

## “Mothers’ Union Family Home”

A help centre for families with seriously ill children.

### WHY IS IT NECESSARY?

The treatment of serious illnesses takes a long time, sometimes up to two years, during which only one of the parents can stay in the hospital with the sick child. There is no such possibility for other family members. However, there is a solution – a special home outside the hospital. For that reason, “Mamų Unija” has initiated the project “Mothers’ Union Family Home”, which is a rehabilitation and information centre for seriously ill children and their families. The home will create a safe and cozy environment for the entire family and will help the child to recover. “Mothers’ Union Family Home” is not intended to replace or replicate the medical services provided for the child by doctors in hospitals. Instead, it is a social alternative giving families the opportunity to have more time together.

### SOCIAL IMPACT

The problems, emotions and lack of time caused by the illness often shut families away in their own pain. Interacting with other families that are going through the same thing helps to overcome social exclusion and makes everyday life easier. The sharing of experience as well as personal support can make families feel part of society again.

### SERVICES PROVIDED IN THE FAMILY HOME:

There are 11 small apartments, where each child can live with their family during the treatment. Additional help and support from pediatricians, pain management specialists, psychologists, and priests. Palliative care wards ( “butterfly” rooms) for children whose condition is medically untreatable. A rehabilitation and sports centre, where families can recover both physically and emotionally. Art therapy, play room, playground. The information centre will help parents learn more about the illness, its treatment and treatment options abroad.

### FAMILY SPACE:

Each family will be given a 42 sq. m. ward with a separate entrance and a terrace. Each room has a kitchenette, a bedroom, a toilet, a bathroom, and a wardrobe.

### SHARED SPACE:

Living space and visitors’ area, kitchen, dining room; Rehabilitation centre, gym, swimming pool; Play zone, reading zone, leisure zone; Laundry room; Space for family farming; production facilities, greenhouse.

### ABOUT THE PROJECT:

Location: close to the Santariškės Children’s Hospital, Vilnius District municipality, Riešė eldership, Vanaginė village.

Opening: expected in the first quarter of 2020

Size: house – 2000 sq. m., land – 1 ha. Project value: €2.5 million

Remaining sum to be collected: €250,000