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Dorothy Kolomeisky, William Haines and Myra Stanecki-Kozlowski pioneered the first character education program in the former Soviet Union through the *International Educational Foundation*, establishing a global team of teachers, professors and administrators. Together they created a series of character education textbooks for middle and high school students, materials for teachers and parents, and to facilitate the use of these resources, they designed and implemented a multi-national teachers' training program. This course has been translated into several languages and is used in public institutions throughout Russia and the Ukraine, Mongolia and China, and in several Islamic countries. Their deep friendship and mutual commitment to building a better world is the underlying inspiration of their continued work together.



Dorothy Kolomeisky holds a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and a Master's Degree in Education. She has taught at-risk youth, gifted and learning disabled students, students of English as a second language and incarcerated men. She is an active advocate of rights and dignity for all people of every age and nationality. Dorothy has worked extensively in the United States, Mexico and Guatemala with underprivileged children. She currently lives in Charlottesville, Virginia, with her husband Genya, where she is a high school teacher.



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About the Artist



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nationality. Bridging the gap between theory and practice, a primary objective is helping youth to understand and experience the importance of becoming whole persons by developing and harmonizing one's mind, body, heart, intellect and will—centered on love. The organization is committed to empowering youth to become mature individuals, faithful spouses, loving parents, and responsible world citizens.

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