



# SOFIA LOZOVA, *11 years old*

Gostomel *village*,  
Kyiv region

"I really, really, really want to go home! In your bed! Play her mother's favorite tune on a brand new synthesizer and see tears of happiness in her eyes. But I don't have my own bed anymore, I don't have my synthesizer, I don't have any of what I loved, because we don't have a house anymore. There were only tears in my mother's eyes. But now these tears are from grief! "Wiping the same painful tears from her face, Sofia Lozova from Gostomel tells about her experiences.

Sofia has always been a reserved and not very emotional girl, although she went to music school and studied choreography. But when she saw a video of a terrible fire on the site of a bright sunny house where she was born and raised with her younger sister Polina, a house where the peaceful, loving, and joyful life of four generations of the Lozov family took place, the girl became hysterical. For the first time in my life. Pain for the lost and fear of the unknown of the future settled in the child's soul.

The friendly Lozov family (Sofia, Polina, mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, and

great-grandmother) lived in Gospel. From the first day of the war on February 24, their house was at the epicenter of hostilities. People were evacuated as much as possible, they were: children - abroad, grandparents - to western Ukraine. The evacuation was a difficult ordeal, especially for Sophia's mother, who has a heart condition. But the most difficult thing for everyone was to get the news from Gostomel: on March 12, the house of the Lozovs burned to the ground. There is no place to return to the family.

"I dream of ending this damn war. That all our family was together again," - Sofia repeats daily, communicating on the Internet with relatives in Ukraine. And the grandmother does not tire of answering her: "Everything will be fine! Ukraine will win and we will definitely meet! "



## *For reference*

### *Family:*

*The Lozov family: Pavlo (videographer, 37 years old), Anna (teacher, 35 years old), Sofia (11 years old), Polina (6 years old). They lived in the village of Gostomel, Kyiv region. Thanks to friends, they were able to leave Ukraine and find temporary shelter in Israel. Are there in the status of tourists. The house in Gostomel is completely destroyed.*