

UKRAINIAN HUMANITARIAN RELIEF FUND NEWS

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The Ukrainian Humanitarian Relief Fund (UHRF)



The Ukrainian Humanitarian Relief Fund was created in March 2022 to accept monetary donations to grants providing humanitarian aid arising from the 2022 Russian Federation military invasion of the sovereign nation of Ukraine. UHRF's purpose is to provide humanitarian aid, immigration, and relocation assistance to further the safety and wellbeing of Ukrainian affected persons, both within and without Ukraine and the United States, including all related and incidental purposes. Working in partnership with the Pittsburgh Ukrainian Relief Coalition (PURC), the Ukrainian Humanitarian and Cultural Institute (UCHI) is the fiduciary for this fund.

Information sessions were held at Church of the Epiphany in Pittsburgh; Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church, Carnegie; SS John & Paul Roman Catholic Church, Wexford; St. Louise Roman Catholic Church, Bethel Park; and St. Bernadette, Monroeville with musicians from the Pittsburgh Symphony, which raised over \$65,000 for the UHRF.

Transportation for Ukrainians under Siege in Mariupol



UCHI has partnered with the International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) to distribute some of our funds. Through IOCC's local partner, Slavic Heart, we have provided two transport vehicles to evacuate stranded civilians from the Donetsk, Luhansk and Kharkiv regions to safe accommodation in Dnipro and Dnipropetrovsk. With these two vehicles, IOCC and Slavic Heart are transporting 640 people per month to safe accommodation.

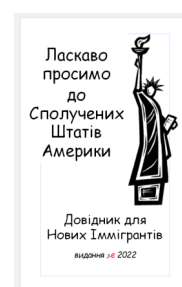
Transportation of Firefighter Supplies to Izium

The Fund provided \$14,100 to finance the shipment of urgently needed equipment for the fire department of the city of Izium, Ukraine – a city in the Kharkiv Oblast, which has been under relentless attack by Russian forces. UCHI partnered with the Chicago Association of Veterans of World War II and Velox International Shipping, Inc. to deliver items from the Amboy Fire Department totaling \$256,868.23. Items included firefighter coats, pants, gloves, boots, disposable gloves, wildland yellow pants and coats, overall suits, fire face shields combat emergency bandages, EMS helmets, MII hoses, 80W LED temporary construction lights, EMT backboard medical plastic, pike poles, vapor face masks, scuba bottle holders, non-woven isolation gowns, nozzle turbo jets, STORZ GATED WYE, Ansul Ansulate foam 5 and 55-gallon, and foam induction kits.

Continuing Efforts

With a long-term commitment to assistance and the overwhelming generosity of donors from across the region, UCHI continues to work with IOCC and other organizations to identify and fund projects providing assistance to Ukrainians affected by the invasion. Projects in discussion include psycho-social trauma therapy for first-responders, art-therapy camp for orphans, and transportation of needed items collected by concerned citizens and groups.

We are preparing for the arrival of refugees, with classes planned to assist them with resettlement. These include: English as a second language, immigration/visa/passport law, work permits and hiring processes, mental and family health, American culture, housing organizations and responsibilities, and resource networking. UCHI's unique booklet "Welcome to the USA: A Handbook for New Immigrants" [image on the right] is integral to these efforts and can be reviewed on our website or purchased through our gift shop.



We need volunteers to help in many areas including, event planning, grant writing, coordination of resources, refugee outreach, fundraising, and more. If you can help, please contact UCHI at uchi.us@gmail.com.

Support the Ukrainian Humanitarian Relief Fund (UHRF)

UCHI is 501(c)3 corporation founded in 2002, and all donations are deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Every penny of all donations to the UHRF go to assist those affected by the war; every penny goes to a fully-vetted and trustworthy recipient; every penny shows a specific, transparent story reported back to donors.

Online: www.uchi.us.weebly.com or www.paukrainerelief.org —click the "Donate" button

Mail: Send checks payable to "UCHI" at 610 Bouquet Street—Carnegie, PA 15106

In person: You may drop off a donation to the [Dollar Bank](#) location nearest you, asking for the Ukrainian Humanitarian Relief Fund or you may drop off a donation at the [Ukrainian Selfreliance of Western Pennsylvania Federal Credit Union](#) at 95 South 7th Street at the corner of East Carson Street on Pittsburgh's South Side.

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