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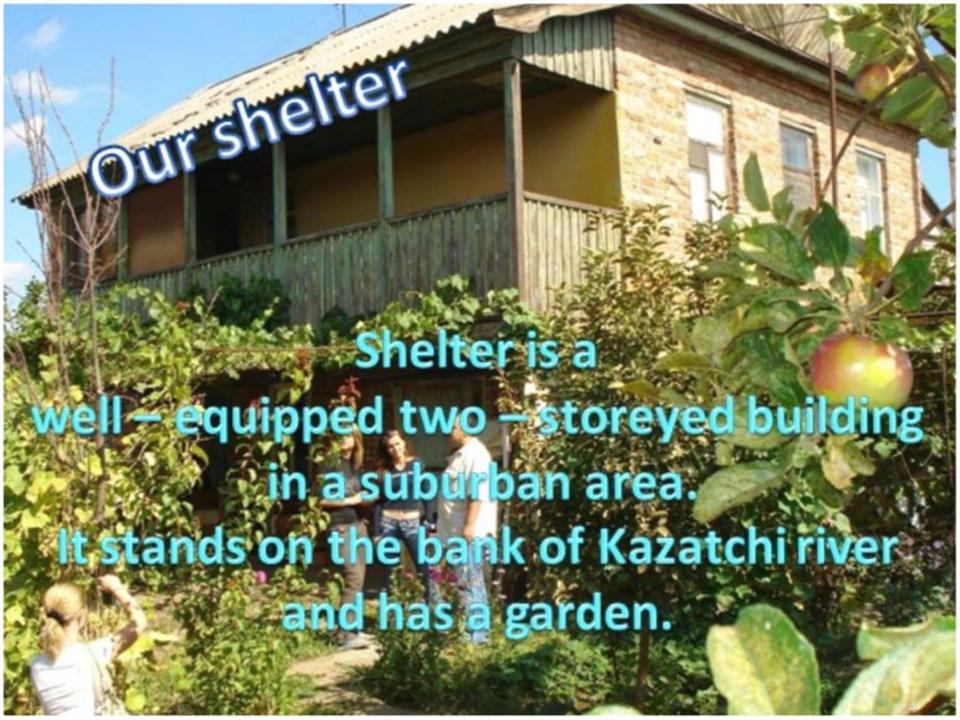
«Crisis Center «Oratorium» for youth and teenagers»

Russia, Astrakhan

The «Oratorium» Center was founded in 2000 as a shelter for youth and teenagers who come from unfavorable families and has suffered from exploitation and violence.

Foundation of the Center was initiated by a group of young people who are the former victims of violence. Later they formed the Backbone of the youth volunteers group and started doing all practical activities in the shelter.

«Oratorium» was founded from the very beginning only by those young people, without any financial or administrative support.



The structure of the Organization includes three groups.

They are the following:

- Administrative group;
- ·Rehabilitation group;
- ·Youth volunteers group.





















It is not so easy to become an «Oratorium» volunteer. One must get through the period of study and probation. Nowadays there are 9 people in the volunteers group.

























Since its foundation the Youth volunteers group has held 49 acts on their own. They were raids and visits to some addresses together with the representatives of other youth NGOs, militia and commissions on the affairs of the young people who are under age. As a result 42 cases of exploitation and violence (sexual cases included) were revealed. 29 of them were done against young people who were under age at that moment.







Researches

Since the year 2004 the Center has been holding constant monitoring of the situation within the so-called risk-groups.

They also have carried out researches on their own for how

badly teenagers of the region suffer from exploitation and

violence.

Volunteers who had suffered before are taking an active part in carrying out researches that cover almost all the parts of the region.

Reports including the results of the researches are passed to militia and administration.









«Oratorium» initiated foundation of public association in the region that units 14 youth NGOs. The Association is fighting for human right, for the rights of victims of violence. They also are holding public dialogue with deputies and representatives of Mayor Administration on Education, Public Health, Crime, Ecology and Family and Youth police.





