

UKRAINE  CHARITY



**Ukraine Charity**  
Annual Report  
2018-19

*Dear friends and supporters,*

We are pleased to report to you on our joint accomplishments achieved in 2018-19. With your help, we supported another nine projects in Ukraine totaling more than £23,000.

Last year we focused on two of our main areas of support: “Shelter & Essentials” and “Child Development”. Within “Shelter & Essentials” area, we provided more than £7,500 to support a number of family-style orphanages, including a water system for the Konovalyuk foster family in Surazh, near Ternopil; furniture for the Rozhytski foster family in Pidvolochysk, also near Ternopil; and a sewer system for a family-style orphanage in Obertyn, near Ivano-Frankivsk. We also helped with funds to repair the ceiling in Lviv Orphanage #2 and for the installation of a sewage system in the social centre “Nash Dim” (Kyiv region) run by Detdom.info.

Within our “Child Development” programme, we donated more than £15,000 to a variety of great projects. GoCamp, English-language camps, were once again supported by Ukrainian professionals at the EBRD. Andriy Maksymovych and Svitlana Pyrkalo helped raised funds for a Ukrainian Catholic University scholarship in honour of Mykola Pekh. We also enabled “Care in Action,” a Lviv-based NGO, to run a summer camp for foster families to exchange ideas and experiences and learn best practices in upbringing of foster children. Last but not least, our long-time partner Kraplynka continued to enrich lives and empower disadvantaged children (including many from internally displaced families from occupied territories) by taking them swimming, sailing and for other sporting and developmental activities.

We are very grateful for the support you have provided for Ukraine Charity's numerous projects to support disadvantaged children in Ukraine. Together we make a difference for those who are in need.

*Sincerely yours,*  
*Ukraine Charity Team*

# Our History and Vision

Ukraine Charity was established in 2007 and is registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, when a small group of Ukrainian professionals from London visited an orphanage in Lviv, western Ukraine. It was almost Christmas and the cold winter was setting in. They saw that the orphanage was in dire need of repairs and lacking even the most basic supplies, leaving the children without proper means to learn and play.

Greatly affected by what they saw, on their return to London the group told their friends and colleagues about the struggling orphanage. A collection was started, and tediously, through small cash donations, funds were raised and transferred to Ukraine, where local builders were employed to renovate the orphanage. The staff and children were delighted with the results.

Since that time we funded over 75 projects and raised more than £425,000 despite being a small, all-volunteer organisation.

## **Our vision:**

- A safe and caring home for every Ukrainian child, including orphans, children with disabilities, and those from economically disadvantaged backgrounds;
- Modern and fully-equipped health facilities to ensure proper prevention, care and treatment from birth and into adulthood;
- An effective education system and supporting programmes which provide Ukrainian children with skills and opportunities to achieve their full potential;
- A conscientious Ukrainian community in the UK and globally seeking to help the disadvantaged in our homeland with their time, available funds and abilities; and
- A positive image for Ukraine and its people building awareness and growing interest in the country and encouraging support around the world for Ukraine's development.

# SHELTER & ESSENTIAL

## Repair and installation of the new ceiling in two sensor rooms in the Lviv orphanage No. 2

*Lviv  
Spring 2018*

Following accidental water spillage on the second floor of the orphanage, the ceiling in two sensor rooms on the first floor got damaged and needed to be replaced. Ukraine Charity provided £590 to cover the works. Sensor rooms are among the most important ones, as it is here that children learn to develop their senses and interactive playing.



## Running water for Konovaliuk foster family

*Surazh, Ternopil region  
Spring 2018*

Our local partner charity in Ternopil, “Orphans’ Future” informed us about the Konovaliuk family in Surazh, that adopted 12 children and have been doing their best to provide them with a loving home. The local government allocated a house for the family to reside in, but it needed repairs and crucially lacked running water. Ukraine Charity stepped in and funded water connectivity for the home in the amount of £1,840.



## Household appliances and furniture for a new family-style orphanage

*Pidvolochysk, Ternopil  
Autumn 2018*

“Orphans Future” also approached us about another project in the Pidvolochysk region, where the local government allocated funds for Svitlana and Andriy Rozhytski to obtain a new house for them and their eight adopted children, including some with special needs. Ukraine Charity made their housewarming additionally special by funding £950 for the purchase of new furniture and appliances.



## Detdom – Social Centre “Nash Dim” (Our Home)

*Makariv, Kyiv region  
Autumn 2018*

Ukraine Charity funded £1,300 for the installation of the sewage system and water supply in the Social Centre “Nash Dim”. Detdom.info bought a house which is used as a social centre. The house needed a refurbishment to provide some comfort for the children who participate in “Nash Dim” programme.

“Nash Dim” (in English - “Our Home”) is a social centre where teenagers aged 18, who graduate from orphanages, can learn and adapt for new adult life. It is a temporary place for them to stay.

Typically, children that graduate from the orphanages have lack of social skills; it is difficult for some of them to adapt to the life outside their comfort zone – orphanages. They might lack communication and study skills. A lot of them have low emotional intelligence and often they have low self-esteem.



**Autonomous sewer system  
for a family-style orphanage**

*Obertyn, Tlumatskiy district,  
Ivano-Frankivsk region  
Autumn 2018*

This project was fundraised for Ukraine Charity by Andy Lewis and Lesya Liskevych. Ukrainian Philanthropic Network purchased a 72 sqm house in the village to become the home of 4-8 orphaned children (young adults). Their aim is to provide these adolescents with a more cosy, family-style environment in comparison to a Soviet-style institutional orphanage. With Andy and Lesya fundraising, Ukraine Charity was able to fund £2,900 for this project.



# CHILD DEVELOPMENT

## GoCampEast: English language summer camps for the children of Ukraine

*Ukraine  
Summer 2018*

GoCamp is a new format of school day camps with intensive study of foreign languages. Using a specially developed programme, children will learn to work in teams, communicate in a multicultural environment, think critically, and be tolerant of others.

The main goal is to educate a new young generation of active and conscious citizens of Ukraine, capable of life long learning, and prepared for the challenges of the 21st century, fluent in foreign languages and open to other cultures and experiences.

The project was brought to us by a Ukrainian professional at the EBRD.

The professionals at the EBRD took the lead on the fundraising and it was approved for a matching grant from the EBRD. The total amount raised was £7,100 (incl £3,600 matching from EBRD).



## Mykola Pekh scholarship

*London - Lviv  
Autumn 2018*

Andrii Maksymovych raised funds (£3,500) to establish a scholarship in the memory of his friend Mykola Pekh, an inspiring and remarkable public activist from Lviv, Ukraine, who passed away in 2014.

Despite being visually impaired since childhood, Mykola was an extremely optimistic and enthusiastic person. He has been active in Lviv NGO life for over 10 years in the areas of youth exchanges, social work and public health. Mykola was a co-founder of the NGO “Wings of Hope» established to support visually impaired people as well as of the Institute of Ukrainian Studies. He was a co-coordinator of the “Race for Children” project, which raised over \$60,000 to benefit Lviv maternity hospitals with brand new equipment to improve the pre- and post-natal care of prematurely born children. For his personal and professional qualities, Mykola was awarded highly competitive Chevening and FLEX scholarships, which allowed him to study in the UK and the U.S. Even though he could take a high paying job at a law firm, for all his life he remained committed to the NGO life and public service in Ukraine.



## Turbota v Dii

*Lviv,  
Summer 2018*

“Turbota v Dii” (in English - “Care in Action”) organised two 4-day long camps for 150 participants of different family style orphanages and foster families.

The goal of the programme is to teach parents best practice parenting methods and share practical tools to apply in the everyday care of children and teenagers they foster. The programme also helps to create and strengthen a round table as well as a personalised platform for communication between the foster family parents.

“Turbota v Dii” helps to develop children’s interests and skills through a variety of programmes, for example, art therapy, talent development, adventure therapy, group activities and team games – all boost their self-





esteem, broaden horizons and support integration.

Ukraine Charity funded £2,700 for this important programme.



### Transformative education for the refugee children at Kraplynka

*Kraplynka centres  
Spring 2019*

The goal of Kraplynka centres is to provide early educational opportunities and psychological support for pre-school and school-age children from displaced families across the country. Centres are located in Kyiv, Mezhyhirya, Brovary, Vyshhorod, Pushcha-Vodytsia, Mykolaiv.

Ukraine Charity contributed £2,100 for projects run by Kraplynka to continue enriching the lives of disadvantaged children from refugee families, orphanages and other critical cases. Centres provide different activities, such as arts and crafts, sailing and swimming.

We have been working with Kraplynka since 2015, and we are most appreciative for the continuing donations towards this great project.



# OUR EVENTS

## Ivana Kupala «The Great Gatsby» party on the Thames

London  
4 July 2018



We raised a net £2,500 for the National Children's Hospital «Okhmadyt» at the event Ivana Kupala in 2018.

A special thank you to the Embassy of Ukraine to the UK and members of PLAST UK Ukrainian Scouting Organisation in Great Britain for attendance and participation. We would also like to thank Zoriana Climenko for her great photography, Denny Saxobeat for the jazzy tunes and Iryna Estevez for helping with decorations and the charity auction.

## Royal Parks Winter 10K Series run

London  
17 February 2019



The Plast UK team participated in this run as Plast has always promoted healthy lifestyles and staying fit. The team includes the Plast UK members - children and their parents.

Plast UK team includes Ruslana Bakun, Ruslan Fetsyk, Oksana Bilozir, Larisa Smondulak, Roxanne Litynska, Dennis Ougrin, Andriy Gavryliv, Nadiia and Roman Fedynyak.

## Christmas Carols Rock Choir

*Trafalgar Square, London  
11 December 2018*



The event gathered a huge crowd of people in the centre of London and helped to raise funds Ukraine Charity projects.

## Dignity Run

*London  
17 November 2018*

Stas Suprunenko organised an annual Dignity run in Southwark Park. The annual run is held to commemorate the Ukrainian Revolution of Dignity in 2013-2014.



## A Feast of Classics from Austria to Ukraine

*Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the  
Holy Family in Exile, London  
16 September 2018*

Andriy Viytovych, a Ukrainian-born violinist who is famous across Europe, had an idea of bringing world-class



performers together in London. The concert showcased popular classical music as well as rarely played pieces by Ukrainian composer Dmytro Bortniansky.

The event was done jointly with the “British-Ukrainian Aid” to raise funds for humanitarian relief and disadvantaged children in Ukraine. Tetyana Cerniauskiene and Iryna Estevez led the organisation.

## Spirit of Ukraine Festival

*Enfield, UK  
09 September 2018*

Ukraine Charity took part in the fifth annual event “Spirit of Ukraine Festival”.

The event included traditional dancing, live music and singing by local and national Ukrainian performers, musicians and choirs. It was organised by the Friends of Forty Hall Park with the Association of Ukrainians in GB — Waltham Cross branch.



## London Triathlon

*London  
04 August 2018*

Igor Makar, Igor Lyzogub and Dmytro Kuziak participated in London Triathlon as part of fundraising campaign and managed to raise £1200.



**Birthday  
Barbeque by  
Svitlana Pyrkalo**

*London  
29 July 2018*

The Ukraine Charity team would like to thank Svitlana Pyrkalo for organising her birthday barbecue and helping us to raise funds in support of the Mykola Pekh scholarship at the Ukrainian Catholic University.



**Natalka  
Pasichnyk  
Concert**

*London  
17 July 2018*

A delightful concert of Natalya Pasichnyk in support of Ukraine Charity was held at the Ukrainian Cultural Centre in London. On stage she was joined by her sister Chrystyna and Tamila Kiradji. The total of £705 was raised to help disadvantaged Ukrainian children.



**Graeme  
Mcgarrigle –  
Nightrider Cycle  
Challenge**

*London  
12 June 2018*

Our supporter from Newcastle, Graeme McGarrigle, completed the Nightrider cycle Challenge. It was a 100 km cycling through the night (7-8 hours) around London and the first sports fundraising activity for Graeme.



**Pub Quiz**  
**(What, Where, When?)**

*London*  
*16 May 2018*

An annual pub quiz was organised by a Ukrainian professional in London and gathered a lot of people.



## Future projects

Moving into the new year, our focus will still remain on shelter and essentials projects, learning and development as well as medical equipment projects. We will continue supporting existing projects as well as focus on new ones.

Two years in a row we supported GoCamp, a new format of day camps with intensive study of foreign languages, where children learn to think critically, work in teams, and communicate in multicultural environment with tolerance and understanding. We are looking forward to working with GoCamp again next year.

We have supported different orphanage centres as well as individual families across the whole country. The next year we will focus mainly on centres, however, when a family is in need we will always be there to support.

We understand that it is very crucial that each hospital has modern equipment. Therefore, we are focusing on supporting hospitals in supply of such equipment to be able to diagnose in time, cure and save lives!

# HOW YOU CAN HELP

Ukraine Charity is present on the biggest Internet platforms





# OUR PARTNERS

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"Orphans' Future", "Ukrainian Philanthropic Network"



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