

## A Letter from Oksana Artz on Aid to Ukraine - October 2023

Dear Fr. Marc and Saint John Church!

On behalf of our volunteer team, I wish to extend my wholehearted thanks for your cooperation and kindness in assisting the fundraising efforts in support of the heroic Ukrainians engaged in the fight to defend their country. I would like to express gratitude to each of you who has constantly made and continue to make a personal contribution to this project.

Ukrainians are waging a desperate battle for the survival of their country. Just yesterday many of them were ordinary people: teachers, engineers, doctors, and artists. Some were college students or farmers or factory workers. In the past year, their lives have been completely upended. They are soldiers in a war they never wanted, that was forced upon their land.

In 2014 Russia launched an undeclared war in eastern Ukraine, in their efforts of colonization as they occupied East part of Ukraine including Crimea's peninsula in their desire to restore completely the Soviet Union and spread their protectorate on East part of Europe Union. Ukrainians, however, have been a free-spirited people and have striven towards a high level of socio-economic development while heroically resisting Russian aggression. This war has brought about the destruction of hundreds of villages and cities and incurred the deaths of hundreds of thousands of civilians and soldiers alike. Some six million war refugees have left their homeland thus disfiguring their very fate. Every day brings new irreparable losses, grief, and pain. This war is very familiar to me because my family is in the same desperate situation as all other Ukrainian families.

This humanitarian project to support Ukraine became possible thanks to our common persuasion that faith and the power of the human spirit can overcome borders and bring people together. I extend my gratitude to you for your participation and sincere help. Each dollar has real value and helps save the lives of those who abide in the epicenter of the war. I think that probably the best way to inform you about result of our help it is present photo-reports from Ukraine from our volunteer her name is Yarina Gordienko and from our heroic Ukrainian military and of course civilian to whom we are helping together.

The hospital in c. Kurakhov thanked you very much for help! There was just an attack on Robotyn. Robotyn was released from Russian occupants. There were many wounded in that direction. Our cargo was very useful.



Hospital in the town of Borov on

September 26. It was planned an attack on those areas. Everyone was told to be ready, to have everything, so thanks to you they were provided with everything they needed!

Below you will see more photographs from Ukraine about receiving Aid from Alaska.



They really liked the tourniquets



The medics from "Azov" thanked very much! They are from a tank company.



Optical scopes have gotten guys from "Stormy" guardian battalion.



The guys from the 43rd brigade thanked the uniforms



The tablet was received by the air reconnaissance unit "Heavenly Punishment". They really needed a tablet. With rotation have arrived new guys.



The medics from Azov and our volunteer Yarina thanked you for your support and help.

Thank you so much for your great help ❤️  
❤️❤� It is very much appreciated by each of us 🙏🙏 Yaryna Gordienko and doctor from G Azov 🙏



The commander of the 205th Battalion Territorial Defense received our uniform unit in Kyiv and takes his daughter to school and goes to Bakhmut.



Our fearless volunteer Yarina, who ensures the direct delivery of our packages in Ukraine: hospitals, civilians, military, who are in epicenter of war - we are all infinitely grateful to you for your support and help! Glory to Ukraine! Glory to Ukrainian people ! Glory to Ukrainian military

On my own behalf I want to say, that you have become my home and my family thank you for everything that you have done and doing for me! Thank you for your kindness and support of my homeland Ukraine and Ukrainian people! Lord bless you!

Oksana Artz



Tetyana Kovach, her mother Galina and Oksana Artz fundraising team for Ukraine

