

Dear partners, donors, friends of For Our Children Foundation,

First, I would like to present my heartfelt gratitude for being part of the life of the Foundation during all these years, guided by our shared values and understanding that every child deserves a safe environment in which to grow up happy.

I would like to officially inform you that after receiving an invitation to become a part of the ministerial cabinet which acad. Nikolay Denkov formed, I accepted the offer, motivated by the possibility of a change in the social policies of our country. Today the cabinet was officially voted, thus I will no longer be part of the team of For Our Children Foundation. I accept the role of Minister of Labor and Social Policy based on my nearly 30 years of experience in the social sphere, without belonging to any political party.

My main mission in the coming months will be the transformation of the administration into a competent and adequate system with a modern framework of social policies. I believe that with the competences and experience I have gained so far, I will create conditions for a real change in the lives of all Bulgarian citizens.

You are aware that For Our Children Foundation has been providing comprehensive support to children at an early age for more than 30 years, and we have managed to change the lives of over 22 000 children and their families. We achieved many important victories, we created adapted and stimulating spaces that carry the spirit of our joint efforts, the spirit of cohesion, the importance of family for the growth, development and building of the child as a person. Together, we put children at the center.

I am proud to have been part of this amazing team of professionals. I am proud that we achieved sustainability with your invaluable support. The cause of For Our Children Foundation will always remain my personal cause as well.

The Foundation continues steady on its way with scope and growth. There will be many more things to be proud of that you will hear about in the coming months. I count on you to be there for the team in the new challenges.

I would like to inform you that Mariana Taseva, who has been part of the team for more than 12 years, is taking on the role of Executive Director of the Foundation, and the whole team will continue, as always, to set ambitious goals and achieve sustainable results - in the name of all children.

Sincerely yours,

Ivanka Shalapatova