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The CHILDREN OF UKRAINE desperately need our support PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?

In consultation with the D2232 Ukraine Crisis Team, the GB&I Ukraine Crisis Taskforce have identified the current 2 top priority areas, both focused on children, and are asking for help from clubs across GB&I

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

- **Friendship boxes**
- **Help a child have a break**

STOP INNOCENT CHILDREN BEING KILLED

- **Keep out warning signs**
- **Humanitarian demining**

- The ongoing war is seriously affecting the mental health and educational progress of children still living there
- A sub-group has been formed to see how RotaryGB&I clubs could help children and young people
- Members of the sub-group are from both GB&I and Ukraine

FRIENDSHIP BOXES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To send to as many children as possible ○ Interesting and stimulating things to do while in shelters or at home ○ It becomes a storage box used for special things all children like to keep
Who can get involved	○ Rotakids, Interact, schools, youth groups, Rotary, Rotaract and your community
Strong plastic box filled with specific items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maximum size = Length 40cm, width 30cm, depth 30 cm ○ Fill – coloured pencils, crayons, books for colouring, puzzles and reading books ○ Optional – good wishes card ○ PLEASE ABSOLUTELY NO food, liquids, powders, batteries or sharp objects – for safety, security and to help with smooth logistics
Label it	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include a label on the box with: Club Name, Rotary logo AND • Indicate suitable age group – 5 to 8 years, 9 to 12 years, 13 to 16 years
Send to Collection Point	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Send your boxes to the Collection Point for onward transportation to Ukraine where Rotarians will arrange distribution <p>Rotarian Derwent Jaconelli, Urgent Services Ltd (Aid Ukraine), Prospect House, 56 Prospect Row, London E15 1FX</p>
Need transportation advice	○ For any advice about transport of the Friendship Boxes to the Collection Point email Derwent on aidukraine@urgentservices.uk
Prefer to make a donation?	Send donation to Wessex Rotary CIO, Account No: 23520218, Sort Code: 20-11-43 Include reference: Task friend

Zoom session Tuesday 16th May 6pm – 7pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hear snapshots from District 2232 Crisis Team members about the 2 key priority areas highlighted in this bulletin ○ Plenty of time for questions for them and the GB&I Ukraine Taskforce members <p>Join Zoom Meeting: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85966933595... Meeting ID: 859 6693 3595 Passcode: 641604</p>
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HATS FOR UKRAINIAN BABIES

Over 6,000 hats have already been received with many more still on their way
With many thanks to all the knitters can we **please suspend this initiative** for the time being



<p>Rotarian Yulia Pavichenko is a member of our children and young people's sub-group. She has worked professionally with children and parents in Ukraine for many years. She has highlighted that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o More than 100,000 women and children have stayed in Kharkiv and live under rocket attacks and bombing o Children have few opportunities to continue their education o More than a third of Kharkiv district is mined including play gardens, parks, schools and forests o These children desperately need <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Physical recovery and psychological relaxation 2. Development of a culture of safe behaviour near mined areas 3. Rehabilitation programmes for mothers and children to prevent 'psychotrauma' 	
<p>HELP A CHILD HAVE A BREAK</p> <p>Just £40 per child per day</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The summer vacation in Ukraine is 1st June to 31st August o Rotary in Ukraine is planning a 10 day summer camp for 100 children in the Carpathian Mountains o They have some funding from Germany and Switzerland but need more o Just £40 per day per child plus cost of transport and those accompanying
<p>Donations to</p> <p>Wessex Rotary CIO Account No: 23520218 Sort Code: 20-11-43 Ref: Task camp</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Please help ensure at least 100 children benefit from this much needed break o The more money raised the more children can benefit <p>We really appreciate the support you have given to the people in Ukraine and our Ukrainian guests. Please help us bring some joy to the children still in Ukraine.</p> <p>Do contact me with queries or other ideas THANK YOU SO MUCH, Cheryle Berry cheryle.berry@btinternet.com Children's Sub-group, GB&I Taskforce</p>

<p>STOP CHILDREN BEING BLOWN UP</p> <p>Donations to</p> <p>RI District 1080 Account No: 30502360 Sort Code: 30-84-54 Ref: Mine signs</p>	<p>'KEEP OUT' WARNING SIGNS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Rotary in Ukraine need at least 100,000 signs o £2.50 for a sign, which includes the Rotary logo, on a 1200mm stick o Only £100 for 40 signs o Would your club buy one sign per member o Delivery of signs has started in the heavily mined area of Kharkiv o Odessa and Mykolaiv will come later
<p>HUMANITARIAN DEMINING</p> <p>People, often children, are being killed by inadvertently stepping on explosives</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Mines and unexploded ordinance are a danger to people, especially children o Also prevents the return of fields to agriculture which have fed much of the world, especially Africa, for decades o These fields support food for 80 million people o Farmers are risking ploughing their fields, it is their income source, and they are being blown up o Potentially mined areas the size of England, Wales and Northern Ireland in the de-occupied zones have to be cleared using a combination of methods
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rotarian Dirk Lustig, a demining expert in Ukraine, is helping Rotary to support the community-based SES (State Emergency Service) Organisation in declaring areas safe • One of its training centres in Cherkasy has been supported by a drone/magnetometer/software combination to perform what are called non-technical surveys to provide a mapping of the mines. Two magnetometers for the pilot was funded by District 1145 and several other clubs in GB&I • These technologies mixed with expert and local knowledge allow areas without mines to be recognised and declared free for use • Though they do not detect plastic explosive, little of this has been found in agricultural areas. They do deliver a safer approach to demining by mapping the metallic mines and ordinance for operatives to undertake clearance • These surveys have enabled clearance of agricultural areas in Cherkasy Dnipro and Zaporizhzhia regions • They are now moving to 7 more heavily mined regions and need more drone/ magnetometer combinations. The equipment is expensive, around £60-64k (£17k for magnetometer and £43k for drone) <p>Can you help with any funds to supply another set? Any clubs or districts is interested in joining with others to make this possible please contact James Onions james.onions@btinternet.com</p>	