



2024



PUBLIC REPORT OF THE
DREAM WORKCHOP NGO



ANNA IVANICHEVA

Chief Executive Officer

2024 was a year of growth for our team – not only in numbers, but in quality as well. We invested in learning, knowledge exchange, and shared experiences, which helped us build an even stronger team. This directly impacts the quality of support we provide. Every step we took was aimed at ensuring that the people working in our organization had the knowledge they needed and felt supported and confident in their work.

A key part of the year was nurturing a sense of community – both within the organization and beyond. Thanks to our festival and other events, more people learned about us, shared our values, and were willing to support our work. We saw a circle of like-minded individuals form around the organization – caring people who want to help change society together with us. Shared celebrations, gatherings, and initiatives helped us strengthen our connections, foster a culture of mutual support, and build a solid foundation for the future.

This year has shown us how important unity, support, and collaboration truly are. We felt the power of community and saw that together we can achieve more. With this team, we're confidently moving forward – toward change that makes society more inclusive, open, and compassionate.

HALYNA SHTOHRYN

Chief Growth Officer

2024 was a year of strengthening our resilience and the quality of our services. We have come a long way — from an idea to an organization that not only supports people with mental disabilities but also transforms approaches to social care.

After significant growth in 2023, we focused on stable management, team development, structured learning, and service improvement. We actively share our experience with other organizations and government institutions to help make supported living services accessible to more people.

This year also showed us how crucial it is to have a supportive community. We are inspired by the growing number of people who learn about our mission and choose to stand with us. We are building a system that serves not just a few dozen beneficiaries, but one that has the potential to change the lives of thousands.

Despite the challenges of war, we continue our work — for the sake of a dignified life for everyone. This is only possible thanks to our partners, allies, and above all, the defenders who protect our country.

We are grateful to everyone who believes in us — those who have supported us from the beginning and those who are just now discovering our mission. Together, we are changing reality.





LIUDMYLA ANNYCH

Chief of Program and Personnel Officer

"Dream Workshop" continues to grow every year — both in size and in quality. We implement services that serve as models for others, and we generously share our experience. This year, we welcomed three more residents into our Supported Living Home. We paid special attention to the health and wellbeing of our residents, introduced new mechanisms in line with national standards, and improved the work of our Day Activity Centers based on the individual needs of each student.

We took part in forums, opened our spaces to visitors, reflected on our experiences, and invested in team development. Every member of our team is a valuable part of this greater mission. We are deeply grateful to everyone who stood with us, supported us, and believed in our work — to our residents, students, their families, and our team. Thank you for your trust, cooperation, and shared movement forward.

We believe that every person deserves support, a dignified life, and the opportunity to realize their potential. Everything we do is about making real change in the lives of real people. And we are not stopping. We continue to dream, to work, and to build a system that offers a chance for a better future.

ABOUT US

NGO "Dream Workshop" is a space of opportunity for people with mental and complex disabilities.

We create conditions in which every person can live with dignity and be part of society.

MISSION

We are building an inclusive society where people with mental and complex disabilities are accepted, socially integrated, and able to realize their potential. We fulfill this mission by working with people with mental disabilities, their families, and society at large. Through our own example, we challenge and dismantle social stereotypes.



OUR 2024 IN NUMBERS



**12 residents live in our
Supported Living Houses**



**1 camp organized in Poland for
students and their parents**



**25 students attend our
Day Activity Centers**



**1820 hours of assisting youth
at the Day Activity Center**



**5 public events
held for the community**



**24/7/365 support
in the Supported Living Homes**

A group of young people are sitting outdoors on a paved surface, looking at a large map or document spread out on the ground. One person in the foreground is wearing a blue baseball cap with a smiley face and the word 'KEY' on it. Another person next to them is wearing a red baseball cap with a white cross logo. They are all focused on the map, with some pointing at specific locations. The background is slightly blurred, showing green foliage and a fence.

HOW DO WE SUPPORT YOUNG PEOPLE WITH MENTAL AND COMPLEX DISABILITIES?



SUPPORTED LIVING HOUSES

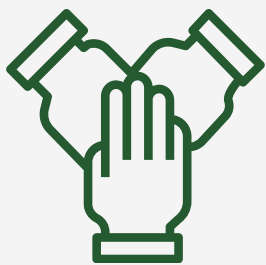
Supported Living Homes are places where people with mental and complex disabilities can live in conditions as close to a home environment as possible, while receiving the support they need for independent living.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Supported living enables people with mental and complex disabilities to avoid isolation, feel part of society, and lead as independent life as possible.
It is an alternative to institutionalization — one that offers a real chance for a life of dignity.



a home-style living format



24/7 support from assistants



development of independent living skills



social interaction



Vasyl is learning how to use public transportation



Discussing daily plans and tasks: support that fosters independence



Shared dinner at the Supported Living Houses



The residents are supporting the new inhabitants in their adaptation process



DAY ACTIVITY CENTERS

Day Activity Centers are spaces where young people with mental and complex disabilities have the opportunity to learn, develop skills, and find their place in society.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

The Centers exist to ensure that every person with mental and complex disabilities has the opportunity to realize their potential, be independent, and integrate into society. At the same time, they provide support for families – while the young people acquire new skills, socialize, and engage in activities at the Center, their relatives can work, rest, or focus on other matters.



preparation for independent living



learning and skill development



employment and cultural engagement



support and socialization





Maryna, an IDP from Kharkiv, is learning sewing and working on creating a wallet



Anzhelika reminds students of the rules of the Day Activity Center



The on-duty student are preparing lunch for all students and assistants at the Day Activity Center

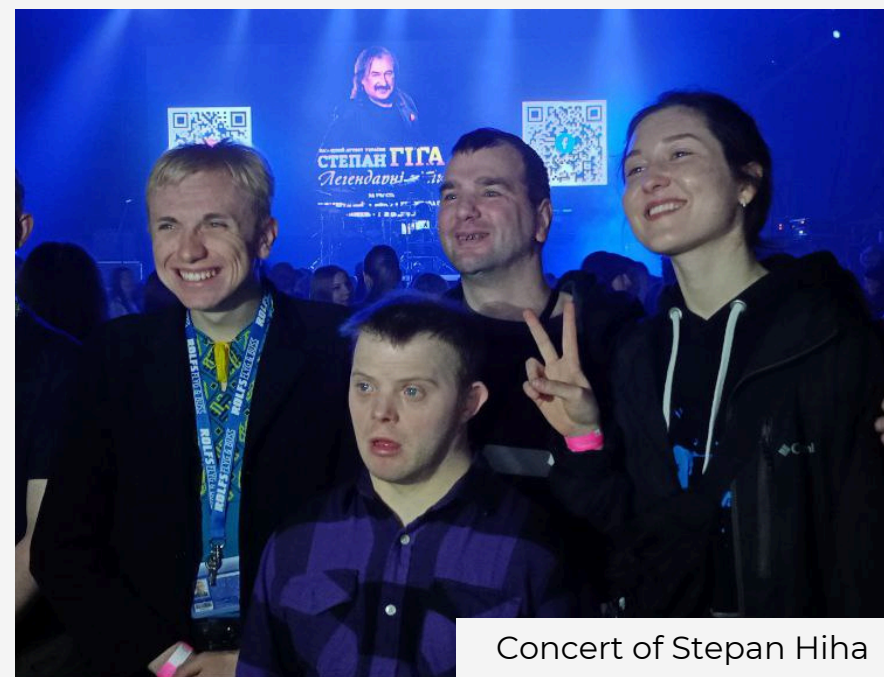


SOCIAL ACTIVITY OF YOUTH IN 2024

number of excursions		15
visited museums		6
trips to the theater and cinema		7
festivals and events		11
workshops		12
hours of volunteering by our youth		23
camp in Poland for parents		1

Support for people with mental and complex disabilities is not only about meeting basic needs, but also about the opportunity to live an interesting and fulfilling life.

Both the residents of the Supported Living Houses and the students of the Day Activity Centers attend cultural events, travel, discover new places, and learn new things.



Concert of Stepan Hiha



Trip to the castles of Lviv region



Excursion to the Lviv City Council



Exhibition of Maria Prymachenko



Music therapy



Vintage Car Museum



Art exhibition



Relaxation at McDonald's

Collaboration with the community

In 2024, we actively engaged with the community by organizing events that united people around our values. We hosted the **Music Festival** — an open-air event with invited musicians that filled the backyard of the Supported Living House with melodies of unity. The **Open House Day** allowed guests to get to know our space and activities more closely.

One of the most significant events was the **Dream Workshop Festival**, dedicated to the 9th anniversary of the organization, which took place in the heart of Lviv, in Franko Park, bringing together friends, partners, and city residents. We concluded the series of events with a warm and atmospheric Christmas Caroling at the Supported Living Home, where traditions merged with the joy of reunion.



Music Festival



Dream Workshop Festival



Open House Day at the
Supported Living Home



Dream Workshop Festival



Christmas Caroling at the
Supported Living Home

Social integration and volunteering

Our youth not only receive support but are also ready to help others. Social integration and volunteering have always been an important part of our activities.

This year, we visited an **animal shelter**, where we learned about animal rescue stories, walked the dogs, and practiced responsible attitudes toward nature. During the **Open House Day**, we shared information about our activities, exchanged experiences, and engaged new volunteers and partners.

We also helped with a social initiative at the **food bank**. The youth participated in **community gardening**, where, together with local residents, they took care of plants, planted flowers, and created a cozy space for everyone.

A particularly meaningful experience was our involvement in making **trench candles for the military**. This was not only an important gesture of support but also real help for our defenders on the front lines. By participating in this process, we were able to contribute to bringing Victory closer.





Dream Workshop Festival



Volunteering at the food bank



Celebration of the organization's anniversary



Camp in Poland for students and parents



Making trench candles for the Ukrainian Armed Forces



Volunteering in the urban gardening space



Anzhelika at the camp for female leaders



Volunteering at the animal shelter



Celebration and Unity

Celebration and unity are an important part of our lives, allowing us to feel support, share joy, and create unforgettable memories together.

This year, we traditionally celebrated Christmas together, singing carols and “Vertep”, gathered for Easter, decorated eggs, and shared Easter bread. We also welcomed the New Year together, creating a warm festive atmosphere.

We not only celebrated, but also strengthened our team. We held joint meetings, team days, and team-building events that helped us understand each other better, support one another, and develop collaboration. We ended the year with a warm "Oscar" themed corporate event, where we celebrated the team's achievements, special moments of the year, and simply enjoyed our time together.

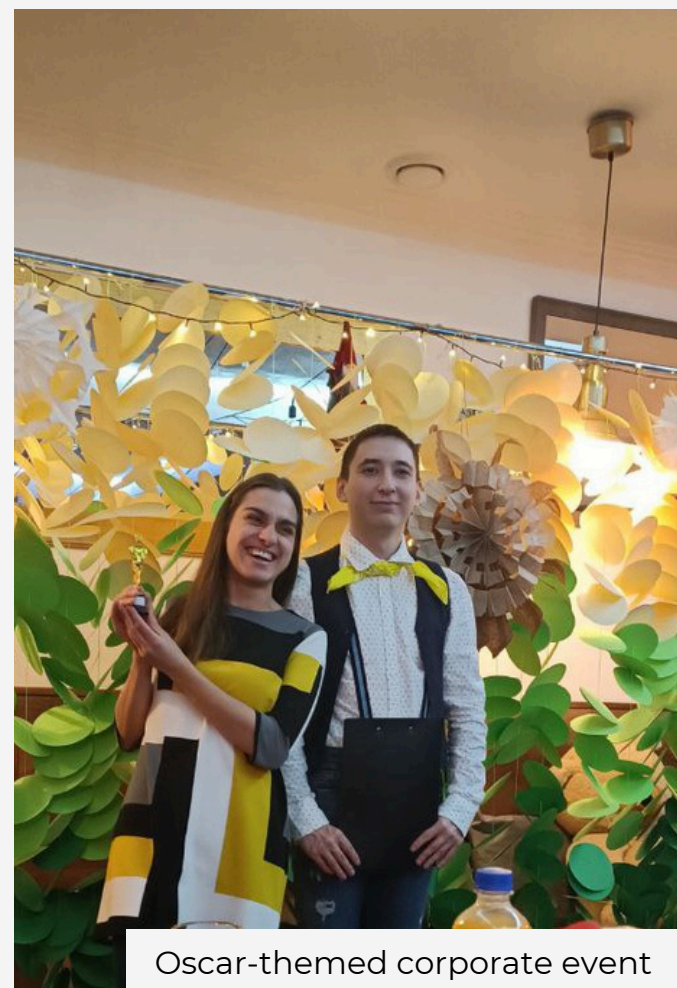




Team day



Team building



Oscar-themed corporate event



Vyshyvanka Day – a celebration of traditional Ukrainian embroidered shirts.



Celebrating the birthday of one of the day center students



Costume New Year's party



Team day



Health

Medical examinations are an important part of caring for our residents. Youth transitioning from institutional care often face significant health challenges, and we prioritize their well-being. This year, all residents underwent a full medical check-up with various specialists. Special attention was given to the residents' smiles, which not only improved their comfort but also boosted their self-confidence.

We also took care of flu vaccinations — both residents and staff received their shots to reduce the risk of seasonal illnesses and ensure reliable health protection for everyone.



2024

Conferences and Professional Development

28 attended training sessions, forums, and conferences

Participation in international events and collaboration with European partners

Representation of the organization at national and international levels

Team qualification enhancement in the fields of social work, management, and safety procedures

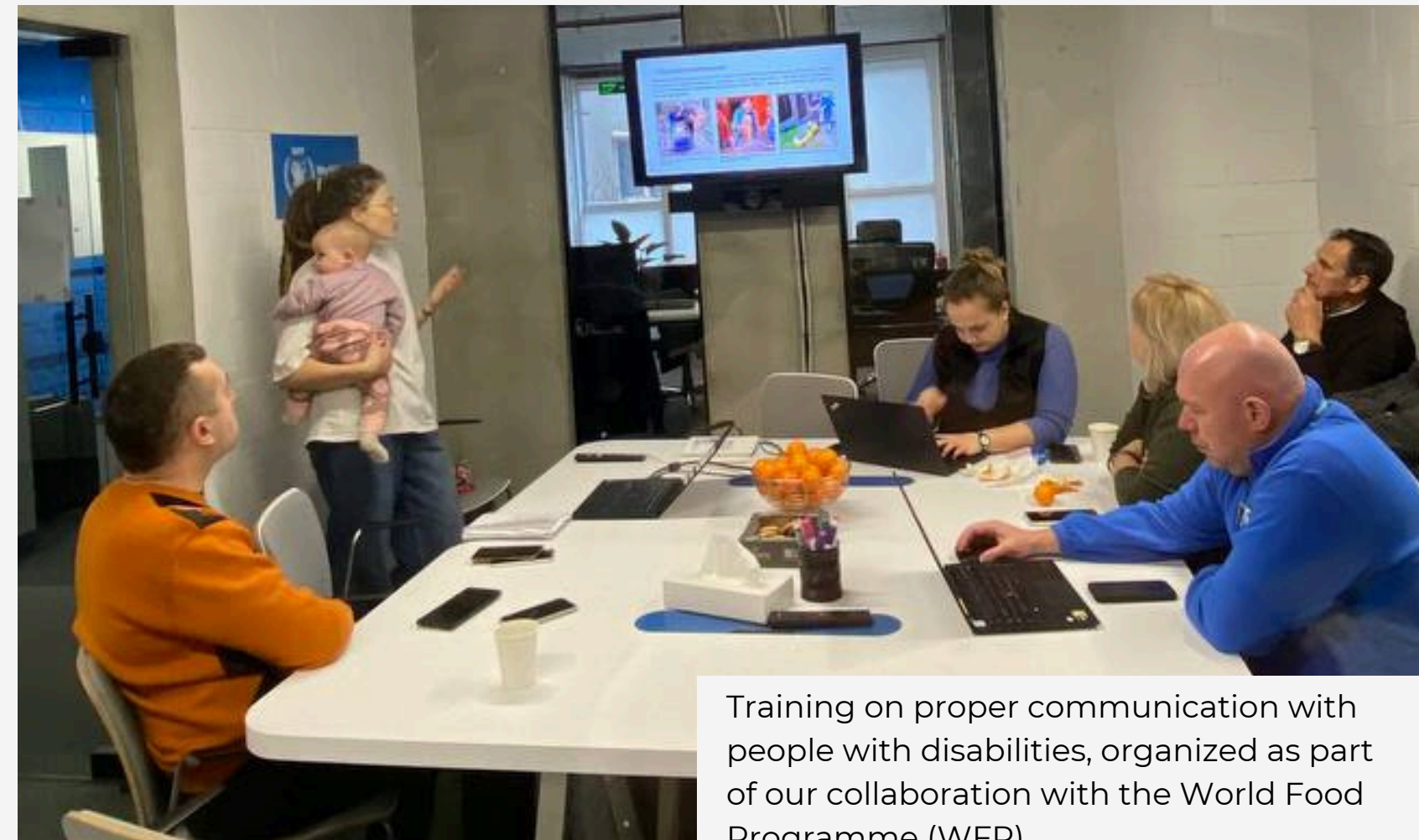
This year, we actively engaged in training, developed our team, and represented our organization at key events. We participated in training on effective team management, implementing modern approaches to social services, and preventing professional burnout. The training provided by Swiss experts was particularly valuable, including the supervision program for our social workers, which helped the team better understand global approaches, methods, and tools, gain additional support, and expand their professional skills.

A large part of our team completed a year-long MPSS (medical-psychological and social support) program at the Ukrainian Catholic University — one of the top programs in Ukraine for training professionals in the social field.

We are also actively working on improving safety procedures, particularly related to medical assistance and fire safety. Regular training and knowledge updates help us prevent emergencies and create a safe environment for both residents and staff. Additionally, our team underwent training on preventing sexual exploitation and violence to ensure an even higher level of protection and support.



The annual "I Can!" conference, where we were speakers



Training on proper communication with people with disabilities, organized as part of our collaboration with the World Food Programme (WFP)



Graduation of our staff from the MPSS program at the Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU)



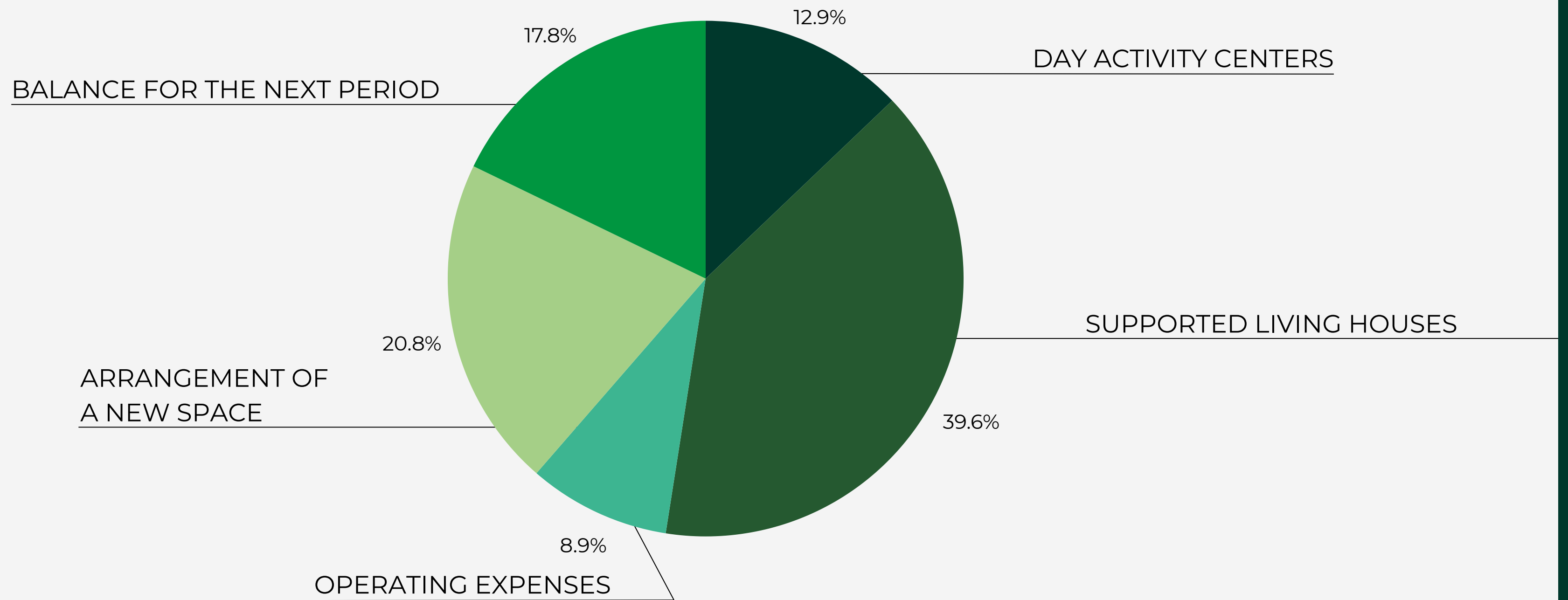
Presentation on supported living, delivered by the assistant of the Supported Living Home at the Ministry of Social Policy forum



FINANCES

As the volume of work increased, projects expanded, and new team members joined, we actively worked on stabilizing services, ensuring financial sustainability, and establishing new partnerships.

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PLANS



Development of advocacy at the national and local levels to protect the rights of people with mental and complex disabilities and create services in communities



Diversification of funding and strengthening the financial sustainability of the organization



Improvement of the training program and systematic learning for the team to enhance professional competencies

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