOUWEN FOUNDATION IN UKRAINE



MISSION

Our mission is to support Ukrainians, taking initiative and responsibility to humanize the position of the most vulnerable groups and persons in the society.

OUR VISION

- the most vulnerable persons in our society offer each of us the unique opportunity to become human and to realize a respectful and caring community,
- everyone, including the most vulnerable, has the same fundamental rights to live, to care, to education and to respect,
- humanitarian aid makes only sense if provided to Ukrainians uncompromisingly serving and respecting the most vulnerable groups in their society and dedicated to improve the living conditions thereof,
- personal formation of care givers is of essence for improvement of care for the target group,
- structural cooperation and communication between Ukrainian non profit organisations and similar organisations in Western Europe are essential for mutual development of know-how, vision on care and positive altruistic mentality.



TARGET GROUP

The foundation focuses its concern on persons, young and old, with physical or psychiatric limitations, persons addicted, homeless, imprisoned, abandoned, institutionalized or without (parental) care.



ABOUT US

The Dutch HN Foundation was established in 1997 shortly after the death of Henri Nouwen, a Dutch Catholic priest. Professor in theology and psychology at the universities of Notre Dame, Yale and Harvard, Henri decided to give up these prestigious positions and to live in community with handicapped brothers and sisters to pursue the live of a true Christian. Works of Henri Nouwen which number more than 40 books on Christian spirituality have been inspiring people all over the world. Nearly all of them have been translated into more than 25 languages, including Ukrainian. The essence of Henri's message is to show that each of us is loved by God and can meet God through caring for each other, especially in our mutual vulnerability.

Henri visited Ukraine in 1993 and 1995 where he led retreats. Deeply moved by Ukraine's traumatic past, he was impressed by the new energetic wish of young Ukrainians dedicated to live in the perspective of hope for the better society.

The Foundation carries out projects in the Netherlands, Africa and Eastern Europe, including Western Ukraine. With small scale of material and financial help it has supported initiatives for educational and social oriented programs, for improvement in living conditions of psychiatric patients and orphans, for rehabilitation of handicapped, for compassion with prisoners and for awareness and practical action in favour of the poor in general.