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WELCOME TO OUR ANNUAL REPORT

DEAR FRIENDS, DEAR ANGELS:

When I think back to that fateful morning of February 24th, 2022, and the first images and videos of the invasion started flooding in, it is as if time stands still. I remember being utterly glued to the screen, my heart heavy with shock and disbelief. My thoughts immediately turned to my close friends in Ukraine, and from there, I could not help but spiral into thoughts about how I would react in such a dire situation with my own children. My mind was in turmoil, screaming at me to do something, anything, to make a difference.

In those early days, I found myself picking up the phone and dialing random numbers with the area code of Mariupol. I spoke with people hiding in basements and apartments, their lives shattered by the relentless sound of jets and helicopters overhead. I became their lifeline, guiding them to safety and evacuation points I discovered online.

As the days turned into weeks, I crossed paths with kindred spirits in Wisconsin who shared my burning desire to help. Together, we rallied our efforts and prepared shipments of humanitarian aid. But it was a pivotal moment when I met Andreas, the director of Be an Angel Germany, during an online crisis evaluation meeting over Zoom. Our shared passion and unwavering commitment led us to form a bond, and soon after, I launched our own 501(c)(3) charity in the U.S., Friends of Be an Angel.

Fast forward one year, and I am overwhelmed with emotions reflecting on our journey. Together, we have achieved what once seemed impossible. We have successfully evacuated over 18,150 civilians, providing them with a safe haven in the European Union and the United States. We have shipped an astounding 4,923 tons of humanitarian aid and even provided 20 ambulances to those in desperate need.

None of this would have been possible without the unwavering support of our incredible friends, donors, and volunteers who stood by our side throughout this arduous journey. To all of you, we owe an immeasurable debt of gratitude. It is with immense pride that I say, together, we have made a profound impact. Hundreds of thousands of lives have been directly touched by our work, and I consider each one of you an integral part of our team.

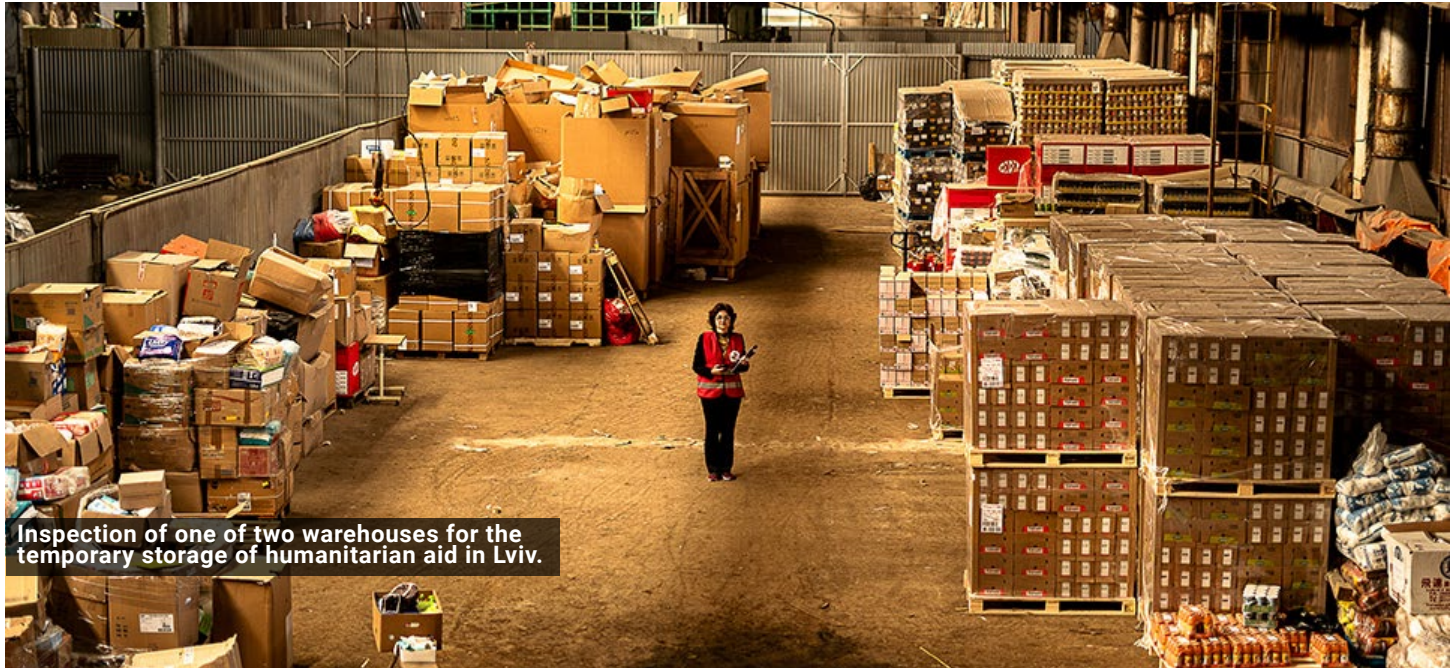
The emotions that swell within me are beyond words. The compassion, dedication, and sheer determination that have powered our mission serve as a beacon of hope in these dark times. We have proven that even in the face of adversity, humanity can shine brightly. Thank you for being a part of this incredible journey, for making a difference, and for giving countless souls a chance at a better life. You are the heroes that this world desperately needs.



Anya Verkhovskaya



YOUR IMPACT



RESCUE OPERATIONS



18,150 civilians
evacuated from frontlines



187 buses
with women, children
and disabled evacuated



23 babies
with rare diseases and
their families evacuated
and treated



3 medical flights
with critically injured and ill
patients and their families

HUMANITARIAN AID



4,923 tons
of humanitarian aid
distributed



\$62,690,090
worth of in-kind
donations



1,715 generators
delivered during the winter
energy crisis



20 ambulances
provided to frontline
first responders



1+ billion liters
of clean drinking water

OUR NETWORK



70 organizations
united for greater impact



8 countries
of global humanitarian
effort for our combined
operations



65 volunteers
working within our
organization



4 HQs
in USA, Germany,
Moldova and Ukraine

MILESTONES



Bus evacuation of civilians from the city of Mykolaiv, Ukraine.

UKRAINIAN PARLIAMENT COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

We have recently formalized a memorandum of understanding with the Ombudsman's Office for Human Rights of Ukraine. This important memorandum further enhances our ongoing efforts to promote and protect human rights in Ukraine.

AWARDED BY THE PARLIAMENT OF UKRAINE

The Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (Parliament of Ukraine) has awarded our work for providing aid, evacuation and support to the Ukrainian people during a time of war.

RECOGNITION FOR OUR WORK BY:

- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- State Emergency Services, Ukraine
- Ministry of Social Affairs, Ukraine
- Ministry of Health, Ukraine
- Ministry of Education, Ukraine
- National Congress of Ukrainians, Moldova
- City Council of Philadelphia, USA

HUMANITARIAN AID

THE FULL-SCALE INVASION HAS LEFT 17.6 MILLION PEOPLE IN NEED. EVERYTHING FROM CLOTHING TO MEDICINE HAS BECOME CRUCIAL TO SUPPORT THE MILLIONS OF REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PEOPLE.

To alleviate the grave circumstances of the Ukrainian civilian population, Friends of Be an Angel has taken on the challenging task of providing humanitarian aid to community centers, refugee camps, points of invincibility, hospitals, and internally displaced person (IDP) camps. The attacks by the Russian Federation's armed forces have left a wake of destruction to critical civilian infrastructure such as hospitals, power stations, and water treatment plants. Further complicating the situation, roads and primary transportation routes in many parts of the country are still mined, under occupation, or under attack, making delivery of humanitarian aid extremely dangerous.

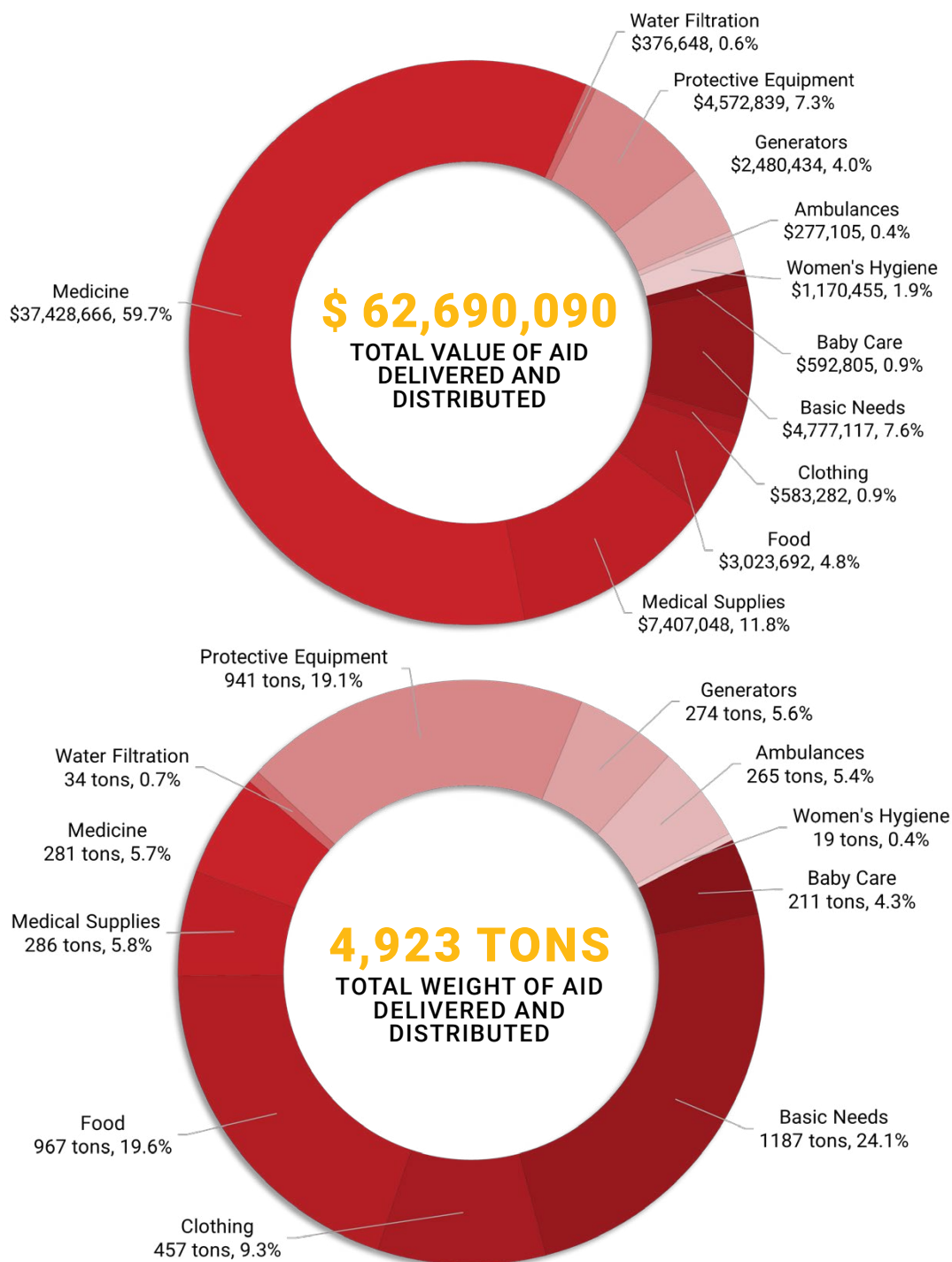
We operate two humanitarian aid warehouse hubs in Lviv. From these distribution points, we provide end-to-end deliveries to regions in close proximity to the front lines, directly to those in need.

185 +

SHIPMENTS COMPLETED



Our volunteers traveled by boat upriver to deliver humanitarian aid and rescue civilians stranded in their flooded homes in the Kharkiv region shortly after the destruction of the Kharkova dam. Russian Federation snipers and artillery regularly attacked rescue workers from occupied territory across the river.



Through our extensive on-the-ground network, we employ our intersectional approach to swiftly pinpoint critical areas requiring assistance. Our dedicated teams maintain constant communication with hospitals, refugee centers, emergency services, and various stakeholders to promptly assess what is required and where. This nimble approach allows us to direct our response efforts efficiently, adapting to the ever-changing needs across the country.

Additionally, we apply our intersectional aid principles to focus on particularly vulnerable segments of society, including widows, single mothers, the disabled, and the elderly. Utilizing the regional mailing system, we send out between 4,000 and 5,000 tailored care packages each month, addressing the specific requests and necessities of these individuals.

GIVING POWER AND HOPE

PROVIDING 1,715 GENERATORS FOR UKRAINE

CREATING A COALITION OF 42 ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE HEAT, POWER AND HOPE.

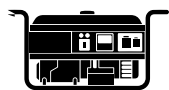
During the autumn and winter months, the Russian Armed Forces carried out precision strikes on critical infrastructure within Ukraine, resulting in one of the worst humanitarian disasters since the beginning of the full-scale invasion. Millions of innocent Ukrainian women, children, and elderly were left without water, heat, and electricity during the coldest months of the year.

In anticipation of these attacks, Friends of Be an Angel launched a pre-emptive response by forming a coalition of 42 organizations, charities and donors to provide 1,715 generators to the Ukrainian people.



TOGETHER WE ARE STRONGER

Through the formation of a powerful coalition, we accomplished the remarkable feat of securing generators valued at \$2.4 million by establishing direct partnerships with manufacturers. Our collective effort allowed us to leverage our combined resources, enabling the purchase of generators in large quantities at manufacturer prices. This strategic approach proved invaluable, especially during a period of pronounced inflation and insatiable demand, as it significantly reduced costs compared to prevailing market prices.

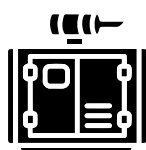

x1,192

 2.5 kW
Generators

x223

 8.5 kW
Generators

x152

 12 kW
Generators

x76

 17 kW
Generators

x20

 11 kW
Generators

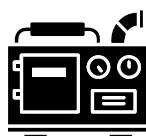
x72

 8.2 kW
Diesel Silent

x20

 14 kW
Generators

x14

 8.0 kW
Generators

x1

 40 kW
Generators

1,715

total number of generators

\$2.4 m

total market value

42 NGOs

within the coalition

Distributed to:

- 489 Frontline rescuers
- 478 Refugee centers
- 238 Disadvantaged families
- 218 Community centers
- 150 Medical institutions
- 80 Warming stations
- 34 Schools
- 15 Orphanages
- 13 Religious institutions

RESCUE OPERATIONS

The Russian Federation's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 marked a dramatic escalation of an eight-year conflict, which had been largely confined to the east of the country, and precipitated a massive humanitarian crisis. Millions were forced to flee Ukraine to neighboring host countries on a scale not witnessed in Europe for decades. By the end of 2022, some 7.9 million refugees had fled Ukraine and sought protection across Europe and the United States.



Our network has been on the ground since March 4th, 2022, in Moldova and southeast Ukraine. Our operations began by chartering buses to evacuate refugees from the Odesa region of Ukraine to Moldova, and then subsequently to Germany. Prior to the full-scale invasion of Ukraine, our sister organization Be an Angel Germany had been active since 2015 with assisting and campaigning for refugees from other conflict zones to receive housing, funding and legal residency status within Germany. Built upon years of relationships and experience, Be an Angel Germany was best suited to bring Ukrainian refugees to Germany by working together with local authorities to find them temporary housing and comfortable living situations.

Throughout the following months, a Be an Angel

network was established with headquarters in Odesa, Ukraine and Chişinău, Moldova. A system was put in place to work together with the regional administration of Mykolaiv, Ukraine, a city which was under siege and heavy bombardment. Buses were charted and driven to Mykolaiv to evacuate fleeing civilians and brought overnight to stay in shelters in Moldova before departing to Germany. Once in Germany, a local team coordinated housing and accommodation for the refugees. Every refugee received personalized care and essential medical treatment, along with the assurance of a dedicated point of contact throughout their stay. During the peak summer months, amid a battle on the outskirts of Mykolaiv, Be an Angel demonstrated extraordinary commitment by evacuating a remarkable four full-sized buses per week.



Evacuation out of the city of Mykolaiv, Ukraine which was a frontline city during the summer of 2022.

18,150+
CIVILIANS

187+
BUSES

85
PATIENTS EVACUATED
WITH AMBULANCES

Since March 4th, 2022, our team has evacuated more than 18,150 civilians from frontline regions and brought them to the European Union and United States to safety. Our unwavering commitment to providing refugees with housing, instead of placing them in large halls and shelters, reflects our strong belief in preserving their dignity. For these efforts, we have been honored and recognized by esteemed entities, including the German government, the City Council of Odesa, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and the National Congress of Ukrainians in Moldova.

Furthermore, we actively engage with several crisis committees in Germany and Moldova, where we play a pivotal role in ensuring the safety and well-being of evacuees. Our participation in frequent action meetings is a testament to our dedication to safeguarding the health and security of those affected by crises in the region.

RESCUING VULNERABLE CHILDREN

RARE DISEASE PROGRAM FOR INFANTS AND CHILDREN

A year and a half after the Russian Federation invaded Ukraine, Ukrainian hospitals continue to suffer from significant shortage of doctors, medicine and medical supplies. Many doctors are sent in rotations to frontline hospitals to assist with the high casualty rate, leaving a shortage of staff in every hospital. In addition, the consumption of medicine and medical supplies has

increased immensely, leaving a scarcity in all regions of Ukraine. The unavailability of numerous treatment options has created a dire situation, especially for children suffering with severe medical conditions. Among the treatments sorely lacking in Ukraine is the medication required for treating Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA).



01. THE PROBLEM

Tragically, the mortality rate for infants suffering from SMA has soared to over 80% due to the ravages of war and the severe shortage of available treatment options in Ukraine. The only chance of hope for these infants is their evacuation to countries that provide the needed treatment necessary for their survival.

02. OUR SOLUTION

Our organization provides medical evacuation, resettlement, and facilitates treatment options for the child and their immediate family. We support the family by finding them treatment locations, provide case management, organizing staff, equipment and medical transport for the evacuation out of Ukraine, assist them with visa applications, document translation, find them a sponsor and provide them a place to live.

03. THE RESULTS

23 children have been given a second chance at life.

SERVICES WE PROVIDE



Sasha was evacuated to Milwaukee, Wisconsin in August, 2023. Within the first few months of treatment, he was able to walk stand for the first time.

- Deliver comprehensive case management, ensuring that we address unique needs and circumstances every step of the way.
- Help navigate the visa application process for their destination country.
- Identify available treatment centers, book appointments on their behalf, and guide families through the treatment process.
- Create evacuation protocol, including coordination of ambulances, essential medical staff, and necessary equipment.
- Provide accommodation, address basic needs, arrange transportation to and from the hospital, and ensure they have access to essential necessities.
- Remain unwavering point of contact, offering continuous consultation and support throughout the entire duration of treatment and beyond.

TRAUMA EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

INTRODUCING A NATIONAL SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING PROGRAM

Freeing Freddie the Dream Weaver is an online educational program for children which teaches social and emotional learning and well-being. This is highly suitable for the Ukrainian children who are struggling to cope with their daily situations. Already in use in the United States, the Ukrainian version of Freeing Freddie will provide a way for Ukrainian children, no matter where they are, to learn about emotions while engaging with teachers and classmates.

The educational program is filled with avatars, games, and activities, wrapped around a magical story that will bring joy and fun to the Ukrainian children who so desperately need it to address fears and anxieties.

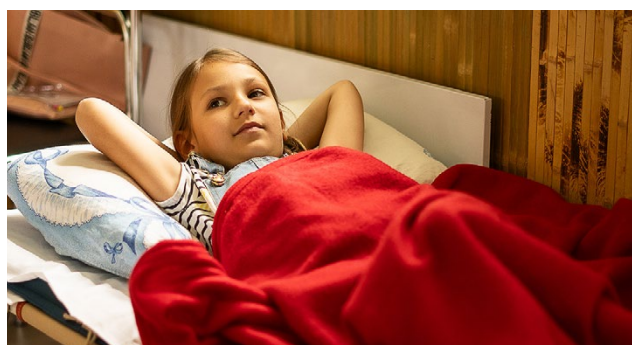
Pilot Program Goal: To deliver the social emotional learning program, Freeing Freddie, to at least 10,000 Ukrainian children, ages 5 – 13, in the Ukrainian language.

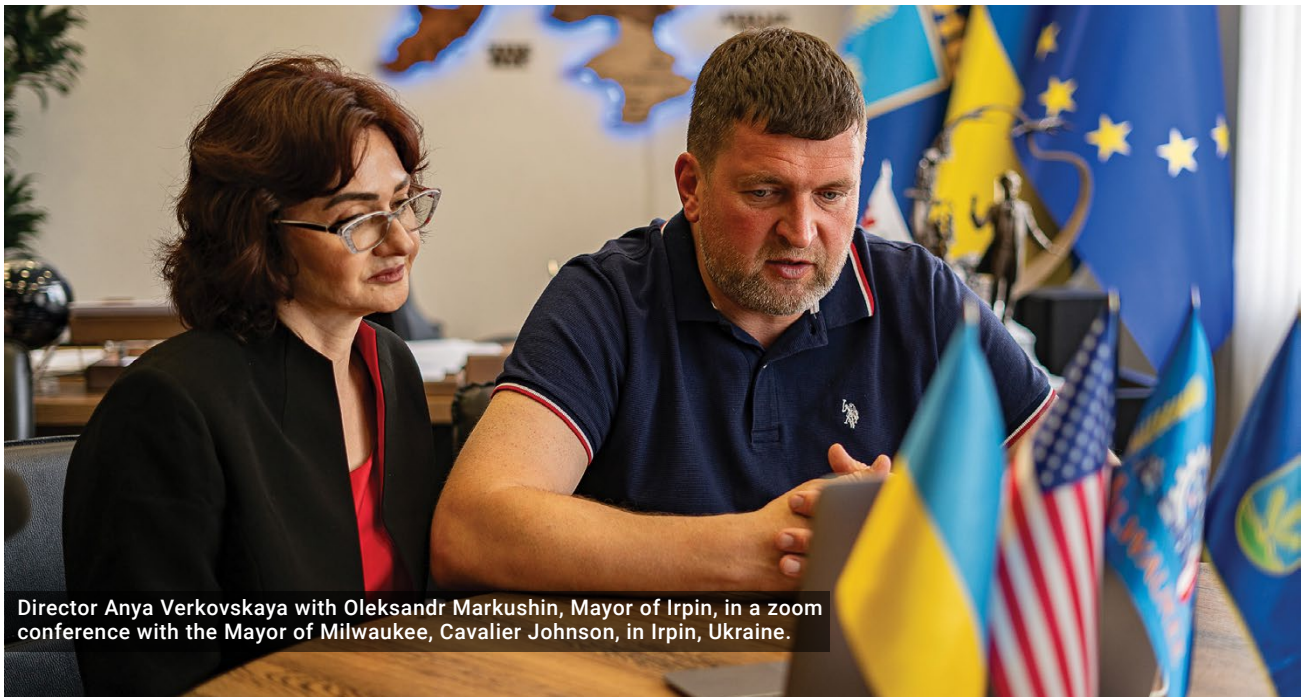
PROJECT MILESTONES

- 1. ACCREDITATION**
We have received approval from the Ministry of Education to introduce this program into the Ukrainian school system.
- 2. TRANSLATION**
Translate a learning program which is already successfully being implemented in the USA into Ukrainian.
- 3. DIGITAL IMPLEMENTATION**
Implement the program digitally to be adapted by the Ukrainian education system.
- 4. PILOT PROGRAM**
The pilot program will be launched with 10,000 children between ages 5-13.
- 5. FULL SCALE ROLL OUT**
Once the impact is measured and analyzed, a roll out will begin for the entire national curriculum in Ukraine.

Exposure to conflict, violence, and insecurity can have major psychological effects on children, as detailed by Save the Children International: "Unless appropriate support is provided, their distress can last well beyond the end of the conflict. Specifically, the prolonged activation of stress hormones in early childhood can reduce neural connections in areas of the brain dedicated to learning and reasoning, affecting children's abilities to perform later in their lives. In this way, conflict imposes a huge social cost on future generations."

The pilot program, which will be available to 10,000 Ukrainian students, will deliver a Ukrainian version of Freeing Freddie – Adventures 1-6 that incorporates text, audio, and activities in the Ukrainian language. (Students will spend approximately 4-5 hours completing the online activities, games, practices, reflections, and more.) Implementing the Freeing Freddie program is possible even though students are in displaced locations because of its online nature. Ukrainian students are continuing with their education through online learning, studying with their classmates wherever they are located.





Director Anya Verkovskaya with Oleksandr Markushin, Mayor of Irpin, in a zoom conference with the Mayor of Milwaukee, Cavalier Johnson, in Irpin, Ukraine.

SISTER CITIES PROJECT

OFFICIAL SPONSOR OF THE SISTER CITIES RELATIONSHIP.

**ADVOCACY ON A
CITY LEVEL FOR THE
UKRAINIAN PEOPLE**

**ACTING AS A SPONSOR
FOR THE CITY OF
MILWAUKEE**

**PROVIDING 840 WI-FI
ACCESS POINTS TO THE
CITY OF IRPIN**

Milwaukee and Irpin have been sister cities since 2018. Friends of Be an Angel has been appointed the official sponsor of the sister cities relationship by the City Council of Milwaukee. We assist the city of Irpin by facilitating funding for reconstruction and humanitarian relief efforts.

As the official sponsor, we provide a means of communication and cooperation between the two cities. The sister city program encourages citizens, organizations, and local governments from both cities to actively participate in exchange activities. Due to the full-scale invasion, this cooperation took a different meaning. During the first weeks of the full-scale invasion, Russian Federation's Armed Forces waged a massive assault campaign to take control of the capital of Ukraine, Kyiv. On the way to Kyiv lies Bucha, Hostomel, and Irpin. For over one month, the battle of Irpin took place, which took the lives of hundreds of innocent civilians. Russian Federation forces were closing in on Kyiv and Irpin was the final stronghold to stand in the way. Milwaukee supported its sister city by providing armored vests and humanitarian aid.

FINANCIALS

REPORTING TIMEFRAME: April 2022 - 31 December 2022
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	2022	2023	Total
Revenue			
Contributed income	457,784	1,182,891	1,640,674
Corporate & Foundation Grants	-	402,505	402,504
Donations directed by individuals	74,425	189,361	263,786
Grants from Other Organizations	11,831	397,506	409,336
Total Contributed Income	544,040	2,172,264	2,716,304
Services	3,563	4,212	7,776
Unapplied Cash Payment Revenue	1,795	(1,743)	51
Total Revenue	\$ 549,380	\$ 2,174,734	\$ 2,724,132

Expenditures			
Advertising & Marketing	2,509	6,495	9,004
Website Ads	52	-	52
Total Advertising & Marketing	2,561	6,495	9,056
Awards & Grants to Others	188,712	2,293,872	2,482,585
Contract & Professional Fees			
Fundraising Fees	194	10,319	10,513
Legal Fees	2,600	1,124	3,724
Professional Fees	-	6,000	6,000
Total Contract & Professional Fees	2,794	17,443	20,237
Insurance	-	109	109
Interest paid	-	(677)	(677)
Occupancy	-		
Rent	250	1,700	1,950
Total Occupancy	250	1,700	1,950
Total Office	789	16,110	16,899
Accounting Software Fees	45	85	130
Total Travel	-	8,489	8,489
Total Expenditures	\$ 195,152	\$ 2,343,629	\$ 2,538,781

Net Operating Revenue	\$ 354,228	\$ (168,895)	\$ 185,432
Net Other Revenue		\$ (3,462)	\$ (3,462)
Net Revenue	\$ 354,228	\$ (172,357)	\$ 181,968

IN-KIND DONORS

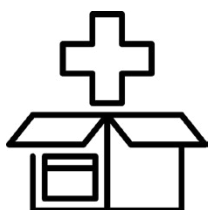
List of organizations that have provided us with in-kind donations.

Organization	Country	In-Kind Total
IDA Foundation	Netherlands	\$ 35,410,129
Others		\$ 8,164,129
Ukrainian Medical Association of North America	USA	\$ 3,815,273
Feed the Children	USA	\$ 3,774,729
MedGlobal	USA	\$ 2,846,523
Advanced Wireless Communications	USA	\$ 2,000,000
Cluster SOS Ucraina	Spain	\$ 1,887,509
LYV Life, Inc.	Germany	\$ 1,062,454
Police Commission of Los Angeles	USA	\$ 1,009,100
World of Connections Program	USA	\$ 583,292
Fundación Enfermería de Navarra	Spain	\$ 465,850
La Asociación Elvira por Ucrania	Spain	\$ 431,179
Fundacja HUB SOS-UA	Poland	\$ 414,850
Water Mission	USA	\$ 376,647
Ayuda Contenedores	Spain	\$ 351,104
Airlink	USA	\$ 350,000
Briggs & Stratton	USA	\$ 250,000
Asociación Unidos Con Ucrania	Spain	\$ 243,579
Operation White Stork	USA	\$ 228,616
Milwaukee Fire Department	USA	\$ 200,000
Google	USA	\$ 160,000
Spendenbrücke Ukraine	Germany	\$ 150,000
Class Experts Group, LLC	USA	\$ 150,000
Yale School of Medicine	USA	\$ 150,000
The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center	USA	\$ 150,000
Lions Germany	Germany	\$ 109,650
Rotary Club of Global Impact	USA	\$ 99,611
Roads of Success	USA	\$ 93,580
The UPS Foundation	USA	\$ 90,000
Istituto Dermopatico dell'Immacolata	Italy	\$ 86,961
Leleka Foundation	USA	\$ 85,500
Help Heroes of Ukraine	USA	\$ 80,000
Gift to the World	USA	\$ 60,000
Hope UA	Ukraine	\$ 57,705
Hello Fresh	Germany	\$ 50,000
B.E. International	USA	\$ 50,000
Help Free Ukraine	USA	\$ 33,000
Microsoft	USA	\$ 20,000
Einhorn Products GmbH	Germany	\$ 13,750
AspenAid Inc	USA	\$ 12,000
Casa di Cura Città di Parma SpA	Italy	\$ 3,699

Total: \$ 65,570,4212

FUTURE OUTLOOKS

As we reflect on our journey, we recognize the countless challenges we have faced, the invaluable lessons we have learned, and the myriad problems we have resolved. Today, we stand stronger and more prepared than ever to press forward with our mission, determined to provide unwavering support to those in need in Ukraine. Our commitment remains unshaken, and our vision for a brighter future for all drives us forward.



MAINTAINING HUMANITARIAN AID OPERATIONS

Throughout the duration of the war, the demand for humanitarian aid has only grown more pressing. Each passing day witnesses a surge in the number of displaced individuals, aggravated by the deteriorating economic situation in Ukraine. It is of utmost importance that we persist in our mission to provide essential humanitarian aid to those who depend on it for survival.



FOCUSING OUR RESCUE EFFORTS

With the frontlines stabilizing in recent months and a decrease in the number of evacuees, we find it necessary to adjust our operations. Our focus now centers on prioritizing the evacuation of high-risk medical patients who require urgent care. This strategic shift allows us to allocate our resources effectively and continue our mission to provide critical assistance where it is needed most.



EXPANDING THE RARE DISEASE PROGRAM

Our dedicated team includes specialists with experience in evacuating children with rare diseases, such as Spinal Muscular Atrophy. Leveraging their expertise and insights, we are now expanding our operations to accommodate a greater number of patients simultaneously. This strategic expansion enables us to make a greater impact in the lives of those facing these challenging medical conditions.



LAUNCHING THE MENTAL HEALTH PILOT PROGRAM

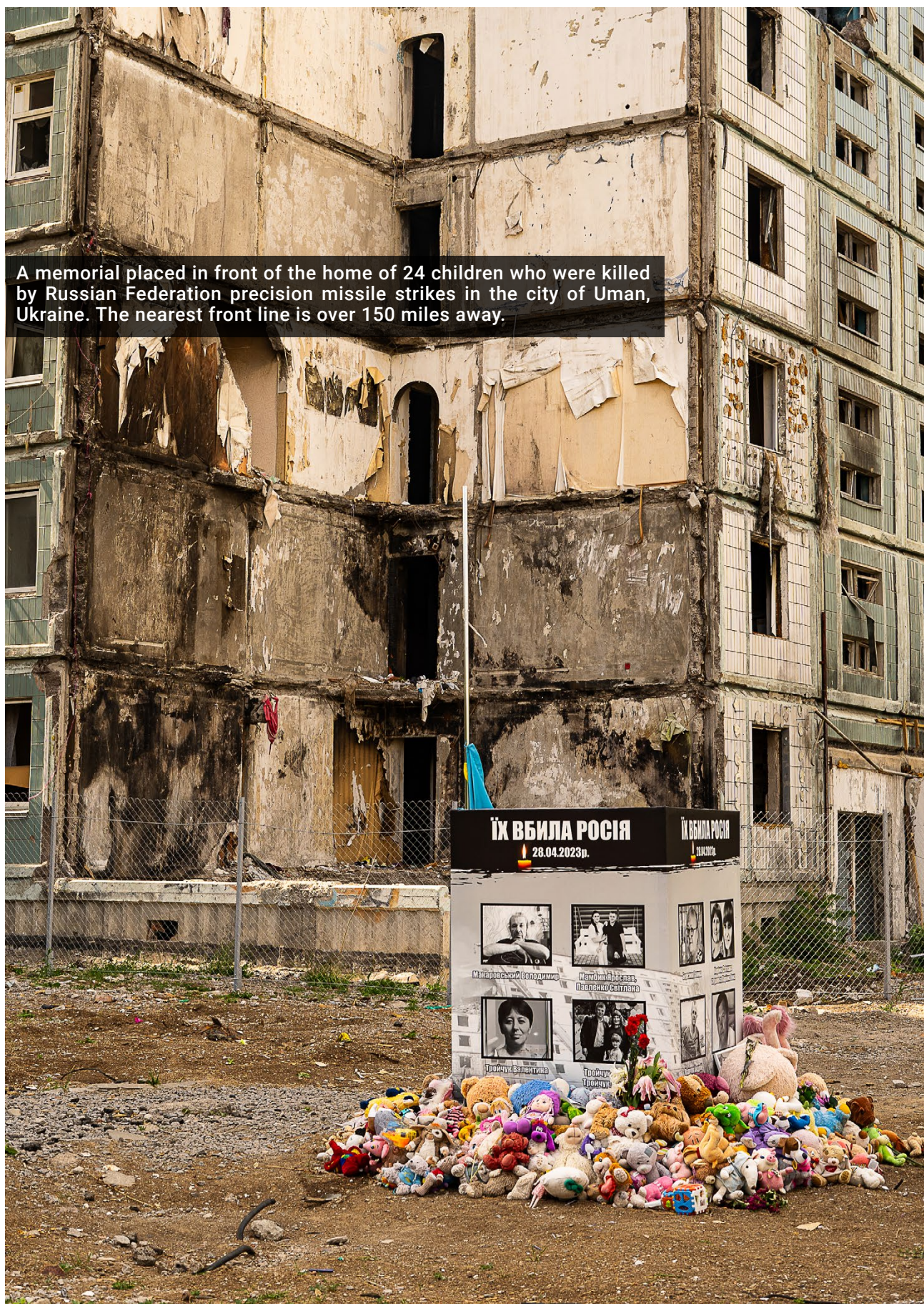
In partnership with the Ukrainian Ministry of Education, we are launching a pilot project in schools across Ukraine. Presently, we are in the seeding and translation phase, with great aspirations for a full-scale launch anticipated in the early months of 2024. This collaborative effort holds the promise of positively impacting the educational landscape and shaping a brighter future for the youth of Ukraine.



ADVOCACY THROUGH OUR SISTER CITIES

Our commitment to serve as the official sponsor between the city of Milwaukee and the city of Irpin remains steadfast. Together, we aim to facilitate a rich intercultural exchange between these two cities while also directing our efforts towards the critical task of reconstruction and providing relief to the war-torn city of Irpin.

A memorial placed in front of the home of 24 children who were killed by Russian Federation precision missile strikes in the city of Uman, Ukraine. The nearest front line is over 150 miles away.





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