

Support Ukraine - Joint Effort Of WFWP Canada And YSP Canada

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Over the last century, Canada has been a destination chosen by many Ukrainians for political or economic reasons and Ukrainians represent the 5th largest ethnic population In Canada. It is estimated that 6,100 women, children and elderly have come to Canada since January 2022 due to the attack on their homeland. Sadly, left behind were many fathers, husbands, brothers, in-laws and cousins to fight the invasion.

Yulia Tarasova, a WFWP Canada member, was following the news on these refugees (one of them being her own mother) and sought to respond to their immediate needs. Therefore, in association with Youth and Students for Peace Canada (YSP) they started the "Support Ukraine Welcome project" in April 2022. This project is in line with the United Nations SDGs. The Ukrainian Canadian Medical Association of Ontario (UCMAO), generously provided the locale for the distribution of care packages for adults, children and babies containing hygienic products, food, toys, and household items. Working out of the Holistic Medical Clinic in Mississauga, these packages were distributed twice a month from April to June. Their goal to help 1,000 refugees was reached thanks to many donors and volunteers. Monetary donations in the amount of \$2000 were collected which were spent on packaging and other essential items. Dozens of high school students, Ukrainians, and concerned citizens made up the bulk of volunteers for this venture.



This initiative did not go unnoticed, and very soon connections were made with other Ukrainian charitable organizations and YSP Canada was able to receive a very large donation from Casper, an e-commerce sleep product company that sells mattresses, pillows, blankets and diverse bedding items. After picking up the first load, the distribution was organized on July 10, at St. Mary's Dormition Ukrainian Catholic Church in downtown Toronto. This event was so popular that supplies ran out mid-morning after serving more than 150 families and, unfortunately, many other families had to be turned away. YuliaTarasova kept track of many families so they were able to receive their bedding items when a

second distribution was held at St. Volodymyr Cultural Centre in Oakville on August 6. This time the distribution was better organized and held in a spacious facility. This event supported more than 200 families in Toronto and more were reached in Barrie, Brantford, Pickering and Hamilton. To the surprise of all, free ice cream cones were offered in Oakville which delighted so many of our recipients and volunteers. The hosts of the event, SVCC were really impressed by all the volunteers and their efficiency as the facilities were left in impeccable condition after what had seemed like mountains of pillows, blankets, cardboard boxes and the like just a short time before.



In total, 40 pallets of bedding products, with over 1,200 pillows, 200 blankets, 85 weighted blankets, and 200 sheet sets were distributed. Each item ranged between \$60-\$300 in value and all were brand new. The market value for the donation was over CAD \$150,000. Needless to say, no one anticipated such manna from heaven. The organizers had the support of 14 YSP and WFWP volunteers and 8 high school students at the first event. The second event was supported by 20 YSP, WFWP members, as well as 18 high school students and Ukrainian volunteers.

Many thanks to John Koester from YSP Canada, who took care of all transportation, logistics and donations pick-ups as well as recruiting volunteers. Let us not forget Yulia Tarasova from WFWP Canada who contacted Ukrainian organizations and continues to help newcomers as she has become a natural leader and resource person to many. This project is indebted to many other Ukrainian charitable organizations which joined forces with the initiative and contributed enormously to the success of this outreach as well as UPF Canada which supported this endeavor by providing administrative support.

[For more information please see](#)

Final Call!

YSP, WFWP alongside UCMAO is happy to announce another giveaway of bedding to Ukrainian refugees!

Date

Saturday, Aug 6 from 1 pm

Address

St. Volodymyr Cultural Centre – SVCC
1280 Dundas St W, Oakville, ON L6M 4H9

Call for volunteers

Please arrive at 12 pm on Aug 6. For questions and to volunteer, please contact welcome@yspcanada.org. Thank you!

Preparing Care Packages for displaced Ukrainian families coming into Canada



Message from our leading
organizer



Yulia Tarasova

Born in Ukraine, Yulia now lives in Canada with her husband and three children.

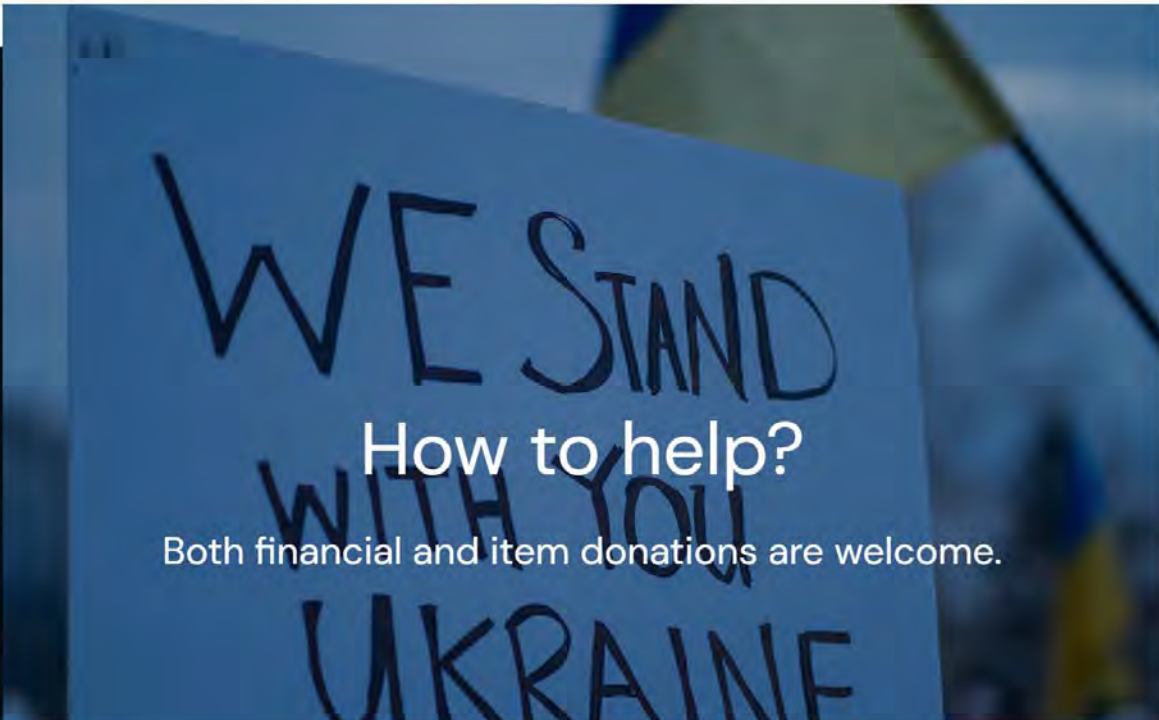
Last February, Russia launched an invasion on Ukraine, destroying villages and large cities in the process. As a result, many have been forced to leave their homes on a short notice, embarking on long and unpredictable journeys towards safety. An estimated 4 million refugees have fled Ukraine since February 24th. Thousands of these refugees have made their way to Canada, with thousands more expected in the coming weeks and months. Most of them are coming with little to no money, personal belongings, or even contacts.

In response to this crisis, YSP is collaborating with the Women's Federation for World Peace- Canada, a NGO with General Consultative Status at the UN which has provided services in Ukraine to internally displaced families since 2014. We are also partnering with the Ukrainian Canadian Medical Association of Ontario Foundation to aid Ukrainians who are being displaced by this conflict. We are aiming to put together 1000 welcome packages for arriving Ukrainians. These packages will contain basic supplies such as shampoo, toothbrushes, menstrual products, and grocery store gift cards.

Objective reached!

YSP is happy to announce that it has reached its goal of serving **1000** Ukrainian refugees!!

YSP thanks all its donors and volunteers who made this possible!



to Donate funds

Step 1

Fill out the form below so that we can send you a charitable receipt!

*note that YSP acts as the Youth branch for the Universal Peace Federation (charitable# 102510385RR0001) and can give receipts to amounts over \$10

Name *

Email *

Phone (optional)

Address *

Amount *

Select donation method *

Submit

Step 2

Choose one of the donation methods below! And then you're done!

E-transfer

Log into your online banking tool and send to:

ysp.dep@gmail.com

Recipient name: Youth and Students for Peace

Use password: ukraine

Paypal

Click donate below!

Donate

to Donate items

Step 1

Look through the item list below and choose which item(s) you would like to donate

Item List

****Full-size items only**

Shampoo / Conditioner

Shower Gel

Lotion

Soap

Toothpaste / Toothbrush

Hand cream

First aid kit – Tylenol, Benadryl, throat candy, polysporin

Sanitary pads

Shaving cream & Razors

Step 2

Fill out the form below indicating which items you would like to donate. A member from our team will contact you thereafter

Name *

Email *

Phone

What would you like to donate? *

See item list before entering donation goods

Towel
Shower cloth
Gift card – grocery store

Kids:
Toothpaste / Toothbrush
Kid shampoo / Shower gel
Water bottles
School lunch box
Toys
Backpack

Babies:
Baby wipes
Diapers (*have families ask for size)
Baby shampoo / Body wash

Submit

Thoughtful and essential

Designed to provide the basic necessities specific to the needs of Ukrainian displaced families, take a look *inside our care packages!* Currently, items are being stored and packed at the Ukrainian Canadian Medical Association of Ontario Foundation building in Mississauga, ON.



Interested in volunteering? Get notified!

Any and all help is appreciated. Fill out the form below and we'll contact you about the different ways you can make a real impact!

Name *

Email *

Phone

How would you like to help? *

We need packers, delivery personnel, communicators, you name it - we need it! Write down what you would like to help with and we'll get back to you!

Submit

FAQs

Why care packages specific to women and children? >

How many displaced Ukrainian families are expected to come to Canada? >

Why give to refugees, isn't the Canadian government sponsoring them? >

Our Partners



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Women's Federation for World Peace



Ukrainian Canadian Medical Foundation



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For any inquiries specific to our Care Package program for the displaced Ukrainian families coming into Canada, please reach out to the email below!

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Thank you for your support!

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