



IMPACT REPORT

JANUARY-MARCH 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

My name is Nick Bilogorskiy, I was born in Kharkiv, Ukraine. I have lived in America for nearly 20 years and I want to address you today as an American who believes deeply in freedom, and in the power of people to stand up to tyranny. Right now, people of Ukraine are fighting for their independence. They are fighting for their right to exist. And they are showing the world that courage still matters. Ukraine inspires the world.

Eleven years ago, I co-founded Nova Ukraine in California with my closest friends. Since then, our mission has been clear: Support Ukraine and its people in building a strong civil society.

Today, our focus is simple: Save lives. Reunite families. Provide clean water, restore electricity – and help Ukraine win.

We have raised over **160 million** dollars through over a quarter million of donations in US.

We've directly supported over **10 million Ukrainians**. Half of our budget goes to medical support – from first aid kits to a groundbreaking pain rehab project with Ukraine's Ministry of Health.

As Ukraine fights for survival, she needs every one of us. In Washington, DC, at our Action Summits we are building a thousand-strong advocacy force together with American Coalition for Ukraine that will support Ukraine for decades to come.

Helping Ukraine is not just the right thing to do, it is the smart thing to do for three reasons:

1. Saving American lives. Helping Ukraine is the smartest and cost-effective way to keep our American troops from ever having to fight on European soil.
2. This isn't a partisan issue. Most Democrats and Most Republicans support Ukraine's sovereignty. Because this isn't about politics. This is about who we are.
3. It is strategic. Ukraine is home to nearly \$15 trillion in critical minerals of titanium, graphite, lithium, rare earth elements. These are essential for America's military, our energy independence, and our technological future.

I'm grateful to our donors for their trust, I want to recognize members of our team who made this impact happen and for continuous humanitarian support and critical aid delivery.

Our global team makes a real difference.



Photo by Daniel Vegera

Nick (Mikola) Bilogorskiy
Chairman of the Board



NOVA UKRAINE



MISSION STATEMENT

At Nova Ukraine, we are dedicated to supporting Ukraine and its people in building a strong, flourishing nation with an empowered civil society.

To foster resilience, hope, and self-sufficiency, we provide essential aid to vulnerable populations, including children, refugees and internally displaced persons, as well as wounded defenders undergoing treatment.

Alongside our project teams on the ground, we also partner with and gain expertise of local volunteer groups, hospitals, state services and local authorities. This parallel investment approach provides the people of Ukraine with both a broader and a more efficient use of our donors' contributions. Our combined resources offer the people of Ukraine cultural growth and social mobility, as well as an environment to thrive in the future.

The majority of our volunteer work is unpaid, and our operational overhead has been low, per our financial reports. We regularly provide reports of how donor funds are being spent, what impact we achieve and what experience we gain.

THE MAIN AREAS OF OUR WORK ARE:

- HEAL
- BUILD
- EMPOWER
- ADVOCATE



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THE IMPACT OF YOUR DONATIONS

TOTAL AID DELIVERED*

\$127,651,250+

The aid has been provided since 2014. Support raised since 2022.

TOTAL MONEY COLLECTED.
DATA AS OF MARCH, 2025

\$162,383,007+

\$125,637,776+

financial gifts

\$36,745,231+

in-kind donations

*In-kind donations — includes goods donated directly to Nova Ukraine, as well as donations to third-parties that Nova Ukraine helped transport.

19,62%

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

14,88%

LIFE SAVING FIRST AID

17,43%

OTHER MEDICAL

6,39%

OTHER PROJECTS

10,28%

FOOD AND BASIC NEEDS

19,25%

PEOPLE SERVICES

12,15%

CRITICAL SERVICES AND REPAIRS

The data in the chart reflects the percentage of aid delivered for the period 2014-2025.



Meals Served

3,603,203+



Weight Of Goods Delivered On Trucks (tons)

23,511+



Evacuations (People, Animals)

162,464+



Fuel cards, provided to partners

\$1,242,534+



Number Of People Who Received Help

10,632,689+



UKRAINE'S RESILIENCE DEPENDS ON SAVING PEOPLE'S LIVES

Approximately 9.2 million people across Ukraine are projected to require medical assistance in 2025¹. The total recovery and reconstruction needs in healthcare are estimated to be US\$19.4 billion over the next decade². This figure encompasses the costs of debris removal, demolition of destroyed facilities, financial losses from damaged facilities, and additional health losses due to limited access to critical care and heightened public health risks. This is not representative of the final figure, however, due to

the ongoing nature of war and the growing damage caused by Russia.

In 2025, Nova Ukraine will focus its medical initiatives on two core goals: saving and rebuilding lives.

Nova Ukraine delivers urgent medical aid to those in immediate danger while investing in long-term recovery through rehabilitation, trauma care, and sustainable health solutions.

KEY PRIORITIES FOR THE MEDICAL TEAM



SAVING LIVES

- Providing First aid support.
- Establishing and enhancing stabilization centers.
- Procuring and distributing emergency medications and equipment.



REBUILDING LIVES

- Creating and expanding rehabilitation programs.
- Establishing pain treatment centers to help patients regain normalcy.



SUPPLEMENTARY GOALS

- Strengthening efforts in in-kind donations and optimizing their distribution.
- Initiating upstream projects to elevate the quality and standards of medical resources available in Ukraine.

¹10 things you should know about the humanitarian situation in Ukraine | NRC,

²According to data from Fourth Rapid Damage and Needs Assessment (RDNA4), conducted by the representatives of the World Bank, the government of Ukraine, the European Union, and the United Nations.

SAVING LIVES

(Projects and statistics cover the period for Q1 in 2025.)

- We are funding for procurement of medicines, medical supplies, and small equipment for various medical institutions. Working alongside our trusted partner **Patients of Ukraine**, Nova Ukraine has donated more than **60,000** units of medical supplies to over **45** hospitals in Ukraine.
- Supporting patients with cancer. In collaboration with **Patients of Ukraine**, we provided **90** patients with costly life-saving medicines.
- Together with **Patients of Ukraine**, we delivered **30,000** units of aid (medicines and small equipment) for medical evacuation teams and medical teams working near the frontlines.
- Providing osteosynthesis materials (plates, spokes, bolts, etc.) for surgical interventions, with **7,000** units delivered to **12** hospitals in Ukraine.
- Supplying stabilization centers that operate near the frontlines. With **79** units of life-saving equipment delivered for the first stage of evacuations. This includes surgical tables, patient monitors, ventilators, and oxygen cylinders.
- Delivering **29** units of portable ultrasound machines to **29** medical institutions in Ukraine to accelerate and facilitate patient diagnosis.
- Delivering **2** mobile X-ray machines to stabilization centers that save the lives of our defenders.
- Working alongside our partner **100 PERCENT LIFE**, we delivered a set of capnography equipment, an X-ray machine, a ventilator, and pulse oximeters to the stabilization center's doctors.



6,280 pcs.
Tourniquets



2,751 pcs.
First-aid kits



26 pcs.
Medical backpacks



REBUILDING LIVES

(Projects and statistics cover the period for Q1 in 2025.)

Ukraine Without Pain in partnership with the **Ministry of Health of Ukraine (MOH)**. Its primary objective is to establish a nationwide network of pain treatment centers to support those suffering from chronic pain due to war injuries.

Our Achievements Include

- Opening four centers in Kyiv, Vinnytsia, and Poltava, where people with chronic pain may go to seek relief and professional medical care.
- Training 30 doctors across Ukraine to build their professional expertise, enabling them to share their knowledge and experience with others.
- Developing vascular access training as an extension of the project.
- Supplying equipment for the vascular access area.
- Developing protocols for diagnostics and care.

In-Kind Donations

- We continue to develop the in-kind donation initiative. Thanks to our partners **Medical Bridges**, **MIGA**, and **Maersk**, the Nova Ukraine team received two containers of medical aid in the first quarter of 2025, which were delivered to 15 hospitals in Ukraine.
- The donated aid includes equipment such as: ultrasound devices, patient beds, examination tables, patient monitors, lifting systems, refrigerators, etc. In addition, medical supplies such as examination gloves, diapers, oxygen masks, blood transfusion devices, among others, are included in this aid.

IN ADDITION TO THESE PROJECTS, OUR TEAM

SUPPORTS

MORE THAN
600
MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS
across Ukraine

DISTRIBUTED

OVER
\$929,203
WORTH OF MED PACKS

DELIVERED

OVER **54,000**
INSTRUMENTS

(metal spokes, pins, and plates for osteosynthesis)
for surgeon traumatologists who save the wounded from amputations

DELIVERED

2,115+
HOSPITAL BEDS
AND SURGICAL TABLES

PROVIDED

67,045
TOURNIQUETS FOR CIVILIANS
AND DEFENDERS (SINCE 2023)



THREE YEARS OF WAR: UKRAINE'S INFRASTRUCTURE FACES UNPRECEDENTED CHALLENGES

MORE THAN THREE YEARS INTO RUSSIA'S FULL-SCALE INVASION — UKRAINE'S INFRASTRUCTURE CONTINUES TO FACE MOUNTING CHALLENGES AS RELENTLESS ATTACKS CAUSE ONGOING DAMAGE AND DISRUPTION.

- During the third week of March 2025, russia launched approximately 1,000 shahed drones against Ukraine (for comparison, in all 2024 there were a total of 11,200 shaheds launched, destroying critical and civilian infrastructure).
- The energy sector has seen a 70% increase in damaged or destroyed assets, including power generation facilities. Power outages affect critical facilities like hospitals, schools, and heating systems, exacerbating the situation for Ukrainians.
- As a result of the hostilities, 138,503 km² — over 23% of Ukraine's territory — is contaminated with explosive ordnance. This means that 6.1 million citizens are vulnerable to the threat of explosive remnants of war. An estimated US \$29.8 billion is needed for humanitarian mine expulsion.
- As of early 2025, the total cost for reconstruction and restoration of infrastructure over the next decade is estimated at roughly \$524 billion.

THE NOVA UKRAINE TEAM IDENTIFIES PRIORITIES IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS

- Strengthen **resilience**: funding for the construction of bomb shelters, water supply and filtration stations, as well as non-medical support for medical facilities.
- **Medical vehicles**: purchase and repair of ambulances, and vehicles for medical evacuations.
- **Autonomous energy support**: purchase of generators, power stations (e.g., for medical stabilization centers), solar panels for schools and hospitals.
- Support for first **responders and demining teams**: providing equipment for rescue and demining work.
- Funding for **emergency repairs**: minor repairs of infrastructure damage following missile attacks.

KEY PROJECTS

SUPPORTED BY NOVA UKRAINE'S INFRASTRUCTURE TEAM



THE POINTS OF INVINCIBILITY

funded by The Howard G. Buffett Foundation.

Located at **50 major railway stations**, the centers are equipped with autonomous power and heating systems, children's areas, tea stations, and more. The centers provide daily support and relief, serving as vital refuges during blackouts or evacuations caused by frequent russian aggression.



3,648,472+
individuals supported



50

centers with children's areas
offering ongoing support



50+

fully equipped stations,
ready to operate autonomously
in critical circumstances

FOODTRUCK — large truck which can be used to prepare hot meals for residents of all over Ukraine — this is particularly crucial for cities that (1) have been affected by constant shellings and (2) sustain little-to-no sources of electricity or gas, preventing residents from cooking their own food. The Foodtruck has the **capacity to prepare up to 5,000 meals per day**. High-quality culinary equipment included within the truck allows for the preparation of diverse food items, whether it be meat, various side dishes, or soups. The truck also holds the capacity to bake up to **1,000 loaves of bread per day**. Recognizing this as a unique and essential effort, Nova Ukraine has joined as one of the key financial partners for the project.

CLEAN WATER STATIONS in regions where russia has destroyed critical water infrastructure, providing 1 extra autonomous water station not vulnerable to power outages.

24,000 liters of water provided daily.
12,000+ people who consume the daily water allowance.

In total, Nova Ukraine has financed 6 of such stations,
which can provide water to more than

72,000 residents per day.



MEDICAL EVACUATION VEHICLES
for usage in critical regions

15 vehicles purchased
65 vehicles repaired

COMMUNICATION AND PROTECTION EQUIPMENT for stabilization centers
and evacuation teams

131+ communication and protection
devices delivered to life-saving medical teams

SOLAR PANELS for an educational centers, critical infrastructure and a medical institutions

- In the Kharkiv region **12,000+** children under 18 can receive medical and educational services without interruption.
- 30 kW Solar panels for Mykolaivska Oblast Clinical Hospital for veterans were installed to provide electricity.

COMMUNICATION AND PROTECTION EQUIPMENT

for stabilization centers and evacuation teams

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RESTORATION OR IMPROVEMENT OF PREMISES

Together with CO ICF partner **SPRAVEDLYVIST**, the 9th floor of the Center for Motherhood and Childhood, damaged by russian shelling, was restored.

The shelter, capable of accommodating about **600** people, has been rebuilt in coordination with our partner **RATEC**

Installation of a solid fuel boiler for a compact residence consisting of 45 displaced persons with our partner **CHARITY FUND "SAVE UKRAINIANS"**.



BASIC SUPPLIES

NOVA STASH PROVIDES EMERGENCY HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE IN CRISIS SITUATIONS

Our team delivers rapid on-the-ground support by providing essential supplies such as clean drinking water, warm meals and beverages, infant formula, diapers, basic medications, and pet food. We also distribute basic first aid items, including blood pressure monitors and glucometers for first responders. Additionally, we help with urgent repair work, such as replacing shattered or blown-out windows.

To support individuals who have lost everything due to indiscriminate russian attacks, we keep a reserve of essential goods — bedding, clothing, and hygiene products — and regularly restock them to meet ongoing needs.



10

cities and regions since 2024



30,200+

victims were provided with assistance and support



133

locations after shelling



A LOST GENERATION? THE IMPACT OF WAR ON UKRAINIAN EDUCATION

Ukraine's education system has endured severe disruptions due to the ongoing war, impacting the livelihoods of millions of children. Over **3 million children** have been displaced since February 2022, with **4.6 million children facing barriers to education**³. Damage to Ukraine's education and science sectors continues to affect learning and research, resulting in economic losses estimated at approximately US\$9.6 billion. The combination of school disruptions, reduced quality and quantity of instruction and the deteriorating mental health of students continues to drive substantial learning losses.

Taking the impact of educational barriers into account, Nova Ukraine's Education team **works** in the following **focus areas**:

- Long-term, significant impact projects, e.g. Decentralization.
- Targeted STEM education, camps and more.

AFTER-SCHOOL LEARNING CENTERS – “ZMISTOVNO” funded by The Howard G. Buffett Foundation.



Since May 2023,

over 1 million children

have visited our ZMISTOVNO CENTERS across Ukraine. These centers are open daily, offering children the opportunity to catch up on their school curriculum, acquire new knowledge and skills, and explore their creativity.



In the first quarter of 2025,

Nova Ukraine opened

5 new centers,

bringing the total

to 55.



³Three years of war in Ukraine: education disruptions deepen mental health crisis for children | Plan International Ukraine.



ZALIZNA ZMINA (IRON SQUAD)

A unique project supporting the development of talented youth in Ukraine, funded by **The Howard G. Buffett Foundation**, supported by **UZ (Ukrainian Railway)**. Throughout the project, participants develop leadership skills, learn about cultural heritage, and communicate with prominent figures of Ukrainian society such as the President of Ukraine, ministers, renown photographers, and youth leaders among others).

The project provided funding for **630 children** to participate.

MATH WINTER SCHOOL

is a seven-day camp for **48 gifted young mathematicians** from Ukraine. The school focuses on key trends in modern mathematical physics and complex analysis, particularly those related to multivariate probability theory and integrable systems.

PROSVIT DECENTRALIZATION PROJECT: DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATIONAL ECOSYSTEM.

This initiative equips approximately **300 educators** from **23 communities** in Ukraine with the necessary skills to effectively navigate and drive educational transformations. The program focuses on practical approaches to school management, parent engagement, and financial oversight, tailored to the unique challenges presented by the ongoing war.

Pilot program includes weekly seminars with legal and education system experts, school visits and hands-on workshops.

Enabling successful decentralization of the education system is crucial for having resilient and effective educational institutions during the wartime and the period of reconstruction.



ENGIN FOR EDUCATORS: EMPOWERING UKRAINIAN ENGLISH TEACHERS

ENGIN is a grassroots nonprofit that connects Ukrainians with global volunteers for weekly online English-speaking sessions. Since 2021, Nova Ukraine has proudly supported this initiative, recognizing its vital role in expanding language access.

This quarter, Nova Ukraine supported **ENGIN for Educators (ENGIN4EDU)** — a new program designed to address a key challenge in English education: many teachers lack the confidence and fluency needed for effective speaking instruction.

The six-month program pairs Ukrainian English teachers with fluent mentors abroad for weekly 1-on-1 online sessions that combine speaking practice with professional development. In just two months, ENGIN successfully recruited and onboarded participants, reaching their goal of supporting

200 teachers through this impactful initiative.

ENGINEERING WEEK

This popular global program that started in the US introduces students to engineering achievements, applications of STEM and future careers in engineering through activities that develop problem solving skills. This year, with the support of Nova Ukraine,

2062 Ukrainian schools joined this initiative — a record number of schools demonstrating their commitment to the future!





THE POWER OF CULTURE: UKRAINE'S VOICE ON THE GLOBAL STAGE

Photo credit: Yura Ganckuk

Culture serves as a vital force during times of war, preserving national identity, strengthening resilience, and fostering a sense of belonging amid loss and upheaval. Through the exchange of ideas, traditions, and artistic expression, culture builds mutual understanding, empathy, and respect among nations. Nova Ukraine is committed to promoting Ukrainian culture and nurturing meaningful connections worldwide. By doing so, we seek to counter disinformation and raise awareness of Ukraine's urgent needs. Our mission is to amplify Ukraine's voice by showcasing its modern art and cultural heritage through partnerships with cultural institutions and academic communities.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2025



ORGANIZATION OF IVAN MARCHUK'S ART EXHIBITION IN VATICAN

In February 2025, Ivan Marchuk, a renowned Ukrainian artist, showcased his work in the "Epic Reality" exhibition at the Palace of the Chancellery in Rome, Vatican City. The event attracted over 200 international guests, including diplomats, business leaders, and art enthusiasts. While reflecting on his artistic journey, Ivan Marchuk noted, "I have experienced many of Ukraine's tragedies. But through my art, I've looked deep into the soul of my homeland, dedicating thousands of paintings to it". This exhibition highlights the resilience of Ukrainian art on an international scale. It was supported by Nova Ukraine, alongside **Mazowsze serce Polski, Bilokin Initiative, Big Wines, Business Woman Club, and ScreenUkraine**.

EXHIBITION OF CHILDREN'S ARTWORK FROM KHARKIV'S AZA NIZI MAZA STUDIO IN PRAGUE AND BERLIN.

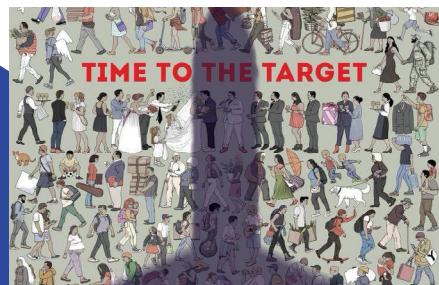
This art studio, located in a bomb shelter in the heart of Kharkiv, never stops creating. For them, art offers a form of escapism from the grim reality of the war — but it's also a way to rethink art and showcase it to the world through the exhibition “Underground Garden.” This marks the first use of the studio in the exhibition, as part of the “I am Ukrainian” cultural project **Underground Garden**. The project also encompasses the filming of a documentary about the art studio's work during the war.



DOCUMENTARY “FLIGHT TIME” FEATURED AT BERLINALE — THE 75TH BERLIN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL



A Ukrainian documentary film providing a vivid portrayal of the musicians of Ukraine's National Army Academy Orchestra. Through them, viewers gain insight into the diverse life circumstances of the Ukrainian people as they resist Russian aggression. With **over 3,000 viewers**, the film holds an average critic rating of 7.36 — with the highest rating reaching 8.29.





FROM HARDSHIP TO STRENGTH: HELPING UKRAINIANS REBUILD LIVES

Since Russia launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, human rights activists and journalists have been recording widespread and ongoing human rights violations. Over 12,654 civilians — men, women, and children — have been killed, and more than 29,392 injured⁴. Approximately 12.7 million people in Ukraine are in need of humanitarian aid, including nearly 2 million children⁵.

With a clear grasp of the urgent wartime needs facing Ukraine's civilian population, our **People team** has identified the following top priorities:

- **Psychological Support** — providing mental health assistance to those affected by war
- **Children's Camps** — organizing safe and engaging spaces for children
- **Support and Adaptation of Veterans** — helping veterans reintegrate into civilian life
- **Evacuation and Shelters** — ensuring safe relocation and temporary housing
- **Support for People with Disabilities** — addressing accessibility and other needs
- **Support for Orphans** — providing care and opportunities for children without parental support
- **Children's Sports Programs and Events** — fostering physical and emotional well-being through sports
- **Passive Warming** — distributing warm clothing and essentials for winter survival
- **Fuel Support** — supplying critical fuel resources for transportation

⁴[Civilian Harm and Human Rights Abuses Persist in Ukraine as War Enters Fourth Year | United Nations in Ukraine](#).

⁵[10 things you should know about the humanitarian situation in Ukraine | NRC](#).

MAIN PROJECTS OF THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2025

EVACUATION FROM DANGEROUS REGIONS

The evacuation program is currently supported by 3 partners: **BARRIER-FREE FOUNDATION**, **Park and Special Friends**, and **WAY TO LIFE+**.

The program specializes in evacuating people with limited mobility (i.e., the disabled and elderly individuals), and mothers with children from frontline or high-risk areas.

In the first quarter of 2025, **325 people were evacuated** from danger, including 150 people with disabilities or low mobility.



THE POWER OF TWO — A REHABILITATION PROGRAM FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES



Working alongside our partner **MARLOG-CADUCEI**, we launched a crucial family rehabilitation project for veterans and their loved ones, aimed at healing the emotional wounds of war and rebuilding connections. Thirty families (60 individuals) took part in this impactful initiative. The project lasts a month and consists of:

- 8 days of retreat, focused on physical activities, trauma counseling, and art therapy.
- 3 weeks of follow-up care, offering continued individual and group sessions with mental health specialists.

After completing the program, several veterans shared heartfelt personal feedback:

One participant, wounded for six months and recently fitted with a prosthesis, reflected: ["Here, I felt like a human being again. I want to spend time with my wife and do things for her. I want to help my children with school lessons"](#). Another participant sought assistance obtaining a driver's license, hoping to pursue truck driving. One veteran enrolled in English classes to develop his skills for an IT career. These stories highlight the program's success in sparking renewed purpose among veterans and their loved ones.

SUPPORT FOR THE LEVCHYK SPECTRUM HUB CENTER FOR IDP CHILDREN WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS

At the Levchyk Spectrum Hub, **10 children** from internally displaced families engaged in **489 sessions of individual correctional classes**. These included sensory integration, ABA (Applied Behavior Analysis) therapy, speech therapy, neuropsychology and music therapy. Through tailored exercises and activities, children improved their skills in speech, self-expression, simple physical exercises, understanding of basic rules of behavior in society, and learned about methods of self-regulation in stressful situations.



MOM WORK — HELPING MOTHERS WITH CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES RETURN BACK TO WORK

We supported a project coordinated by the **EpiAwareness NGO** which provides women with the necessary tools for economic independence and professional development.

- 50 participants received training, career counseling, and psychological support, helping women build experience and overcome their fears.
- More than 80% of the participants report a significant increase in self-confidence and improved practical skills (self-presentation, resume, preparation, etc.) after completing the program.
- 35% of respondents received a job offer after completing the project.



TMS REHABILITATION – SPORTS REHABILITATION SUPPORT FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Rehabilitation through Brazilian jiu-jitsu classes has been provided to 75 veterans with injuries, amputations and PTSD. Each training session is a step towards a return to active life and psychological recovery from the trauma of war.

HORSE PARADISE — HOW RESCUED HORSES CONTRIBUTE TO THE PSYCHOLOGICAL RECOVERY of “Children of Heroes”— children who lost their parents due to the war.



This psycho-emotional recovery program has supported **25 participants**, consisting of 15 children and their mothers. Integrating equine-assisted therapy, art therapy, professional psychological support, 45% of respondents noted a sharp improvement in their condition, and 55% noting a significant improvement that supports further recovery. Participants highlighted reduced anxiety, stabilization of their emotional state, and a clearer understanding of how to navigate life after significant loss.



CAMP FOR TEENAGERS “BRIDGES”: BUILDING BRIDGES BETWEEN THOSE WHO LEFT AND THOSE WHO STAYED

Forty teenagers, including 28 children of Ukraine's defenders and 2 children with disabilities, were selected to participate in this project. The camp provided a safe space where teenagers learned important skills through creative means: discussions, dancing, sports games, among other pursuits. Through these activities, they learned to be resilient, resolve conflicts, and understand their emotions and those of others. Maria, a daughter of a fallen defender, notes: “‘Bridges’ is the best thing that has happened to me in recent times”.



EXTENDING A LIFELINE: WHY SUPPORTING UKRAINIAN REFUGEES IN THE U.S. MATTERS

Helping Ukrainian refugees in the U.S. is a moral and humanitarian imperative as they have fled war — leaving behind their homes, livelihoods, and loved ones. Providing support enables them to rebuild their lives, contribute to their new communities, and find stability after enduring immense trauma. Refugees bring resilience, skills, and cultural diversity that enriches society while promoting global solidarity in the face of injustice. By assisting them, we uphold values of compassion and human dignity, demonstrating leadership in addressing the consequences of war.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- Expand legal/paperwork aid services
- Start ESL teaching service
- Apply for and acquire a grant from California's Refugee Program Bureau
- Continue marketing to U.S. hosts

THE MOST IMPORTANT PROJECTS in the Refugee team's work in Q1 2025:

- Starting ESL teaching service
- Applied for a grant from California's Refugee Program Bureau
- Continued marketing to U.S. hosts



5,653+

Ukrainian Refugees
were in Emergency
Housing Team cases to date



672+

Ukrainian Refugees Helped
with Housing Assistance for
Ukrainians (HAU)



\$403,629

Ukrainian
Refugees Received
Financial Aid



VOICES FOR CHANGE: HOW ADVOCACY BUILDS A BETTER TOMORROW

Photo by Stephanie Mohan

Advocacy is vital in the U.S. today as it allows charitable organizations to amplify the voices of communities, influence policy changes, and address systemic barriers. Through advocacy efforts, nonprofits can educate the public, shape laws to protect rights, and promote social justice. This work not only improves lives but also builds stronger communities.

THE MAIN AREAS OF ADVOCACY IN 2025 ARE AS FOLLOWS

- Greater NU presence in Washington, DC
- Collaborate with Ukrainian communities and allies across the US
- Engage constituents from different states to attend the Ukraine Action Summits
- State-level Advocacy

The Nova Ukraine Advocacy team started to implement our State Legislature plan.

In collaboration with Wisconsin Ukrainians Inc., we were able to meet with three local legislators in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Alongside these three legislators, we began drafting a resolution condemning the abduction of Ukrainian children by the Russian Federation.



Karina Tweedell (Wisconsin Ukrainians), Rep. Christine Sinicki, Aleksandr Krapivkin (Nova Ukraine), Halyna Salapata (Wisconsin Ukrainians)

MEET OUR ADVOCACY TEAM

DR. IGOR L MARKOV

Board Director at Nova Ukraine

Dr. Markov grew up in Kyiv, Ukraine, and moved to the US in 1993 for graduate studies at UCLA. A former professor at the University of Michigan and visiting professor at Stanford, he also worked at Google on Search and at Meta (Facebook) on AI platforms. Currently, he is a Distinguished Architect in AI Innovation at Synopsys. At Nova Ukraine, Markov initially served on the Advisory Board and was then elected to the Board of Directors. Before the invasion in 2022, he curated Nova Ukraine's COVID-19 response, advertising efforts, and publicity materials. Since 2022, he's led government and media relations, contributed to fundraising, and established and curated large medical projects and evacuation efforts.



KATERYNA KOVALENKO

Vice President of Strategic Alliances

Kateryna grew up in Kyiv and relocated to the US in 2022. She is driven by her passion for establishing, guiding, and facilitating the work of transdisciplinary teams, uniting people through a shared mission and purpose. Over her career, Kateryna has received international certification as an expert in organizational development and acquired experience in the public and commercial sectors, leading organizational transformations, innovative project management, and new markets development. Since 2022 Kateryna has extended her career and personal mission in developing non-profit organization to support civil society in Ukraine through partnership with international organizations.



ALEKSANDR KRAPIVKIN

Associate Director of Community Engagement at Nova Ukraine.

Originally immigrating from the Ukrainian city of Kharkiv to Chicago, Krapivkin holds a Bachelors and a Masters in Fine Arts in Acting. They served as the Community Manager of North America for Klych, an organization focused on pro Ukrainian cultural projects bringing together over 64 cities in the USA for collaborations. Krapivkin serves as the Chair of Outreach and Engagement at the American Coalition for Ukraine, overseeing strategic advocacy needs for local communities.





Photo by Daniel Vegera

ADVOCACY VOLUNTEERS

IRYNA SOBCHYSHYNA

Iryna Sobchyshyna is an Advocacy volunteer with Nova Ukraine, working with state legislatures to condemn the illegal abduction of children from Ukraine to the Russian Federation. She recently graduated from Amherst College, where she completed a thesis about the effect of Russo-Ukrainian war on the politics of historical memory in Ukraine. Iryna lives in Boston, where she enjoys exploring local museums, libraries, and historical sites.



DIANA SALAPATA

Diana Salapata is a first-generation Ukrainian-American who grew up in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin. Diana earned her Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Global Studies from Loyola University Chicago and uses her degree to advance her advocacy work for Ukraine. She is passionate about protecting democracy and freedom and dedicates her time to supporting her community through volunteer efforts, event organization, and fundraising initiatives.





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WAYS YOU CAN HELP US:



Develop a Collaborative Corporate Project

If your company works in the field of education, medical support, emergencies, or social assistance and is looking to donate to a reliable source, please email @novaukraine.org for further details.



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