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# Inspiring woman Undarmaa

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Once there was a beautiful young lady who loved art. She has been working as a comedy actress for over 21 years since her 23.

Once she needed to visit and stay at 1st hospital in Ulaanbaatar for 3 nights to look after her father who was very sick. She has noticed the reception area and the ambulatory of the hospital were not comfortable and suitable. The caretakers were just staying on the cold-tiled-floor during the night, wishing their lovely ones become healthy. Health was the most important thing for them. But she saw that the patients and the caretakers seemed not to feel cozy and clean in that situation. It was also cold, dirty, crowded and dark inside the hospital. She felt sorry for the people for the first time very deeply.

Suddenly, an idea flew into her mind! "Why I could not change this reception area into perfect modern reception area?". Finally she decided to change it. She wanted to help the people who are worrying about their beloved ones' health. She wanted to make them feel comfortable when they are waiting for their lovely people.

She had asked her friends, families, counterparts and acquaintances to join her idea to help the people at the reception area with full of worries. The very first one was Mongolian pop star, singer Bold. One day, he came and said:

"We could change the old reception area together. Could you choose the reception area to be changed?"

She answered "Yes".

She had chosen the Maternity Hospital as the first place to be renovated. "When somebody gave a birth, then she used to show the newborn to his father just through the window. It was impossible to see the newborns' face clearly from the 2nd, 3rd or 4th floor windows of the building. I could help the dad to see more" she thought.

Then, "I would like to make fathers to see their newborns on television screen, sitting in daddy's room. I want to renew the hospital's reception area and build new friendly daddy room" she said.

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Excited, the project had started. She even started to post on Facebook, calling for the people who are eager to help the community since she was famous all over Mongolia. Result was unbelievable: People started to join, offering the things they have such as money, furniture, floor tiles et cetera, including even flower pot. During the very first project to renew the reception area, they had named it as "Itgeliin Tanhim" NGO. It can be translated into English as a "Faith House" to turn all hospital reception areas into people-friendly-environment.

Until today, they have rebuilt more than 10 big areas with the great endless supports from more than 30 organizations' and entities', financially and warm heartedly. We can't evaluate these kinds of charity works which support our community by only its number and money. It is breathtaking, in my opinion.

Do you want to know the name of this wonderful lady who had done such amazing works through our community? I bet you do!

Her name is Undarmaa, Gonchig from "Shine Uy" comedy production who was born in 1974 in Govi-Altai province, Mongolia.