



Much has changed for children with disabilities over the last 20 years and the authorities in Belarus have told us that the training programmes and educational visits we have organised have played a significant role in bringing about these improvements.

We will continue to lobby and educate to promote a better future for adults with disabilities. But at the

moment, without Rodni Kut, our young people would go into a large institution where they would get very minimal care and attention.

We cannot let that happen to them, so for at least the next two or three years we need to continue to fully fund their care. Please can you help us?



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Can you help Anton to stay in the family home he knows and loves?



Anton is totally blind and autistic and if he has to go back into an institution his life will be very bleak and empty



This is Anton at seven years old, when he was living in a large orphanage with 300 other children with disabilities.

He had been taken from parents who abused and neglected him.

At Zhuravichi Orphanage he was fed and kept clean, but none of the staff had the time or the skill to interact with him and help him to understand the world around him.

In 2002 we bought a small house in the town of Rogachev and adapted it to be a comfy home for children with disabilities.

Then we brought Anton to live at 'Rodni Kut' with Anya, Nazar and Stas, all from Zhuravichi.



In this small home they were given love and care by their foster father Sergei, and a wonderful team of carers, or 'aunties' and they have all grown up as part of a family with the security and happiness that this brings.



The children all attended special classes at a local centre and now they are over 18 we still bring a teacher into their home to help continue their development.

'Rodni Kut' was created to be a permanent home for these young people and we extended the house to give them more space as they grew into teenagers

It also serves as a model, and we hope that in the near future most children with disabilities will have the chance to grow up in a family, or in a small home like 'Rodni Kut'.

