



YOUR MONEY AT WORK: FIRST STAGE FUNDING REPORT

UKRAINE CRISIS APPEAL



GOALS OF THE APPEAL

To meet the immediate life-saving needs of the crisis-affected civilian population in Ukraine and provide early recovery assistance as soon as feasible, while providing assistance to save and preserve lives, ease suffering and promote self-sufficiency

MAXIMISING DONATIONS

By creating a Tax-deductible fund to maximise the impact of donations, the Australian Federation of Ukrainian Organisations (AFUO), partnered with Rotary Australia World Community Service (RAWCS) and Caritas Ukraine, which established the Ukraine Crisis Appeal (UCA).

To sustain humanitarian aid to Ukraine a portfolio of Humanitarian Aid Initiatives Committee was established under the AFUO.

HOW IT WORKS

Rotary Australia World Community Service has accepted the Ukraine Crisis Appeal as a charitable fund and all donations are granted a tax-deductible status.

AFUO – Humanitarian Aid Initiatives Committee (HAIC), identify needs, evaluate or develop programs, set define goals, guidelines, KPIs, reporting schedules and check ins for the nominated program. Once satisfied, they advise AFUO & recommend RAWCS release funds to **CARITAS UKRAINE** who implement the program / or pass on financial support to the nominated program. Caritas Ukraine take financial responsibility for the project, its execution, management and providing regular progress reports back to AFUO - HAIC.

MEET THE COMMITTEE



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PLANNING FOR SUCCESS

In 2018, \$128,000 AUD was raised by the fund.

This fund has enabled the Veteran Program to support 25 Veterans and their families (approximately 100 people) on the journey for a better life.

With the aim of a holistic care program, an in depth assessment was completed by Caritas Ukraine qualified case workers to identify each of the Veterans specific needs. These *otherwise would not have been fulfilled* due to financial circumstances, ineligibility for support from the state, as well as the lack of specialised treatment in their cities or villages.

Different types of care provided



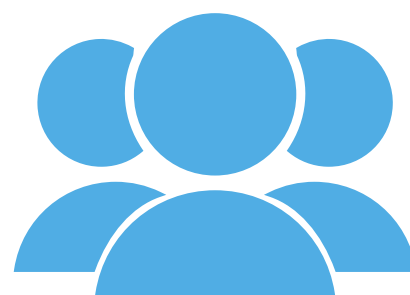
Medical help

Treatment
Prosthetics
Medicine
Rehabilitation programs



Psychological Help

Assisting with recovery
from trauma
PTSD management



Social Services Help

Re-education
Training
Integration into everyday life



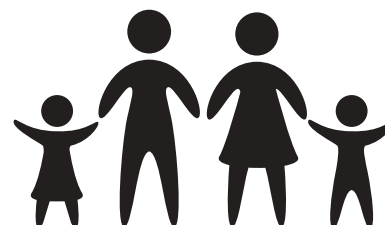
Pro Bono Legal Assistance

Advocating for Government assistance, they are entitled to, but couldn't access themselves



Disability Support Assistance

Home accessibility modifications
Care devices
Communication Devices (ie Braille Laptops)



Family Assistance

Some veterans elected to prioritise funds for their family & children, for things they couldn't otherwise financially provide.

HOW YOUR MONEY HAS CHANGED LIVES

The following pages outline a number of the Veterans & Families stories, inclusive of the help received, thanks to you, through the Ukraine Crisis Appeal.

VETERANS: VALERIY & VITALIY

These Veterans suffered significant injuries, resulting in severe high needs disability and the need for musculoskeletal rehabilitation. With vast consultation undertaken by physicians & Ministry of Health, the best treatment option for their specific needs was found in a Georgian Sanatorium, at their own cost, but no funds were available.

The Sanatorium provided both physical treatment and psycho-emotional support for the Veteran and their families. Thanks to the Ukrainian Crisis Appeal, they were able to receive the much needed treatment, with travel, medical & sanatorium costs fulfilled.

Valeriy's wife also had the costs covered for a Massage Therapy course, to help her earn an income for the family, as she's currently out of work. They have two children they need to provide for.



VETERAN: IHOR

Ihor could not receive treatment in Ukraine for his amputation injuries, with insufficient options available.

Thanks to the Ukrainian Crisis Appeal, Ihor had an operation for the reconstruction of his injured joint, plus fitting of a prosthetic and the rehabilitation required to successfully manage using a prosthetic. The costs were covered for the surgery in a specialist clinic in Poland.



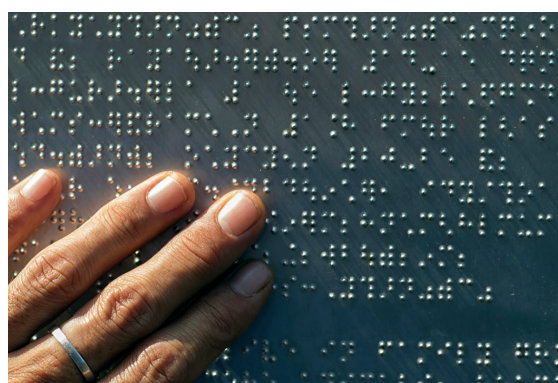
VETERANS: OLEH & IHOR

Oleh & Ihor became blind as a result of being wounded on the frontline. Sadly, in Ukraine there are very limited rehabilitation programs to help the disabled learn how to cope being blind, including the skills of orientation, learning how to communicate and dealing with the psychological trauma.

Thanks to the Ukraine Crisis Appeal, Oleh & Ihor were able to attend a 2 week training course in orientation. This gave them the necessary life skills, including re-learning household experiences & movement skills like using a cane, plus communication device training for both computers and phones. A computer and phone were purchased for each of them, which are specially programmed for the blind.

This will help them both communicate and hopefully find work and reestablish their lives.

Investigations are now being made to purchase Ihor a guide dog.



VETERAN: OLEKSANDR

Oleksandr had horrific injuries following the war, including amputation of both legs and wounds across his whole body due to an explosion.

Before participating in the Veterans program, he had received no pension or housing support from the state. This is despite the guarantee by law, due to his large family (Wife & 5 children) and extensive injuries.

Thanks to the Ukraine Crisis Appeal, Oleksandr received expedited legal assistance to obtain disability pension, plus housing compensation. They were then able to move into a much larger family home, with their previous home severely deteriorated & not financially viable for renovation.

A hot water boiler was also purchased for the new home, plus much needed bedding for their children and suitable furniture for the family. .



VETERAN FAMILY MEMBER: VALENTINA

Valentine is a mother of 3 sons, one of whom sadly was killed in 2015. Another son is still fighting in the war, defending the East. Struggling with grief, she attends psychotherapy support sessions for those who have buried a child.

As a result of this tragic event, continued stress from a son on the war front & living alone, she has had complications with her heart and cardiovascular system, suffering a stroke in 2017.

Thanks to the Ukraine Crisis Appeal, she was able to attend a Sanatorium where she received proper cardiology treatment, and post stroke rehabilitation.

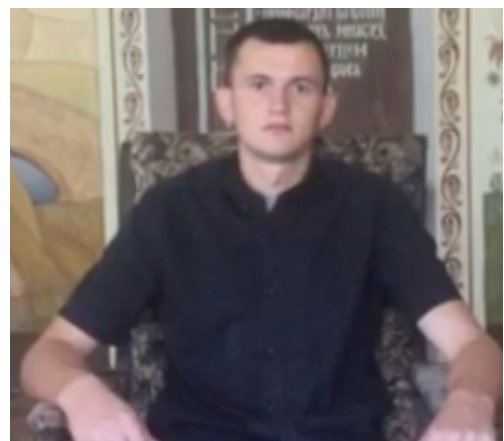


VETERAN: DMYTRO, TARAS & YURIY

Due to their traumatic time on the front, these Veterans became addicted to alcohol as a coping mechanism for what they witnessed & suffered. This left them needing major rehabilitation to overcome their addiction, for which they did not have funds.

With the support of the Ukraine Crisis Appeal, each Veteran is receiving treatment for their addiction, over the course of a 8 month program. This program is run at the Nazareth Rehabilitation Center, a partner of Caritas Ukraine, which has a successful track record of individuals overcoming addiction. The treatment practices is a 12 step solution, involving participants living in a rehabilitation centre, where they receive counselling, complete community work and receive training. The aim is they can return to living in society, free of their addiction.

Each Veteran has started the program, with their progress monitored on a monthly basis.



VETERAN: OLEKSANDR

During the war, Oleksandr sustained horrific back injuries with protrusions of the spine. This was significantly worsened by the fact he had back injury in his childhood which was not properly treated. He also suffers from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, which causes aggression and irritability. Currently, he and his wife and child live separately.

Thanks to the Ukrainian Crisis Appeal, Oleksandr will receive assistance for the proper examination, diagnosis and rehabilitation of his spinal injury. Additionally, he will receive assistance with home repairs, which will hopefully see the family reunited.

Aid was provided to his 11 year old daughter to attend a Summer Camp, which he otherwise could not afford. This allowed his daughter to have time away to help overcome the many traumas experienced for a child her age.

Oleksandr's dream is to find employment and support his family, but he requires further education which he cannot fund. To support him, the Ukrainian Crisis Appeal will provide financial aid.



VETERAN: ANATOLIY

Anatoliy lost both his feet in battle during a bomb blast. He only received basic help from the state in 2016, including prosthetics. However, he needed further rehabilitation and support to navigate using them.

Thanks to the Ukraine Crisis Appeal Anatoliy received clinical help and training at the Prosthesis Research Institute in Kharkiv, a leading institution in Ukraine for rehabilitation.

Also, special power training equipment was purchased and installed in the Veteran's home, to assist with continued therapy and rehabilitation.



WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE APPEAL

Moving forward, the Ukraine Crisis Appeal is supporting three programs which fulfil immediate lifesaving needs of the crisis-affected civilian and veteran population in Ukraine.

These are:

Occupational Therapy Training Program
Emergency First Responder Program
Veteran Support Program

These programs will up skill Ukrainians to help themselves and improve quality of lives. These programs also have incredible organisational partners and supporters, who previously successfully implemented these programs elsewhere around the world, with amazing outcomes. For example Occupational Therapy Training has been successfully established in Vietnam and other parts of Asia & using the First Responder Program, Israel achieved one of the shortest EMS response times in the world, highly improving results for patients.

Find out more about these programs at:
www.ozeukes.com/ukraine-crisis-appeal

HOW TO CONTINUE MAKING A DIFFERENCE:

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