

## Eduard Solo-Solinsky

Kazakhstan, Almaty

Most teenagers are caught up with themselves, their friends, and schoolwork, but Eduard Solo-Solinsky's daughter spends her time worrying about him. She would give anything for her father to smile like he used to. She misses who he once was. But she knows that wish will never come true. Instead she prays for him to not cry, to be able to talk to her, and find new meaning in his life.

"Daddy, why won't you stop crying? Please!" she says, hugging her father.

Eduard tries to hide his heartbreak but it often overpowers him, overflowing from him through tears. He is only 65 but for the past five years he has lived like a much older man, unable to do anything for himself.



Five years ago, Eduard had a good job as a driver. Happily married, Eduard enjoyed raising his daughter with his wife. One day, everything suddenly changed. Eduard felt strange and realized he was experiencing a stroke. He called an ambulance but it came too late, resulting in permanent damage to his brain.



If someone had warned Eduard that his life would be spent in bed, unable to be left alone because he cannot sit up without assistance, walk or go outdoors, he would never have believed it. But that is his life today. Eduard's daughter leaves the apartment for school and his wife goes to work.

Without you, Eduard would have to spend his days alone. Instead, each morning a HESD homecare worker arrives to spend the day with Eduard. HESD also provides the medical equipment and personal products Eduard needs for his care.

Life may never be what it once was for Eduard, but through IFCJ's support, he and his family receive the help they need to live within the constraints of his health challenges. Your dedication not only translates into direct physical care for Eduard, but also extends to his wife so that she can go to work and to his daughter to attend school. The whole family would be lost without your involvement.