

The Maria Foundation

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A big Hello to everyone!!

Just a quick newsletter to say that Inna has just returned from Moscow where she spent a while with Maria and her family.

Maria is doing really well and was so pleased with the box of gifts, cards and letters you kindly sent her. We posted one box at Christmas and Inna took the rest with her. She thanks you all very much indeed, for both thinking about her and her family and supporting them in various ways. A kind word and a card means so much to them all.

Maria has managed to finish her driving course and now the proud owner of a driving license and hopes that the State will fund a disability vehicle. This will give her so much more independence and mobility. She has also been in contact with the local authority that is looking into her application for a better apartment - as she still lives in one tiny room in a communal hostel.

After continued attempts to reach Heather Mills-McCartney we must now move on and are very pleased to tell you that we have been contacted by a private sponsor who has confirmed his wish to finish Maria's legs by providing the financial resources to pay for the Cosmesis covering. This is wonderful news as, after almost four years, we will soon finally finish our project of providing Maria with new, comfortable artificial legs. Maria will be in contact with the Prosthetist who will service her legs and make them ready for covering. We will then ship the legs to the UK, have them covered, and send them back to her. We are currently looking around for the best covering at the best price. We will, of course, keep you fully updated !

Once her legs are finished we will continue to support Maria in any way that we can and keep in close contact with her.

We also still hope to bring Maria to the UK for a holiday – if not this year, certainly next year.

Best wishes to you all as always

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