



Dear friends,

I am Anya Sarang, President of the Andrei Rylkov Foundation for Health and Social Justice (ARF), and we need your help. ARF is the only organization in Moscow which offers people who use drugs clean needles, condoms, help accessing testing for HIV and hepatitis and social support. Through our work, we help not only people who use drugs but all city residents by making our city safer and more humane. You can read about us [here](#) and watch a movie about our work [here](#). (Turn on English translation of the movie by clicking the red box in the lower right side of the video screen)

Such organizations, working to reduce drug related harms operate in European capital cities and others throughout the world often with the support of municipal authorities. But the Russian government doesn't support harm reduction so we have to fundraise through international partners. Now we are starting a project with the support of the site GlobalGiving.org. [GlobalGiving](#) is a leading humanitarian site which helps organizations to connect with donors and individual supporters from throughout the world.

Our project is called "mobile healthcare for 1000 people who use drugs in Moscow" and we aim collect 60,000 USD to buy a vehicle for the first mobile service for drug users in our city. For more than 6 months out of a year, Moscow is prone to snow and rain which makes work on the street very difficult. The mobile unit (a minibus equipped with supplies) will enable us to offer uninterrupted service to our clients in a comfortable environment and also enable us to reach out to more people.

We need your help! We must collect 4000 USD by the end of April from at least 50 supporters (about 80 USD per person – or less if more people participate). If we reach 4000 USD by the end of April, GlobalGiving will give us a permanent spot on their site so we can continue to collect money for the mobile service. Additionally, for **each dollar donated on the morning of April 4**, GlobalGiving will add 15% of the value of your donation to our pot. So please help us by spreading this message and making a donation [on our project's page](#)!

If you have any questions about harm reduction or the services provided by ARF please feel free to contact me – I'll be glad to answer. Lets come together to help people so often rejected by society – they have few people they can count on besides you and us!