



REPORT 2023

** Pictured is 9-year-old Polina from Kupyansk.
You can read her story on page 22.*



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CHAIR OF THE BOARD GREETING

“ We are beholden to all the repeat donors who have kept faith with our Mission and continue to donate monthly.

Since there is no end in sight to the war, the choice of projects to be funded and their terms was reviewed. Our focus turned to the vulnerable populations (women, children and older people) in the areas close to the front lines. The destruction of hospital facilities required attention.

”

Victor Hetmanczuk



DEAR SUPPORTERS OF UKRAINE!

During 2023, Ukraine suffered through its second “Annus Horribilis”. The killing and injury of thousands of civilians, including children, the targeting of civilian infrastructure, the disruption of livelihoods and vital social services and prolonged displacement have triggered a massive humanitarian and protection crisis.

This was caused by Russia’s leader Vladimir Putin invading Ukraine without reason. He is not after control of land. He is after the destruction of Ukraine’s distinctive political, social, linguistic and religious identity. He claims a small Western backed minority is seeking to impose an invented history, identity and language on the majority.

The scope of this war transcends hectares of land. It includes the lives, freedom and identity of nearly 5 million Ukrainians living under Russian



occupation, the millions illegally deported to Russia and the millions who have fled their homes to other parts of Ukraine or abroad.

To provide humanitarian assistance and support for those displaced by the war, the Canada-Ukraine Foundation (CUF) and its partner the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) continued with their joint effort – the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal throughout 2023.

In addition to the **\$53.4 million raised in 2022**, we saw another **\$13.5 million donated in 2023**. CUF spent **\$24.7 million in 2022**, and spending increased to **\$30 million in 2023**.

Immediate response was needed for the Kakhovka Dam destruction and the subsequent flooding. Water purification systems were provided, village wells and water storage were upgraded.

CUF defined another Winterization program for 2023/2024 that included 3,000 wood burning stoves, 2,400 wooden beds and mattresses for IDPs, 6,000 thermal blankets and medicines to 38 civilian hospitals along the front line.

Trauma, caused by the war in all segments of society, will linger for decades. The children

suffer the most. There is a mental health support program for children that covers 10,000 individuals for two years throughout the country.

Veterans need support in reintegrating back into civil society. There is a hospital for veterans and their families in Kyiv where stabilizing this issue takes place – 3,040 hours.

We provide funding to train psychologists in a two-year Master program. CUF has funded 200 individuals so far. They provide one to one therapy during their training – **6,620 hours to 2,377 people in 2023**.

This is an investment in the future capacity of mental health for Ukraine.

I would like to thank all our Canadian and Ukrainian NGOs that make the programs happen – without you we could not make the impact that we do in Ukrainian Society.

I would also like to thank the CUF Board of Directors and the Staff in our Toronto office for their long hours of dedicated work on providing the necessary programs that Ukrainians need during this senseless war.

Slava Ukraini!

ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:



Victor Hetmanczuk
Chair of the Board



Orest Sklierenko
President & CEO,
2019 – 2023



Oksana Kuzyshyn
COO



Bradley Sutherland
Treasurer



**Olesia Luciw-
Andryjowycz**
Secretary

We would like to take a moment and thank the three departing directors: Orest Sklierenko, Ostap Skrypnyk, and Dr. Ulana Kawun as they end their respective terms on the board and express our sincere gratitude for their commitment, expertise, and exceptional contributions to shaping the Foundation to what it is today.



CUF Executive Officers, Oksana Kuzyshyn and Olesia Luciw-Andryjowycz, presenting Orest Sklierenko with the Distinguished Service Award

A deep appreciation and recognition go to Orest Sklierenko, who served as a volunteer President

& CEO from 2019 to 2023, for his special contribution in establishing and expanding the CUF office team, and leadership in spearheading the strategic plan and aligning the Foundation's priorities. In 2022, Orest tirelessly travelled across Canada meeting with our donors, supporters and partner organizations to speak about Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, the needs on the ground, and the humanitarian aid CUF was delivering to Ukraine through the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal – a joint effort with the Ukrainian Canadian Congress launched in January of 2022. Orest received a Distinguished Service Award for all the time and expertise he so generously gave and for his unwavering dedication to the Foundation.

We would also like to thank our Medical Advisory Committee – a team of Ukrainian Canadian doctors from across Canada, representing a multitude of specialties, chaired by Dr. M. Hladunewich, that continued to meet regularly throughout the year to discuss healthcare projects and provide expert medical advice to the Ukraine Humanitarian Relief Committee. We are grateful for their commitment and valuable input. ■

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE:

Orest Sklierenko (President & CEO) / ended his term September 2023

Oksana Kuzyshyn (COO)

Victor Hetmanczuk (Chair of the Board / Chair of the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal Committee)

Bradley Sutherland (Treasurer)

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Alla Nedashkivska

Tamara Bolotenko (Help Us Help Representative)

Darcia Moskaluk Rutkay (Ukrainian Self Reliance League Representative)

Andrij Maleckyj (UCC National Representative)

Christine Brezden

Roman Waschuk (Former Ambassador of Canada to Ukraine, 2014-2019)

THANK YOU TO DONORS AND FUNDRAISERS

We would like to begin our 2023 Annual Report with a thank you to each and every one of you who have donated, fundraised, and supported our work in 2023! Your trust has enabled uninterrupted delivery of humanitarian aid across Ukraine, a ramp-up of the local support for the displaced Ukrainians in Canada, a continuation of long-standing projects such as the Holodomor National Awareness Tour and Dzherelo Children's Rehabilitation Centre, and the establishment of new programs such as Aid for Artists and Canadian Friends of Hockey in Ukraine.

We are deeply honoured the Government of Canada has chosen to partner with CUF to provide Ukraine with 100 Thornhill Medical MOVES® SLC™ – a micro-integrated life support system designed for the provision of medical care in conflict and disaster-stricken zones.

Our heart-felt gratitude goes out to the Myhal Family Foundation for their pledge of \$6 million to the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal over 2023-25. In 2023, their \$2 million donation supported our Winterization projects: wooden beds, mattresses, and bedding for the displaced within Ukraine, wood-burning stoves distributed to the underprivileged, multigenerational households along the frontlines, and food distribution, essential to Ukrainians during the winter months.

The Royal Mint once again designated funds from the sale of their Pysanka coin to the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal, bringing awareness to the plight of Ukraine, showcasing its heritage, and raising funds – we are immensely thankful for their generous and continued support!

The inaugural fundraising event of 2023 was the Bay Street Fundraising Breakfast initiated by Bert Clark, together with Jeff Lang and Tim Griffin. Major Canadian banks and many investment banking firms supported this event – close to 250 people attended and had a chance to meet and hear the Honourable Bob Rae speak about Leadership in times of global crisis: the Russian war against Ukraine. This event alone raised a remarkable \$300,000! Our deepest appreciation goes to the organizers, the Honourable Bob Rae, and to all who graciously answered the call!

Our sincere gratitude also goes out to the Canadian National Railway for their generous support of the programming for the displaced Ukrainians in Canada for the second year in a row.

This year, CUF has also been supported through a number of sporting events. We are thankful to the Edmonton Oilers for designating the proceeds from their 50/50 lottery during the Ukrainian Night to the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. The Calgary Flames Foundation has made a generous donation supporting our



humanitarian projects in Ukraine. The after-market automotive professionals' "Slapshots for a Cause" yearly event sponsored by a group of recreational hockey players once again presented CUF with the funds raised during their hockey tournament.

A soul touching concert was organized by Dr. Ante L. Padjen, founder of L'Orchestre I Medici di McGill in Montreal, to raise funds for the Canada Ukraine Surgical Aid Program (CUSAP), a long-standing medical project of CUF, founded and led by Dr. Oleh Antonyshyn. Recognizing the devotion of the CUSAP team, which consists of world-renowned trauma and reconstructive surgeons, anesthesiologists, and nurses that volunteer their time and skills, the Orchestra assisted this vital project to continue to help Ukrainian patients.

And no thank you note goes without expressing our deep gratitude to the Temerty Foundation that has been supporting CUF throughout our almost 30-year history – from Saving the Granny's Language project to outfitting the Neurophysiology department at the Hospital in Lviv. We are forever grateful to them for putting their trust in our Foundation.

Thank you to all across Canada – time and time again your generous donations demonstrate your wholehearted and undeniable support for the people of Ukraine – thank you! ■



Bob Rae
Ambassador,
Permanent
Representative of
Canada to the UN

“ This is not simply the war for Ukraine, this is the war about the values and the security of all of us. This challenge in Ukraine is going to last for quite a while. The needs of the people are profound and very real. I would encourage everyone who has already given to give again. ”



**Bert Clark, IMCO
President & CEO**
Co-Chair of the
inagural Bay Street
fundraising breakfast

“ In 2023, together with Tim Griffin and Jeff Lang, I co-chaired a fundraiser hosted by the Canada-Ukraine Foundation to support its humanitarian efforts in Ukraine and displaced Ukrainians here in Canada. Our keynote speaker was Ambassador Bob Rae. ”

I share his perspective that the people in Ukraine are fighting for things we in Canada believe in – human rights, democracy and territorial integrity. And I deeply admire the courage of the ordinary people in Ukraine who are answering the call to help stand up to a much bigger, more powerful and better equipped army. Canada has a long tradition of standing up for what's right. I hope we will continue to stand with Ukraine. ”

CUF-UCC UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN APPEAL

1 FOOD SECURITY



Food boxes (regular & gluten-free):
530,000 units reaching **915,000 people** across many regions: Odesa, Dnipro, Donetsk, Zhytomyr, Kyiv, Zaporizhzhya, Sumy, Poltava, Uzhhorod, Kharkiv, Mykolaiv, Kherson... & Displaced Ukrainians in Moldova

2 GOVERNMENT OF UKRAINE



- National Police: x-ray mobile imagers: **3 units**
- State Emergency Services: **10,000 Kevlar gloves** and 4 boats for Kherson post Kakhovka dam bombing for special rescue operations

3 MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT



Four ongoing programs: Open Doors, Hope Worldwide Canada, Blagomay, Tutapona, helping thousands of Ukrainian children and adults; educating new generation of therapists

4 LONG-TERM PROGRAM



- Demining:
- Non-technical service
 - Explosive Ordnance and Risk Education
 - Mine Victim Assistance

5 SPECIAL GROUPS



Elderly via HelpAge Canada, deaf via the Ukrainian Society of the Deaf, children and youth with physical and mental disabilities at Dzherelo Centre.

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MEDICAL CARE



- MOVES® SLC™ life-support systems: 100 units worth **\$15 million donated** by the Government of Canada, delivered by CUF to the MOH of Ukraine; CUF has also paid for the consumables close to **\$900,000**
- Medicines & medical supplies: **28 tons helping** an estimated **415,000 patients** in hospitals and clinics in Eastern Ukraine
- **30 V.A.C. Therapy devices** to the hospital in Lviv. The wound vacuum device helps speed up the wound healing.
- **400 Individual First Aid Kits** for UkrPoshta
- Equipment for the Rehabilitation Center Unbroken (Lviv)
- **Eye laser** for the St. Nicholas Children's hospital (Lviv)
- **12 maternity** and **47 postnatal care beds** for the Perinatal hospital (Lviv)
- **2 surgical missions** (CUSAP) in Poland
- First Aid training for the first responders

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SHELTER



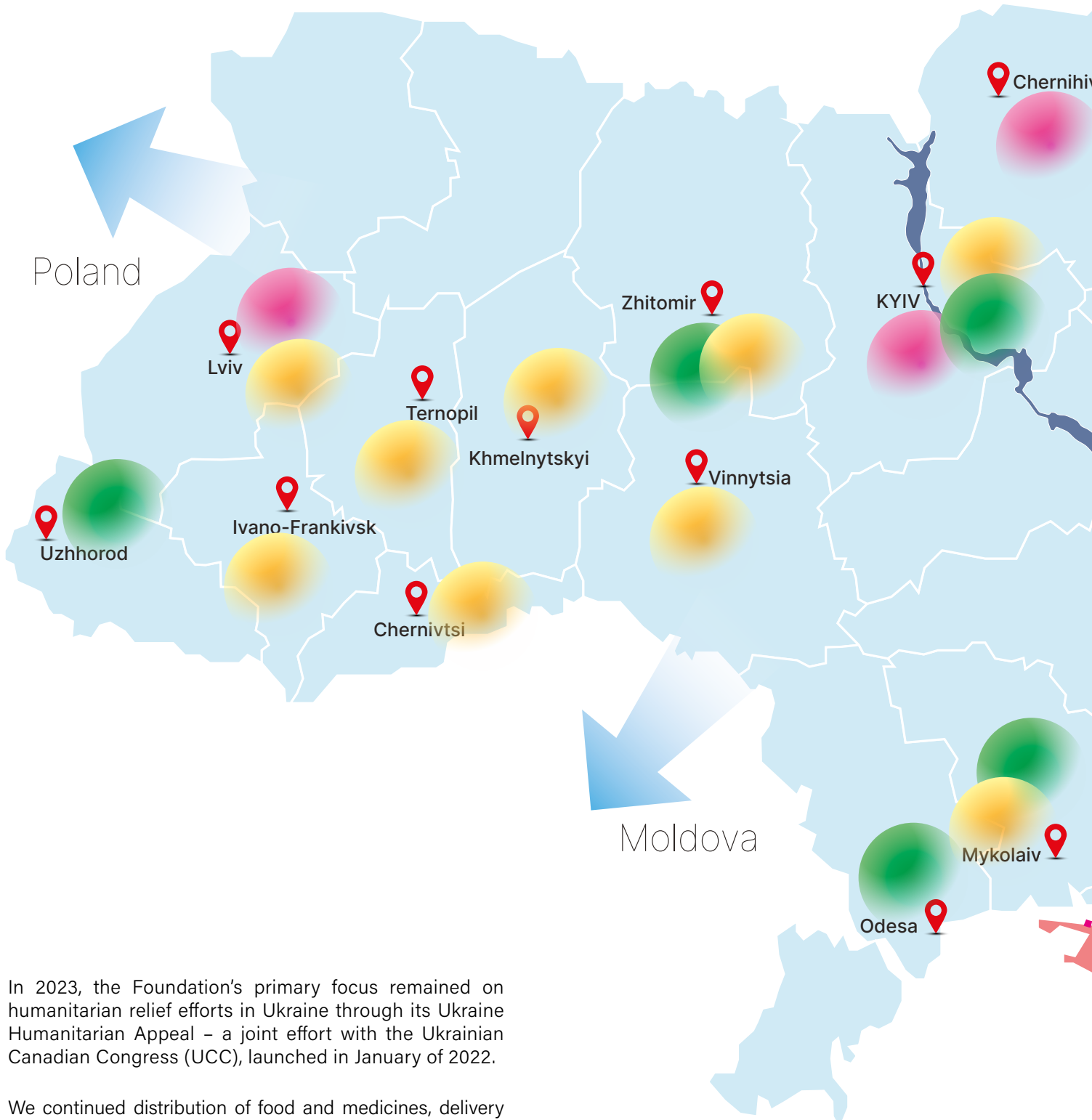
- SOS Children's Villages helped over **12,000 displaced people** with temporary shelter, newborn care kits
- Water pumps to provide drinking water for **25,000 people** in **36 villages** of Kherson region, following the bombing of Kakhovka dam
- **3,000 wood-burning stoves** for underprivileged, multigenerational households close to the frontline.
- **2,400 beds, mattresses, and bedding sets** for the internally displaced.
- **6,000 blankets** to hospitals and clinics in Eastern Ukraine
- Water supply for the City of Goodness – shelter for women and children escaping domestic violence
- **16,500 hygiene kits**
- **10,000 water purification kits**



Anna Kuprieieva, lawyer, representative of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) on the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal (UHA)

“ *Accountability, regulatory compliance, and detailed contractual work are cornerstones of the Canada-Ukraine Foundation's success in delivering impactful projects through the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal, ensuring that every initiative is both effective and aligned with the highest standards of integrity.* ”

MAP OF HUMANITARIAN AID

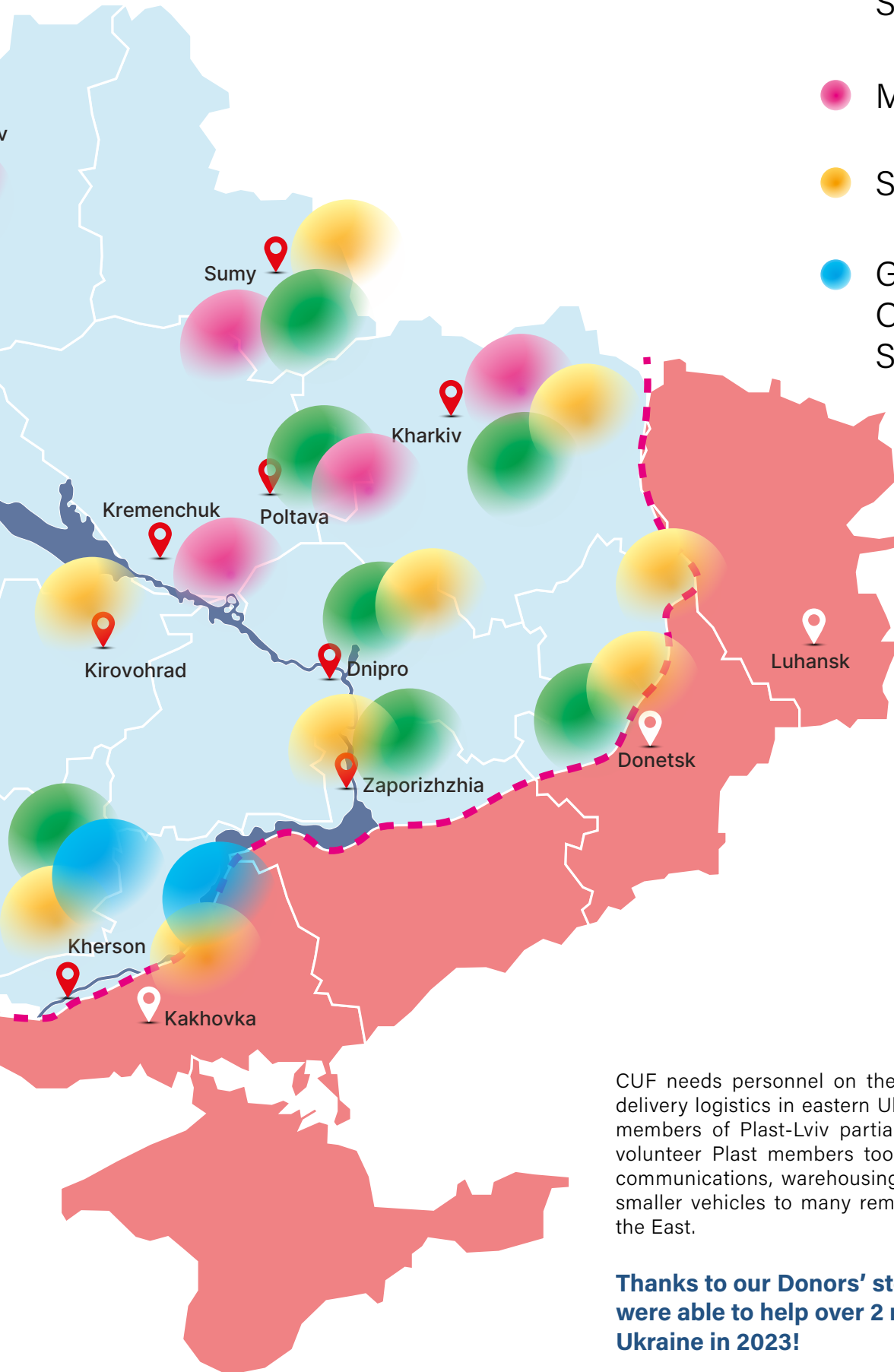


In 2023, the Foundation's primary focus remained on humanitarian relief efforts in Ukraine through its Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal – a joint effort with the Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC), launched in January of 2022.

We continued distribution of food and medicines, delivery of vital medical and hospital equipment; provided support for mental health and surgical aid (CUSAP) programs; funded first aid training and sent gear to the first responders; supported a number of emergency shelter projects for the internally displaced and launched new long-term projects such as demining and rehabilitation of war victims.



- FOOD SECURITY
- MEDICAL CARE
- SHELTER
- GOVERNMENT OF UKRAINE SUPPORT



CUF needs personnel on the ground to manage food delivery logistics in eastern Ukraine. With CUF support, members of Plast-Lviv partially took on this role. The volunteer Plast members took on the crucial tasks of communications, warehousing, and food distribution in smaller vehicles to many remote villages and towns in the East.

Thanks to our Donors' steadfast support, we were able to help over 2 million people across Ukraine in 2023!

REPORT FROM THE DISPLACED UKRAINIANS COMMITTEE



By Yaroslav Baran, Chair of the Displaced Ukrainians Committee:

According to the UN Refugee Agency (December 2023), the full-scale war in Ukraine has forced 6.3 million people to seek protection abroad. Over 250 thousand of them found refuge in Canada under the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) visa program.

As these Ukrainians started to arrive in Canada, we saw considerable need. Under our global humanitarian budget at the Canada-Ukraine Foundation, \$3.1 million dollars have thus far been earmarked for in-Canada

support. This fund was built on donations through our Displaced Ukrainians Appeal, specifically for in-Canada help to those taking refuge on our shores.

CUF's Displaced Ukrainians Committee, in keeping with the humanitarian mandate of the overall Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal, focused on the three areas of most acute need: food, shelter, and psychosocial support. Based on the distribution of displaced Ukrainians across Canada, funds were allocated proportionally to support each region. The temporary settlement has been strongest in Ontario, but proportionally to population, it was highest in Alberta which has been punching at double its weight in welcoming war-displaced Ukrainians. ■

IN 2023, WE DISBURSED / COMMITTED \$1.8 MILLION DOLLARS THROUGH PROJECTS COAST TO COAST. WE SUPPORTED:

1 AIRPORT ASSISTANCE 

Airport welcome booths to help orient displaced Ukrainians immediately upon arrival to Canada.

2 FOOD PROVISION 

Food provision – ranging from the grocery giveaway drop-ins to foodbanks to distribution of supermarket gift cards.

3 LANGUAGE CLASSES 

Language classes in English and French – to help newcomers socially and economically integrate and function in Canada.

4 EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOPS 

Employment workshops – from Canadian interview culture and interview preparation to job search seminars, CV workshops and job fairs.

5 SHELTER



Shelter – for displaced persons with war trauma and often limited language skills, finding accommodations within two weeks of arrival was immeasurably daunting. We helped fund placement, rent subsidy programs, and temporary accommodations, supported projects such as “Free Store” and furniture warehouse in Edmonton, “Maidan Market” in Ottawa, and “Parachute” in Toronto.

6 PSYCHOSOCIAL PROGRAMS



Psychosocial programs – to lesser or greater extent, all displaced Ukrainians have experienced war-related trauma. Several organizations received our grants and lead an outstanding war trauma-informed group and one-on-one counselling, as well as trauma therapy through arts and/or yoga and meditation.

7 SUMMER CAMPS



Summer camps – over the summer of 2023, 1,441 displaced children from Ukraine had a chance to be kids in 36 various camps across our country.

8 OTHER PROGRAMS



Socio-economic programs – for example, guides to help orient displaced Ukrainians on how to get health care, a driver’s license, or community services; translation of essential documents; provision of transportation cards; dental care gaps; and special support for children with disabilities.



CANADA MAP

In total, we supported 25 programs across Canada with funds disbursed according to the provincially-allotted envelopes, following the Subcommittee’s established and uniformly-applied criteria:

11 in Ontario

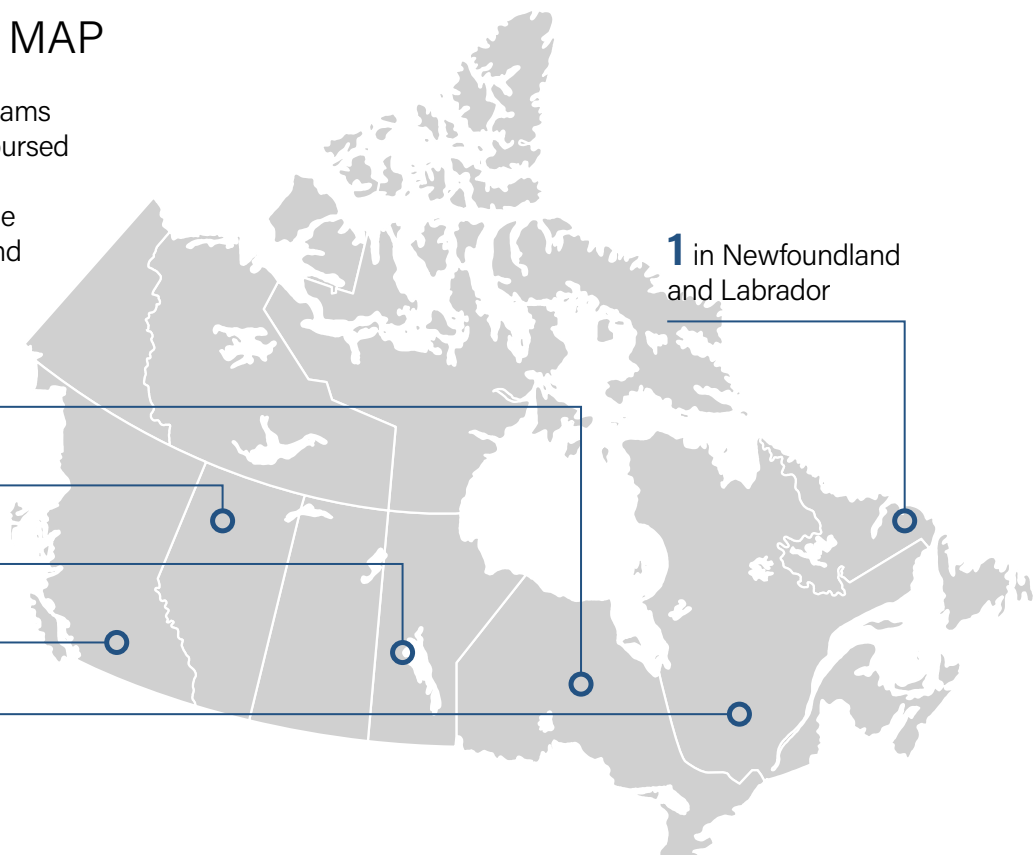
6 in Alberta

2 in Manitoba

2 in British Columbia

2 in Quebec

+1 National



DELIVERY OF MEDICINES, FOOD AND HYGIENE SUPPLIES



“ The needs in all hospitals are huge. We see hospitals that are at the limit of their capabilities. We used to bring two boxes, but now we bring entire pallets and basic materials such as plasters, gloves, and cotton wool. ”

Dr. Christian Carrer

Dr. Christian Carrer (right) with the representatives of the State Emergency Service of Ukraine



AICM is one of the few organizations that delivers medicines, hygiene products, and food to civilian Ukrainians who remain living close to the front line. In addition to the humanitarian aid, the organization’s doctors conduct medical examinations of Ukrainians who have no access to medicine due to the war. CUF has been cooperating with AICM since 2022.

The AICM (Association Internationale de Cooperation Medicale) organization was formed in 2004 based on experience exchange programs between the University of Paris and Kyiv Medical University. “The purpose of this exchange was to help Ukrainian oncologists and cardiologists detect diseases at early stages,” explains its founder, Dr. Christian Carrer.

Dr. Carrer is a French doctor who arrived in Ukraine as an exchange student 20 years ago and has lived in Ukraine since 2006. Struck by the mortality rates in Ukraine, which were the highest in Europe at the time, he decided to stay and try to make a difference. In its early years, AICM organized educational programs for Ukrainian doctors who fought corruption in the medical field. Following the decentralization reform in 2014, AICM experts played a pivotal role in consulting medical centres in local communities. Their efforts not only involved training medical staff, but also educating managers on how to secure grant support and implement modern healthcare management practices. Before the large-scale invasion, AICM was actively involved in central Ukraine

and the East, particularly in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts. As the organization prepared for the Russian invasion in 2022, it set up a warehouse with medicines in Chuhuiv (Kharkiv region), which unfortunately fell into Russian hands after the occupation.

AICM doctors provided their services in the liberated Irpin, Poltava, Sumy, and Chernihiv. In total, AICM collaborates with 69 territorial communities and has supplied medicines to nearly 350 clinics over the two years of war. ■



2005
established



31
employees



350
assisted
clinics



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Nataalka Cmoc,
Ambassador of Canada to
Ukraine



“ The Canada-Ukraine Foundation has a long history of supporting civil society and volunteer movement in Ukraine. Over the 30 years of its existence and cooperation with Ukrainians, CUF helped implement essential initiatives in healthcare, mental health support, education, rehabilitation, and other areas. With its expertise, experience of work with volunteers and network of contacts, CUF is an irreplaceable partner for Ukraine, especially at the time of war.

In 2023 – 2024, the Government of Canada and the Embassy of Canada in Ukraine had several occasions to work with CUF. We supported one of the largest humanitarian deliveries of portable life-support systems to Ukraine since the beginning of full-scale war. This equipment is now being used in hospitals, ambulances and evacuation vehicles. I also had an honour to meet with a team and patients of Canada-Ukraine Surgical Aid Program in Poland, supported by CUF. Yet one more outstanding example of long-term cooperation and of how Canadian volunteers support Ukraine.

We hope to have more opportunities for cooperation with CUF in the future. Recovery and reconstruction needs in Ukraine are enormous, and involvement of such experts as CUF is essential to address them, step by step, in the best possible way.

Finally, on behalf of the Embassy of Canada in Ukraine, I would like to congratulate Valeriy Kostyuk with his appointment to the position of Executive Director of CUF, and wish the team of the Foundation a very productive year.



Nataalka Cmoc with CUSAP team, 5th mission in Poland



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CANADA UKRAINE SURGICAL AID PROGRAM (CUSAP)



The Canada Ukraine Surgical Aid Program (CUSAP), a Canada-Ukraine Foundation (CUF) project, aims to provide medical aid and surgical assistance to the people of Ukraine. Headed by Dr. Oleh Antonyshyn, the CUF surgical missions began in 2014 with the goal of delivering surgical care for war casualties in Ukraine. The team partnered with multiple hospitals within Ukraine to provide medical assistance and, most importantly, share knowledge and educate the new generation of Ukrainian surgeons.

The full scale invasion of Ukraine by Russia in 2022 posed a significant challenge to continuing operations within Ukraine. CUSAP was specifically developed to address the need for reconstructing complex post-traumatic deformities in Ukrainian victims of war. In order to continue operating safely, CUSAP established a mobile tertiary surgical unit in Czeladz, Poland, where war victims could receive the highest quality care from this team of Canadian volunteer medical professionals.



Volunteers of the 10th CUSAP mission

OBJECTIVES

The primary objective of CUSAP is to provide life-changing care to civilian and military patients affected by the war in Ukraine.

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Since its inception, CUSAP has implemented several activities:

1. **Procurement:** CUSAP has defined the specific surgical and medical equipment required to support a mobile tertiary surgical unit. Over 2.5 million dollars of medical supplies and equipment was then secured through donations from commercial vendors or purchased through donations.
2. **Surgical Care for War victims:** CUSAP has completed 5 missions to Czeladz, during which a total of 122 patients have undergone 448 procedures. (Table 1). The majority of cases are craniofacial reconstructions (Table 2). It is important to note that these are

Olena,
patient who has undergone
over 29 surgeries

“ Want to thank the CUSAP team for treating me. Not only am I not scared to return for repeat treatment but I can't wait to see all their kind eyes and smiling faces as they follow my progress. They have become “my family!” ”

Dr. Graham,
volunteer surgeon from
Winnipeg

“ Ukraine is going through very difficult times and we cannot just sit and watch. I am privileged to be part of the CUSAP team to leave my small mark. ”



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patients with extremely complex post-traumatic defects and deformities, that are otherwise not being addressed within Ukraine. Microsurgical free tissue transfers have been successfully completed in 18 patients.

3. **Development of the Mobile Tertiary Surgical Unit Model.** CUSAP's success relied on the development and implementation of novel methods for virtual patient identification and triage, trans-border patient transport, wholly self-reliant multidisciplinary patient care, and methods for remote post-operative followup. This unique structure has been described and submitted for publication in medical journals as a model for global disaster response:

A. The Canada Ukraine Surgical Aid Program: a model for remote tertiary care delivery in response to crisis. *Global Health: Science and Practice Journal.* Antonyshyn, Kira, Malaniy, Julia, Hladunewych M, Fedirko I, Strilka V, Antonyshyn O. Submitted June 8, 2024

B. Craniofacial Surgery Mobile Unit: Reconstructing Casualties of War in Ukraine. Antonyshyn K, Teshima T, Al Shaqsi S, Enepekides D, Higgins K, Levis C, Phillips J, Antonyshyn O. *J Craniofac Surg.* Submitted July 2024



Dr. Antonyshyn,
founder and head surgeon of
CUF-CUSAP

“ The most important is the impact CUSAP’s results leave on the patient, their families and Ukraine’s medical communities. All the volunteers give of their time, knowledge and expertise to assist those in need. They don’t just rebuild lives; they give patients a glimpse of hope knowing they are not alone.

Through the program’s efforts, CUSAP has improved patient care and outcomes in Ukraine. As the program looks to the future, the team of dedicated Canadian medical professionals remains committed to continuing its work in supporting Ukraine’s healthcare system.

Most important is the impact of CUSAP’s results on the patients, their families, and Ukraine’s medical communities. All the volunteers give their time, knowledge, and expertise to assist those in need. They not only rebuild lives but also give patients hope, knowing they are not alone.

INTERESTING INFORMATION:

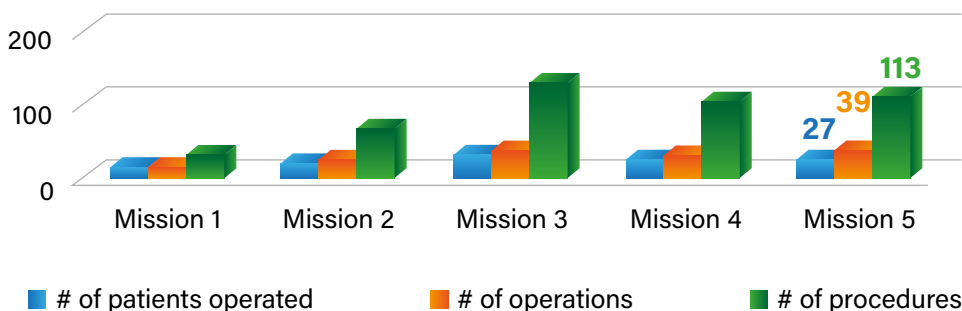
- It takes approximately 60 volunteers to organize a mission, as CUSAP runs a full department with Canadian volunteers providing complex surgeries and preandpost-surgical care (surgeons, anesthesiologists, nurses, ICU and internist physicians, pharmacists, rehabilitation specialists, and support staff).
- Only 12-18 % of CUSAP volunteers are of Ukrainian descent.
- Some patients return for multiple missions as their injuries are so complex they require multi-staged surgeries.

CONCLUSION

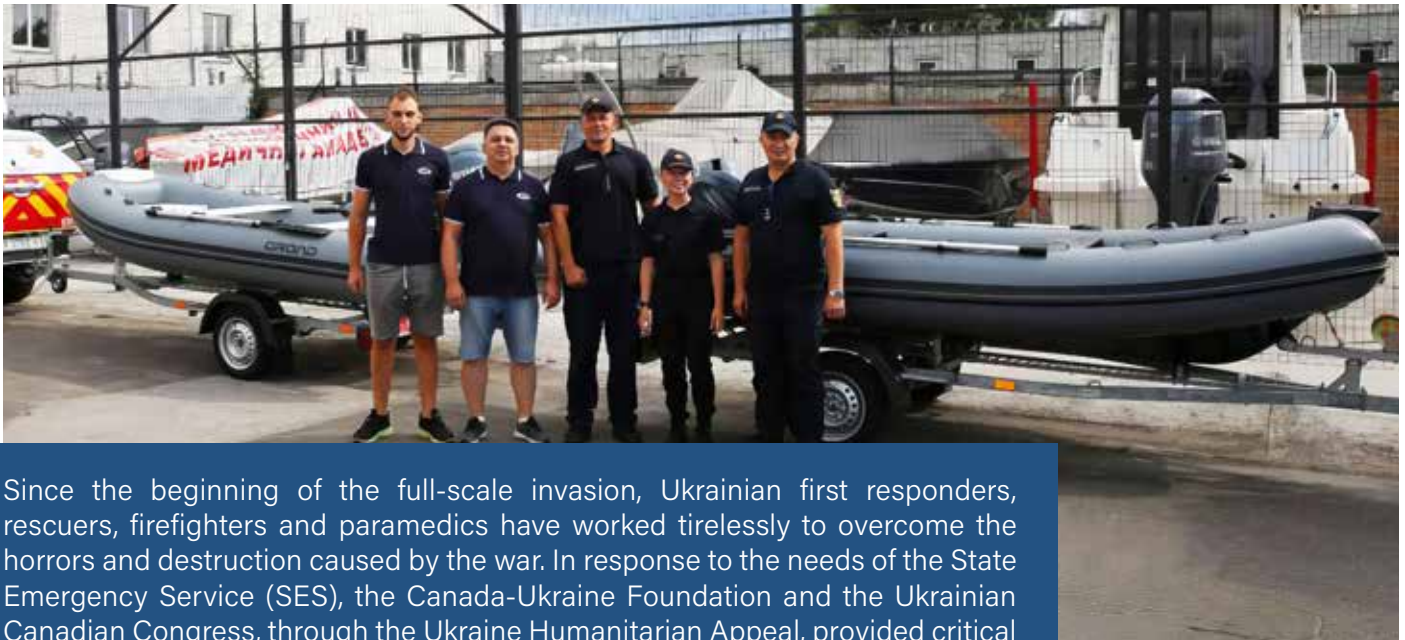
CUSAP has made significant progress in providing much-needed medical aid to Ukraine’s victims of war.

It’s not just the medical care that makes an impact but also the kindness, compassion, and empathy shown by our team of volunteers. By working together, we can make a meaningful difference in the lives of Ukrainians affected by the war. Your support is crucial in helping us achieve our goals. ■

**CUSAP Missions
Clinical Activity**



SUPPORT FOR THE STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE OF UKRAINE



Since the beginning of the full-scale invasion, Ukrainian first responders, rescuers, firefighters and paramedics have worked tirelessly to overcome the horrors and destruction caused by the war. In response to the needs of the State Emergency Service (SES), the Canada-Ukraine Foundation and the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, through the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal, provided critical support throughout 2023.

RESPONDING TO WAR-RELATED HUMANITARIAN DISASTERS

From January to March 2023, the SES received 1,000 advanced firefighting suits, 1,000 sets of basic protective base wear, 2,000 balaclavas, and 1,000 pairs of gloves and boots from CUF-UCC. The modern protective equipment was delivered to where it was needed most: Mykolaiv, Sumy, Kirovohrad and Cherkasy regions.

Later in the spring, SES received additional humanitarian aid, including 10,000 pairs of high-quality, EN388-certified rescue gloves and 200 portable fire extinguishers.

On July 6, when the Russians blew up the Kakhovka dam, causing a humanitarian and environmental disaster in the Kherson region, the Canada-Ukraine Foundation and its partner organization Global Logic responded quickly and delivered food aid to the evacuated cities (2,560 boxes of food to Kherson, 3,000 each to Odesa and Mykolaiv).

The destruction of the Kakhovka dam revealed shortages in the stock of rescue boats and other

Olesia Luciw-Andryjowycz,
a CUF board member and advisor to the
Ukraine Humanitarian Relief Committee

“ *The State Emergency Service plays an important role in Ukraine’s defence and its society’s resilience. In Ukraine, rescuers are rightly called “warriors without ammunition”. Their main “weapon” is their skill, proper equipment and gear with which they do their job. Our goal is to limit the risks to their personal safety by providing Ukrainian rescuers with advanced protective gear.* ”

equipment available to the branch of Ukraine’s State Emergency Services in Kherson, which was due to the region’s occupation by Russia for over 9 months. During that time, the offices and supply warehouses of the SES in the area were robbed and damaged. At the request of the SES, CUF purchased four four-motor rescue boats – two Ribs and two Navigators – to replenish their fleet. ■

TRAINING FOR THE STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE OF UKRAINE

STRENGTHENING THE SKILLS OF THOSE WHO RESCUE

Edmonton firefighter Kevin Royle founded the non-profit organization Firefighter Aid for Ukraine ten years ago. Since then, he has personally delivered tons of aid to Ukrainian rescuers. Thanks to the support of the CUF, in 2023, he and his team conducted necessary tactical medical training for rescuers. This training has saved lives and empowered Ukrainian rescuers, making them more effective in their critically needed missions.



Kevin Royle is as familiar with Ukrainian geography as a local. He has been coming to Ukraine since 2012. Kevin has dozens of friends among Ukrainian rescuers and many stories about the heroic deeds of his Ukrainian colleagues during this war. When Kevin first came to Ukraine, he saw a very neglected fire service that was using old Soviet equipment and lacked proper protective gear and footwear.

To do something to help, Royle sent his first shipment of decommissioned Canadian equipment and gear from his department. Two years after the first shipment, he founded Firefighter Aid for Ukraine and, since then, Kevin has been systematically helping his Ukrainian colleagues.

“Over the past 12 years, I have seen the service seriously reformed through decentralization and local community participation. Now, they have equipment, gear, and incredible specialists, but the challenges Ukraine faces are so significant that the need for help is constant,” says Kevin.

When the war broke out in 2022, his organization sent the first 14 tons of aid because they understood exactly what Ukrainian rescuers needed.

The State Emergency Service has many problems, not only a lack of equipment and training but also personnel attrition due to deaths, injuries, and psychological burnout. Ukrainian rescuers working in the aftermath of war often find themselves almost on the front lines, where they also need the knowledge and skills of the military. With the support of the CUF, Kevin’s team decided to focus on training for rescuers: tactical medicine (TCM), courses on how to help those injured in combat according to NATO standards, and courses on how to rescue people trapped in the rubble.

“ Kevin Royle says:

Over the past 12 years, I have seen the service seriously reformed through decentralization and local community participation. Now, they have equipment, gear, and incredible specialists, but the challenges Ukraine faces are so significant that the need for help is constant. ”



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Kevin says that when he first brought his Canadian colleagues to Ukraine, their first reaction was: “Wow, they have nothing, but they do their job so well!” The war has forced Ukrainian rescuers to work in extremely difficult conditions at the limit of human abilities. “Knowledge and skills are a matter of survival for them, while providing quality assistance to their colleagues and victims,” says Kevin. Their resilience and dedication in the face of such adversity is truly admirable.



2014
established



56
volunteers

Together with CUF, he has already trained dozens of Ukrainian rescuers, who then train their colleagues and spread the knowledge. Also, thanks to CUF, Ukrainian rescue units have received equipment for training. ■

REHABILITATION

THE CITY OF GOODNESS



Ten years ago, Marta Levchenko founded the *City of Goodness* shelter for women who had suffered from domestic violence. The war forced her to transform the shelter into a rehabilitation centre with additional services. Thanks to CUF's support, the centre is able to accept several hundred Ukrainians from the occupied territories and solve infrastructure issues related to water supply and sewage disposal.



THE DOORS ARE OPEN TO ANYONE WHO NEEDS SUPPORT

Levchenko is a filmmaker with a professional education. Back in her student days, she started working as a volunteer with Roma children and then with women who had suffered from domestic violence. She decided to devote her life to social work from then on.

The *City of Goodness* shelter, which Levchenko founded in 2014, worked with Ukrainian women and children before the war. It provided not only a temporary place to stay but also professional psychological assistance, helping women learn a profession and find a job. After returning to normal life, the women organized a circle of support for each other.

Since the beginning of the full-scale invasion, the shelter has opened its doors to more than 400 Ukrainians: children with their mothers, the elderly, cancer patients, and even animals. "The *City of Goodness* has taken in children from three orphanages and has cared for them for two years without government support," says Marta.

The CUF grant provided shelter for 250 people from Ukraine's occupied territories, 102 children from an orphanage in Odesa Oblast, and 35 pets. Among those who have found shelter with the help of the CUF is the family of 9-year-old Polina pictured on the cover of this Annual Report – her family is from Kupyansk (Kharkiv region), which is currently under constant shelling. As a result of the shelling, Polina's father and older brother were killed. Her older brother saved his younger brother by covering him with his own body. The *City of Goodness* team was able to ensure that this family, a mother and her five children could receive not only everything they

need to live but, most importantly, psychological support and the right to a happy childhood.

The war pushed the team to expand the centre significantly and turn it into an actual rehabilitation centre. "Over the past year and a half, we have completed three buildings with bomb shelters. One bomb shelter has separate baby rooms, a food unit, a bathroom, a second exit, and a ramp. You can stay there with children for up to 10 days," says Levchenko.



A family from Kupyansk lost their father and older brother during the shelling. They found a new, safe home in the City of Goodness. Photo credit by Olha Ivasiuk



Marta Levchenko,
founded the City of Goodness

“ Dear donors of the
Canada-Ukraine Foundation,
thanks to your generous support,
we save our people and children.
We are waiting for you to visit us to
see our joint results. ”



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The CUF grant also helped to cover the costs of building a centralized water supply and sewage system for the centre.

In 2023, the *City of Goodness* received a medical license and was able to employ professional psychologists and rehabilitation specialists. It has grown into a powerful rehabilitation centre that serves as a role model for other regions of Ukraine. Social managers from government institutions come here to learn from the experience and understand the procedures and

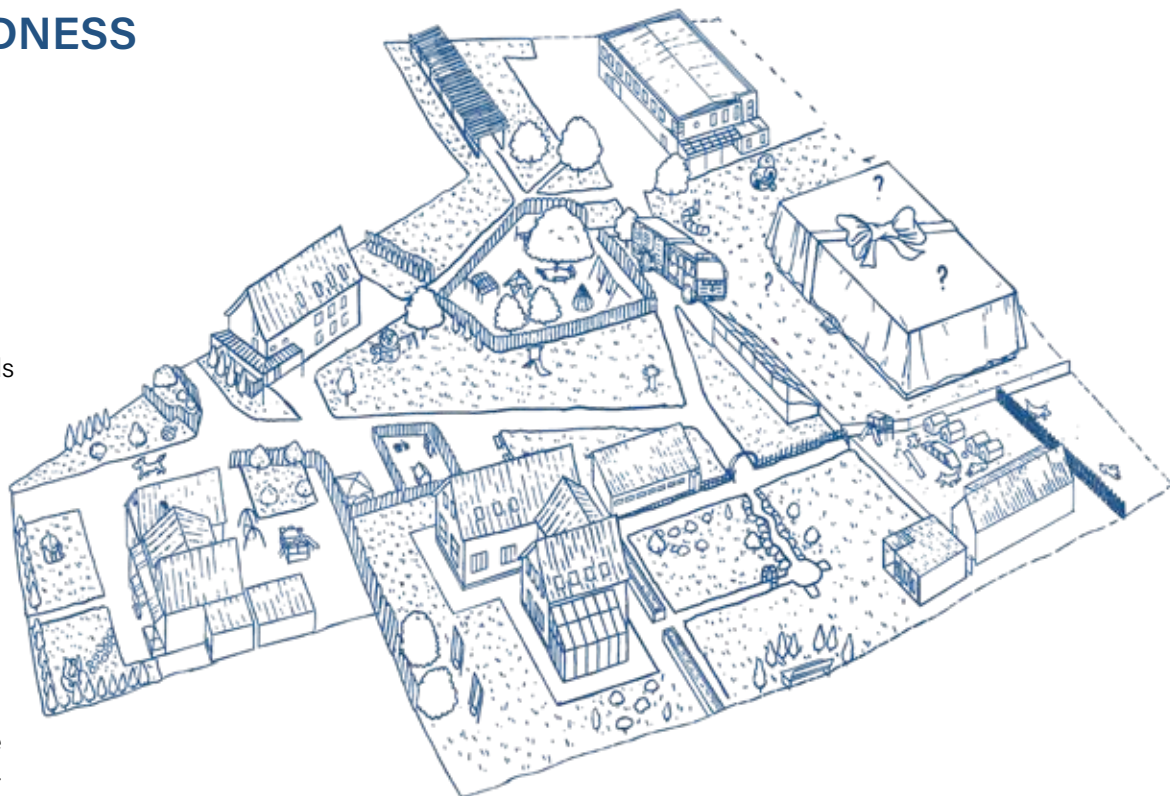
management approaches that have made *City of Goodness* successful.

In fact, the *City of Goodness* is creating a new standard for full-service rehabilitation centres and a community of people who help each other cope with the trauma of war.

For her significant achievements in the charitable sector, Levchenko was included in the Ukrayinska Pravda 100 Power of Women rating, which is dedicated to women who are saving Ukraine today. ■

THE STRUCTURE OF THE CITY OF GOODNESS

- 6 Buildings
- 39 Rooms for mothers
- 3 Bomb shelters
- 4 Canteens
- 4 Kitchens
- 2 Libraries
- 3 Outdoor playgrounds
- 6 Play spaces
- 2 Classrooms
- Medical center
- Shelter for dogs
- Gym
- Sewing workshop
- Laundry
- School for mothers
- Psychologist's office
- Canistherapy center



REHABILITATION DZHERELO



DEVELOPMENTS AT DZHERELO (LVIV)



The brutal war in Ukraine continued in 2023 with dire consequences for children and their families, especially for children with disabilities.

From the east and south of Ukraine, people with children in their arms were fleeing shelling and missiles, leaving destroyed homes, and seeking refuge in western Ukraine.

Every day, Dzherelo was a beacon of hope, receiving over 100 children with severe disabilities and providing them with professional assistance and unwavering support.

Over 100 internally displaced children with developmental difficulties were on Dzherelo's daily programs. Since 2021, Dzherelo has expanded its activities to all of Ukraine. With the support of the UNICEF Children's Fund, the Dzherelo Centre team also implements projects and activities to respond to the needs of children with disabilities during the war throughout Ukraine. These include providing medical supplies, setting up safe spaces, and offering psychological support.



Team and children of the rehabilitation center Dzherelo



Zenia Kushpeta,
a Canadian
advocate for
Dzherelo

“ Despite the enormous challenges and trials, the children at Dzherelo show remarkable resilience. Several times a day, when sirens sound, they bravely make their way to the basement for an extended stay, even in the face of frequent blackouts of electricity, water, and communications. The support of CUF enables Dzherelo Centre to flourish. ”

These crisis response projects have helped over 9,000 children with developmental difficulties in seven oblasts in western Ukraine.

Dzherelo staff prepared and accompanied 19 Early Intervention teams from all over Ukraine.

Dzherelo staff also conducted training for 57 community organizations from all over Ukraine that advocate for the rights of children with developmental difficulties. The training strengthened their capacity by covering topics such as disability rights, inclusive education, and community-based care.

Additionally, since October 2023, when the Lviv City Council turned to Dzherelo and its organizational expertise, its activities have significantly expanded locally. Four more social organizations have joined the Dzherelo Centre, which now supports large families, foster families, families in crisis, older adults, and homeless individuals. ■

GLUTEN-FREE FOOD PACKAGES FOR 1000 FAMILIES IN UKRAINE

The World Health Organization estimates that 1-2% of people worldwide have celiac disease, an autoimmune disorder resulting in a permanent intolerance to gluten. In Ukraine, according to experts, at least 300 thousand suffer from this disease. A grant from the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal (UHA) – a joint effort of the Canada-Ukraine Foundation and the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, to the Ukrainian Celiac Society is providing around 1,000 specialized food boxes a month for families with children suffering from gluten intolerance over a period of 12 months.

“People can have gluten intolerance and may not know about it for years, and at the same time be treated for diseases caused by gluten intolerance.” explains Dr. Olga Naumova, an allergist, President of the Ukrainian Celiac Society.

Fifteen years ago, Dr. Naumova united families with children suffering from celiac disease and founded the Ukrainian Celiac Society. For the past decade, Dr. Naumova and volunteers have been conducting educational campaigns, explaining the dire consequences of this disease such as diabetes and infertility.



Dr. Olga Naumenko

“ For parents of children with celiac disease, it is important not only to receive a specialty food box but also be able to source locally these foods in the future. The grant from UHA helps these families sustain their children’s health and the health of small niche businesses. ”

Over 12 months, 1150 families in need received a monthly supply of gluten-free products for their children produced by Ukrainian family businesses. The grant from CUF-UCC helped families as well as local businesses.

Before Russia’s full-scale invasion, there was a new, developing market focused on manufacturing gluten-free foods. Eleven family-run Ukrainian companies produced licensed gluten-free products – four of them are currently under Russia’s temporary occupation and three ceased to exist. Families in need of gluten-free foods have been facing both a sharp reduction in availability and significant price increase.

Thanks to the support of our Donors, with this grant, we are helping families with children suffering from Celiac disease and support local manufacturers of licensed gluten-free foods.

Thank you to all who continuously enable a variety of humanitarian aid to Ukraine through the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal – to donate, please follow the link www.cufoundation.ca ■



DEMINING

MISSION POSSIBLE: TO DEMINE UKRAINE IN THE NEXT TEN YEARS

After returning to civilian life in 2018, career soldier Tymur Pistriuha was inspired by the challenge of humanitarian demining. While military deminers clear passages and infrastructure close to the front line, humanitarian demining focuses on agricultural land, civilian infrastructure and facilities. At that time, neither the state nor NGOs working in Ukraine had in-depth expertise in this field. A CUF grant to Pistriuha's newly created organization, the Ukrainian Deminers Association (UDA), helped him develop a network of demining specialists in Ukraine. Mr. Pistriuha himself became a leading expert in this field.

"As a military man, I saw a large number of mined Ukrainian fields, but there was no systematic approach to dealing with this problem," explains Tymur. The CUF grant, part of a crowdfunding project, allowed him to train the first pilot group of sappers.



2018
established



45
deminers

CUF was one of the first donors to recognize the importance of the UDA and supported the project "Let's Clean Donbas Together!" when the first demining technicians cleared agricultural fields near Mariupol. They became the

"core" of the organization and accumulated experience by actively studying the experiences of Croatia, Lebanon, Azerbaijan, Cambodia, and other countries that had been extensively mined. UDA were the first Ukrainian certified



Tymur Pistriuha,
founder of the
Ukrainian Deminers
Association

"As a veteran who was offered to head international relations in a company in 2018 and chose to develop humanitarian demining, I understand the guys who return from war. They would rather go as sappers and literally return the land to Ukraine, free it from the explosive consequences of the war, than work as barbers, taxi drivers and so on."



Andrij Maleckyj,
representative of the
Ukrainian Canadian
Congress (UCC)
on the Ukraine
Humanitarian Appeal
(UHA)

"Since Russia's full-scale invasion, landmines and unexploded ordnance in Ukraine have become a major problem, impacting both physical safety and economic development, particularly in the agricultural sector. Several large international demining organizations have arrived in Ukraine to participate in the multi-year process of mine clearance. However, our contribution at CUF is through supporting the development of local Ukrainian humanitarian demining expertise through our partnership with the Ukrainian Demining Association, founded by ex-Ukrainian military officer Tymur Pistriuha. Working with the UDA, we can identify the townships where our and our donors' funding has made a difference."



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experts in humanitarian demining. They and their executing partner currently have more accreditations than their local peers for all sectors of humanitarian demining: non-technical survey, technical survey, and clearance.

As UDA's leader Pistriuha contributed to the development of new legislation on demining by the Ukrainian state. UDA is subordinated to and regulated by the National Mine Action Authority (a collegial body headed by Ukraine's Minister of Defense).

Thanks to UDA, the first maps of hazardous areas were created, saving thousands of lives.



Safety training for deminers

"For a deminer, just like a pilot, the number of work hours is important. This is the way in which experience and professionalism are gained. As an organization, we have already trained a significant number of sappers who started working in 2018. Our qualified sappers do their job quickly and efficiently. And this means that people will return to the cleared areas as soon as possible," explains Tymur, who has regularly reported on developments and new projects to CUF.

"In the early days of the full-scale invasion, I received a message from Olesia Luciw-Andryjowycz and Oksana Kuzyshyn asking how they could help," Tymur says. CUF supported the UDA in this non-core area of work until the situation in Ukraine in the de-occupied territories stabilized. The first UDA sappers started working in the fields as soon as the Kyiv region was liberated in the spring of 2022, gaining international attention.

Representatives of various embassies and governments, including Canada, the United Nations, the European Parliament, and other global demining stakeholders, have already visited the office of the UDA Pistriuha himself appeared on CNN and CNBC and was interviewed by the Guardian, Le Monde, and other world media.

Now, thanks to CUF's financial support, the UDA is implementing a project that focuses on three main areas:

1. Humanitarian demining.
2. Public education on explosive ordnance risk prevention.
3. Assistance to victims of mines and explosive ordnance.

"This is a comprehensive project which will accelerate the Association's progress to another level," says Tymur. He calls CUF a strategic partner and "mentor" that helps even with projects it does not fund.

A total of 144,000 hectares of potentially hazardous areas in Ukraine were announced at the recent "Rebuilding Ukraine 2024" conference (June 11-12, Berlin), which Timur Pistriuha attended. "In 10 years, Ukraine is supposed to clear 80% of the presently accessible potential danger zones," says the founder of the Ukrainian Demining Association. He believes that Ukrainians will achieve this goal.

Tymur Pistriuha is now considering creating a Veteran Demining Centre, which would aim at rehabilitating veterans by teaching them demining. ■



MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM



Thanks to a grant from the CUF-UCC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal in 2023, the Ukrainian Association for Psychological Counseling and Trauma Therapy continued to train Ukrainian psychologists according to the program and standards of North American psychological training. This program trained and certified 40 psychologists and provided 1000-1200 hours of free psychological assistance to civilians and veterans each month.

RAISING THE STANDARD OF MENTAL HEALTH CARE IN UKRAINE

The war in Ukraine radically changed life and accelerated processes, including the need for psychological assistance. In the second year of the war, Ukrainians not only learned to talk about mental health but also created long-term national programs to support it.

“Ukrainians are now experiencing complex trauma. In the first year of the war, there was not any time to address mental health, now people are beginning to realize that they need professional help. It turns out that there are not many specialists in the country,” says Dr. Oksana Syvak, co-founder of the Association for Psychological Counseling and Trauma Therapy and the Center of Psychological Counseling and Trauma Therapy Open Doors.

According to Dr. Syvak, the discussion about professional psychological help has gone beyond



Dr. Oksana Syvak, co-founder of the Association for Psychological Counseling and Trauma Therapy and the Center of Psychological Counseling and Trauma Therapy Open Doors.

“ Mental health is the resource that allows us to get closer to victory every day and to work towards long-term goals ”

the professional circle and is now discussed publicly. The training program created with the support of the Canada-Ukraine Foundation is an investment in the mental health of Ukrainians, and today, Dr. Oksana Syvak has a long line of colleagues wanting to enroll. A component of the training program is to provide 700 hours of free consultation – the students met and surpassed their obligation providing cumulatively more than 1200 hours of free services each month.

In 2023, the Association of Psychological Counseling and Trauma Therapy also established connections and support groups for Ukrainian psychologists abroad who assisted newly arrived Ukrainians. Furthermore, Dr. Syvak and members of the Association were involved in the initial draft of the “On the Mental Health Care System” law.

“The purpose of this law is, first, to standardize the training of psychologists in Ukraine: to bring the training in line with international standards based on evidence-based therapies. Secondly, to create standards for the provision of psychological assistance in Ukraine,” says Oksana Syvak. ■



PSYCHO-SOCIAL SUPPORT FOR UKRAINIAN WOMEN AND YOUTH IN CANADA



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Maple Hope Foundation, with a grant from the Canada-Ukraine Foundation, provided psychological support to 647 Ukrainian women who were forced to move to Canada because of the war. Psychological support groups were established in nine provinces. After the project's end, the women continued to communicate and support each other. Individual counseling sessions were conducted.

"HEALING THE WOUNDS OF THE WAR TOGETHER" - THE HEALING PROJECT

Svitlana Kominko, a psychologist and professor at the British Columbia Institute of Technology, is originally from Ternopil but moved to Canada in 2005 and continued her professional studies here. Together with Ukrainian community leaders in Vancouver, she established the Maple Hope Foundation in 2014.



Svitlana Kominko, on the left - MHF co-founder and Nataliia Chorny - Registered Clinical Counsellor

Since the first days of the foundation's inception, Svitalana and her team have tried to help families who have lost loved ones in the war. To deepen her knowledge of working with trauma, Svitalana Kominko completed a specialized program in grief and grieving in the United States and was certified as a grief educator by David Kessler.

Svitalana says that the most effective way to heal after the loss and work through grief is through group therapy and peer to peer support.

"A community of wives, mothers, and sisters can help you realize that you are not alone, that there are people in the world with similar experiences and feelings. Mutual support is very important, as are psychological explanations for what is happening to you in bereavement or when you are facing challenges of forced migration. It helps women to increase their awareness of what's going on for them on the emotional, mental, or physical level and make a step towards positive change," she says.

Thanks to the support of CUF, Svitalana and her project co-author, Olha Rudenko, were able to bring together 18 psychologists and mental health professionals from Ukraine. "This project allowed our team members to work in their profession and to enter the Canadian context smoothly. Their experience is unique, as is their clients' experience," says the project lead.

The Healing Project allowed women to discuss important issues and accept a new reality in Canada and Ukraine that was very different from their previous one.

"Psychological assistance helps to speed up integration into a new society and finding a proper job" says Svitalana. ■



Juliia Kovaliova,
Psycho-social
Rehabilitation
Practitioner

“ I am very grateful to the Maple Hope Foundation for the opportunity to work in the Healing project.

I moved to Canada fleeing the war less than a year ago. The opportunity to be in a team of like-minded people and colleagues really helped me integrate here. Our team is very warm and supportive. This is so valuable to me. The gratitude and changes in the people whom we helped as part of the project are very inspiring and give strength to move on. **”**

EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES



Thanks to the dedicated work of the Holodomor National Awareness Tour and Holodomor educators, Ontario's Ministry of Education in 2023 announced that the Holodomor and its impact on the Ukrainian community in Canada will be a mandatory subject in Grade 10 starting in September 2025. To reinforce this learning, Ontario invested \$400,000 in CUF to support HNAT in 2024. We are grateful to the Province of Ontario for their continued support and belief in the work we do.

by Roma Dzerowicz, Project Manager

HOLODOMOR NATIONAL AWARENESS TOUR

The support from the Province of Ontario for 2024 will allow us to continue engaging schools and communities throughout the province including remote communities in Northern Ontario such as Sioux Lookout, Red Lake, Atikokan, and Dryden.

It is important to bring awareness of past atrocities such as the Holodomor to global attention so that they will never be repeated. This is the continuing objective of the Holodomor National Awareness Tour (HNAT) – to teach Canadians, young and old, about the devastating effects of the Holodomor – death by starvation, and to ensure that it never happens again.

In 2023, the 90th anniversary of the Holodomor, HNAT, a keynote project of the Canada-Ukraine Foundation,



continued its focus on the engagement of communities and schools in Eastern and Western Canada. Traveling for the first time to New Brunswick and Newfoundland, with a stop in Sydney, Nova Scotia, HNAT engaged close to 1,000 persons visiting 12 schools and hosting one community event. Schools in both New Brunswick and Newfoundland welcomed us graciously, but most heartwarming was seeing hospitality of Eastern Canada in receiving Ukrainians displaced by the war.

During the summer of 2023, we focused on community events including the engagement of students at Vyshkil and students from St. Mary's Ukrainian School of London England during their SOUL (School of Ukrainian Language) Ukrainian study tour in Toronto. On Ukraine's Independence Day, we had the privilege of joining the Ukrainian community in Barrie. This was a well-attended event that not only brought the Ukrainian community but locals and political leaders alike together.



In the fall of 2023, the HMC traveled westward to British Columbia and Alberta where we began our tour in Courtenay/Comox on Vancouver Island. A total of 55 school visits and 14 community events were conducted, engaging over 4,500 students and educators and over 1,000 people from the public in 2023.

Awareness and education never stop but open doors to further learning. ■



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EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT



“ Our committee took a significant step in our commitment to support displaced students in Canada by approving a \$301,000 project. This initiative, delivered in partnership with the Taras Shevchenko Foundation and with help from SUSK (Ukrainian Canadian Student Union), has profoundly impacted the lives of 61 students from various provinces. The students included those from British Columbia (6), Alberta (13), Saskatchewan (2), Manitoba (8), Ontario (29), New Brunswick (2), and Nova Scotia (1). They have continued their post-secondary education with the help of these stipends, a testament to the importance of our work. While we are proud of our project’s impact, we acknowledge that many more displaced students in Canada need support. Further donations towards this initiative would allow for more stipends to be awarded to deserving students. ”

by Chair Bohdan Kolos

CANADIAN FRIENDS OF HOCKEY IN UKRAINE



In 2023, Canadian Friends of Hockey in Ukraine (CFHU) – a committee of the Canada-Ukraine Foundation, supported youth hockey programs with shipments to five hockey clubs, including more than 30 sets of equipment for kids who continue, even in wartime, to play the great game.

That was made possible by donations and CFHU’s annual fundraisers: the celebrity golf tournament in the summer, and dinners in the winter that saw CFHU and supporters host Ukraine’s U-25 national team for Christmas in Winnipeg and honored the youth hockey players forced to flee from Ukraine now playing in Manitoba.

Last year marked CFHU’s fifth year of activity that saw more than 200 sets of youth hockey equipment and training supplies delivered to 16 hockey clubs with youth programs across Ukraine,

including a girl and women’s team that was forced to relocate due to war. In 2023, CFHU received a request regarding sledge hockey from war-torn Ukraine, and Ian Dmytriw of the Manitoba Falcons, and Manitoba Sledge Hockey donated a complete set of equipment that was delivered in 2024. ■



by Stefko Bandera

SUPPORT OF UKRAINIAN CULTURE



Art is the soul of our people, our strength and identity. In the wake of the war on Ukraine, the preservation and advancement of Ukrainian culture has become paramount. Established in March of 2022, Aid for Artists is a dedicated fund of the Canada Ukraine Foundation (CUF) that serves as a platform for the community at large to support the artists of Ukraine who keep our homeland forward-facing, courageous and united.

The CUF Aid for Artists Committee aims to support Ukrainian visual and performing artists, arts institutions, NGOs, and various levels of government culture ministries to build capability and capacity within the arts sector in Ukraine. Through CUF supported and sponsored programs and projects, we strive to enable artists, arts workers, arts organizations, arts institutions and artist advocates to improve the preservation, promotion and development of Ukrainian arts in the communities they serve.

The Aid for Artists Committee includes representatives from across Canada, with backgrounds in a variety of genres of the arts:

- Committee Chair: Darka Tarnawsky, Executive Director, Ukrainian Shumka Dancers, Edmonton, AB.
- Social Media/Marketing/Director: Tanya Mykytiuk, Visual Artist, Toronto, ON.



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- Directors:
 - Brian Cherwick, Musician/Academic, Atlantic Canada.
 - Laurence Ewashko, Choral Music, Ottawa, ON.
 - Taras Kulish, Executive Director, Orchestre Classique de Montréal, Montreal, QC.
 - Vincent Rees, Creator, Ukrainian Dance World, Edmonton, AB; Victoria, BC; Lviv, Ukraine.

The mandate of the Committee is to encourage donations to the Aid for Artists sub-fund of the Canada-Ukraine Foundation; to engage artists and organizations of the Ukrainian Canadian diaspora and the Canadian arts community in raising awareness and funds for the arts sector in Ukraine; to inform and disburse funds to individuals and groups related to re-establishment, creation and jobs in the arts sector in Ukraine; and to support all genres of visual and performing arts of Ukraine.

The work done to the end of 2023 focused on raising funds and awareness of the Aid for Artists project. In late 2023, the committee received nine applications for review, focusing on a variety of artistic genres. (Applications were reviewed and monies disbursed in 2024.)

The committee is optimistic that the work done to date will kickstart a series of artistic projects in Ukraine, all made possible by the Aid for Artists fund. To contribute, or learn more about this project, please visit: www.cufoundation.ca/aid-for-artists/

To discuss group fundraising initiatives for Aid for Artists, please contact Marianna Kaminska at mkaminska@cufoundation.ca. ■



Gerdan Ukrainian Choir supported by the Aid for Artists fund in 2024

DELIVERY WITHOUT FORCE MAJEURE AND DAMAGE

The Canada-Ukraine Foundation has been working with the logistics company Prime League for eight years. The first project took place in 2016 and the goal was to deliver ten ambulances to Ukraine. Over the years, hundreds of projects have been implemented and thousands of kilograms of humanitarian aid – mainly medicines and medical equipment – have been delivered.

Yuriy Pukhalo, founder and CEO of Prime League, says that only a tenth of his clients are humanitarian organizations. These are the most challenging and rewarding clients because they help Ukraine.



Yuriy Pukhalo,
founder and CEO of Prime League

“ Each humanitarian project takes about 80 percent more time than any other commercial project. Building a chain of 7 to 8 delivery stages is usually necessary. It helps us a lot that both the CUF team and we have many years of experience, which allows us not to lose time and money. We speak the same language as the management of CUF, so in the years of our cooperation, there has never been a case of force majeure that we could not handle. ”



John Keating,
donor of CUSAP

“ Based on the hardships suffered by so many civilians and soldiers in Ukraine it is impossible to remain indifferent. To continue to donate can be a lifesaver for many Ukrainians who are in desperate need of medical care, shelter and food. It is imperative to contribute whatever we can in order to demonstrate that we truly care. ”



Bill Lukashenko,
Organizer of Auction for Ukraine
fundraiser in 2022

“ I support the Canada-Ukraine Foundation to help the victims of Russia’s invasion, in their time of great need. I also support the Foundation in the honor of my father and my grandparents, survivors of the Holodomor and displaced persons who immigrated to Canada. I give of my time and financial resources, acting with my heart and hands because I can. Because I have Ukrainian roots. Because I am a Canadian. ”



Valeriy Kostyuk,
Executive Director



CUF WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Canada-Ukraine Foundation board is pleased to announce that Valeriy Kostyuk has been appointed as the Executive Director. Valeriy will work with the Canada-Ukraine Foundation's team to accomplish its mission according to the board of directors' strategic direction.

"It is a great honour and privilege to join the extraordinary team at the Canada-Ukraine Foundation and work on impactful and meaningful projects. I look forward to collaborating with Canadians and improving the well-being of Ukrainians impacted by the war. I am sure that by working together, we will continue delivering CUF's important mandate", says Valeriy Kostyuk.

Valeriy comes from the entertainment sector and is a Ukrainian-Canadian producer of art and cultural projects. He has worked on theatre productions, concerts, and exhibits with leading companies such as Starvox Entertainment, Lighthouse Immersive, and Theaturtle. Some of Valeriy's professional highlights include the Immersive Disney Animation exhibit, which has been seen by millions internationally, WOW Las Vegas Spectacular in Dubai, and CHARLOTTE: A Tri-Coloured Play with Music, the first professional Canadian production to tour Ukraine.

Since 2020, Valeriy has been producing Ukraine's first immersive exhibition, Immersive Shevchenko: Soul of Ukraine, which has toured internationally to promote and raise funds for Ukraine. Over 50,000 visitors have seen Immersive Shevchenko: Soul of Ukraine, including Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky, President Viktor Yushchenko, Canada's Foreign Minister Mélanie Joly, Ontario's Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Dowdeswell, and many others. ■

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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR ON THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

To the Board of Directors of Canada-Ukraine Foundation:

Opinion

The summary financial statements, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023, and the summary statements of operations, changes in net assets for the year then ended, and related notes, are derived from the audited financial statements of Canada-Ukraine Foundation for the year ended December 31, 2023.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are a fair summary of the financial statements, in accordance with the criteria disclosed in Note 1 to the summary audited financial statements. However, we were not able to determine if any adjustments to the summary financial statements were necessary for the reasons described in *The Audited Financial Statements and Our Report Thereon* section of this audit report.

Summary Financial Statements

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. Reading the summary financial statements and the auditor's report thereon is not a substitute for reading the Canada-Ukraine Foundation audited financial statements and the auditor's report thereon.

The summary financial statements and the audited financial statements do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on the audited financial statements.

The Audited Financial Statements and Our Report Thereon

In our report dated June 1, 2024, we expressed an unqualified audit opinion on the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of a summary of the financial statements in accordance with the criteria disclosed in Note 1 to the summary financial statements.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are a fair summary of the audited financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standard (CAS) 810, "Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements."

Winnipeg, Manitoba
June 1, 2024

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CANADA UKRAINE FOUNDATION

SUMMARIZED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

DECEMBER 31, 2023

ASSETS	General Fund (\$)	Designated Funds (\$)	Endowment Fund (\$)	Total 2023 (\$)	Total 2022 (\$)
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash	2,756,356	473,332	-	3,229,688	9,130,818
Short term investments	-	14,181,843	-	14,181,843	24,164,372
Prepaid expenses	8,670	-	-	8,670	8,670
HST recoverable	206,777	-	412	207,189	68,672
Inter fund balances	1,547,496	(1,549,777)	2,281	-	-
	4,519,299	13,105,398	2,693	17,627,390	33,372,532
LONG TERM INVESTMENTS	-	550,671	668,405	1,219,076	1,103,175
TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS	250,544	-	-	250,544	251,135
	4,769,843	13,656,069	671,098	19,097,010	34,726,842
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS					
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	29,086	720	-	29,806	267,648
NET ASSETS					
Internally restricted (Schedule 1)	-	861,331	-	861,331	1,247,357
Externally restricted (Schedule 2)	-	12,794,018	-	12,794,018	28,388,220
Unrestricted	4,740,757	-	-	4,740,757	4,225,906
Endowment fund	-	-	671,098	671,098	597,711
	4,740,757	13,655,349	671,098	19,067,204	34,459,194
	4,769,843	13,656,069	671,098	19,097,010	34,726,842

CANADA UKRAINE FOUNDATION

SUMMARIZED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

REVENUE	General Fund (\$)	Designated Funds (\$)	Endowment Fund (\$)	Total 2023 (\$)	Total 2022 (\$)
Humanitarian project donations	-	13,475,779	-	13,475,779	53,409,798
Donations	2,120,382	719,719	-	2,840,101	3,929,601
Investment income	5,907	357,036	28,666	391,609	405,431
Government grants	-	79,	-	79,183	308,426
	2,126,289	14,631,717	28,666	16,786,672	58,053,256
EXPENSES					
Accounting	10,379	-	-	10,379	11,308
Administration	13,129	-	-	13,129	11,329
Advertising	11,035	-	-	11,035	14,183
Amortization of tangible capital assets	591	-	-	591	9,109
Audit	29,062	-	-	29,062	35,552
Bank charges	20,334	-	-	20,334	56,519
Communication expenses	144,858	-	-	144,858	72,276
Conference costs	759	-	-	759	6,250
Contractor fees	4,069	-	-	4,069	7,907
General projects	1,795,051	-	-	1,795,051	814,172
Insurance	12,762	-	-	12,762	11,898
Legal fees	2,617	-	-	2,617	26,449
Memberships	350	-	-	350	350
Office and postage	50,025	-	-	50,025	46,123
Project expenses (Schedule 1 and 2)	-	29,944,036	4,731	29,948,767	24,716,005
Salaries and benefits	160,728	-	-	160,728	42,590
Travel	15,894	-	-	15,894	11,586
Website	21,291	-	-	21,291	10,913
	2,292,934	29,944,036	4,731	32,241,701	25,904,519
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES BEFORE OTHER ITEMS	(166,645)	(15,312,319)	23,935	(15,455,029)	32,148,737
OTHER ITEMS					
Unrealized investment gain (loss)	-	36,606	49,452	86,058	(60,746)
Realized foreign exchange gain (loss)	(23,019)	-	-	(23,019)	6,541
Processing fees (Schedule 1 and 2)	704,515	(704,515)	-	-	-
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	514,851	(15,980,228)	73,387	(15,391,990)	32,094,532

CANADA UKRAINE FOUNDATION

SUMMARIZED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	General Fund (\$)	Designated Funds (\$)	Endowment Fund (\$)	Total 2023 (\$)	Total 2022 (\$)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	4,225,906	29,635,577	597,711	34,459,194	2,364,662
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expense	514,851	(15,980,228)	73,387	(15,391,990)	32,094,532
Inter fund transfers (Schedule 1 and 2)	-	-	-	-	-
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	4,740,757	13,655,349	671,098	19,067,204	34,459,194

Schedule 1

CANADA UKRAINE FOUNDATION

INTERNALLY RESTRICTED FUNDS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	2022 (\$)	2023			2023 (\$)
		Grants/donations (\$)	Investment income (loss) (\$)	Expenses (\$)	
Alberta Learning Fund	17,662	-	-	-	17,662
Liubov Project Fund	89,655	24,629	2,200	33,868	82,616
CUF Medical Program Fund	495,266	175	-	51,425	444,016
UGCC Sobor Fund	6,297	-	-	-	6,297
Ukrainian Leadership Academy Fund	635,089	-	-	(327,737)	307,352
University of Kyiv Mohyla Fund	3,388	-	-	-	3,388
	1,247,357	24,804	2,200	85,293	861,331

	2021 (\$)	2022			2022 (\$)
		Grants/donations (\$)	Investment income (loss) (\$)	Expenses (\$)	
Alberta Learning Fund	17,662	-	-	-	17,662
Defenders of Ukraine	20,169	-	-	-	(20,169)
Liubov Project Fund	70,557	67,086	(2,424)	45,564	89,655
CUF Medical Program Fund	-	514,510	-	19,244	495,266
UGCC Sobor Fund	6,297	-	-	-	6,297
Ukraine 2020 Flood Relief Fund	562	-	-	-	(562)
Ukraine Rebuilding Fund	5,786	-	-	5,777	(9)
Ukrainian Leadership Academy Fund	-	635,089	-	-	635,089
University of Kyiv Mohyla Fund	3,388	-	-	-	3,388
	124,421	1,216,685	(2,424)	70,585	(20,740)

Schedule 2

CANADA UKRAINE FOUNDATION EXTERNALLY RESTRICTED FUNDS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023



	2023					2023 (\$)
	2022 (\$)	Grants/ donations (\$)	Investment income (loss) (\$)	Expenses (\$)	Inter fund transfers (\$)	
Displaced Ukrainians Appeal Fund	1,952,945	911,549	-	828,483	-	2,036,011
Druzi Dzherelo Fund	739,171	261,711	32,512	225,751	-	807,643
Holodomor Awareness Fund	278,537	107,485	-	311,605	-	74,417
Holodomor Research and Education Centre in Ukraine	-	339,700	-	341,898	327,737	325,539
Jaroslav Zajszlyj Memorial Fund	46,102	-	2,603	462	-	48,243
Kovaluk Fund	84,401	5,639	4,858	11,490	-	83,408
National Holodomor Museum Fund	5,347	-	-	-	-	5,347
Canada Ukraine Surgical Aid Program (CUSAP) Fund	(708,676)	3,069,242	-	1,341,448	-	1,019,118
The Cosbild Ukrainian Culture Fund	77,359	-	3,122	555	-	79,926
Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal Fund	25,775,792	9,413,218	348,347	27,499,670	-	8,037,687
Veterans of Ukraine Humanitarian Fund	137,242	59,562	-	1,896	-	194,908
Aid for Artists in Ukraine Fund	-	81,771	-	-	-	81,771
	28,388,220	14,249,877	391,442	30,563,258	327,737	12,794,018

	2022					2022 (\$)
	2021 (\$)	Grants/ donations (\$)	Investment income (loss) (\$)	Expenses (\$)	Inter fund transfers (\$)	
Displaced Ukrainians Appeal Fund	-	2,183,331	-	230,386	-	1,952,945
Druzi Dzherelo Fund	826,958	126,427	(6,017)	208,197	-	739,171
Holodomor Awareness Fund	351,407	308,939	-	381,809	-	278,537
Jaroslav Zajszlyj Memorial Fund	49,589	550	(3,566)	471	-	46,102
Kovaluk Fund	86,750	4,509	(6,071)	787	-	84,401
National Holodomor Museum Fund	5,347	-	-	-	-	5,347
Canada Ukraine Surgical Aid Program (CUSAP) Fund	-	655,840	-	1,364,516	-	(708,676)
The Cosbild Ukrainian Culture Fund	82,744	-	(4,828)	557	-	77,359
Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal Fund	-	50,555,921	365,640	25,145,769	-	25,775,792
Veterans of Ukraine Humanitarian Fund	-	106,488	4	4,125	34,875	137,242
Vitaliy Skakun Fund	-	14,706	-	-	(14,706)	-
	1,402,795	53,956,711	345,162	27,336,617	20,169	28,388,220

CANADA UKRAINE FOUNDATION NOTE TO SUMMARIZED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

1. BASIS OF PREPARATION

The summarized financial statements have been prepared from the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023, on the following basis:

- (a) The summarized financial statements include the complete statement of financial position, statement of operations, statement of changes in net assets, schedule of internally restricted designated funds, and schedule of externally restricted designated funds.

The complete financial statements, including notes to the financial statements and the independent auditors' report are available upon request by contacting the Foundation's office.



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