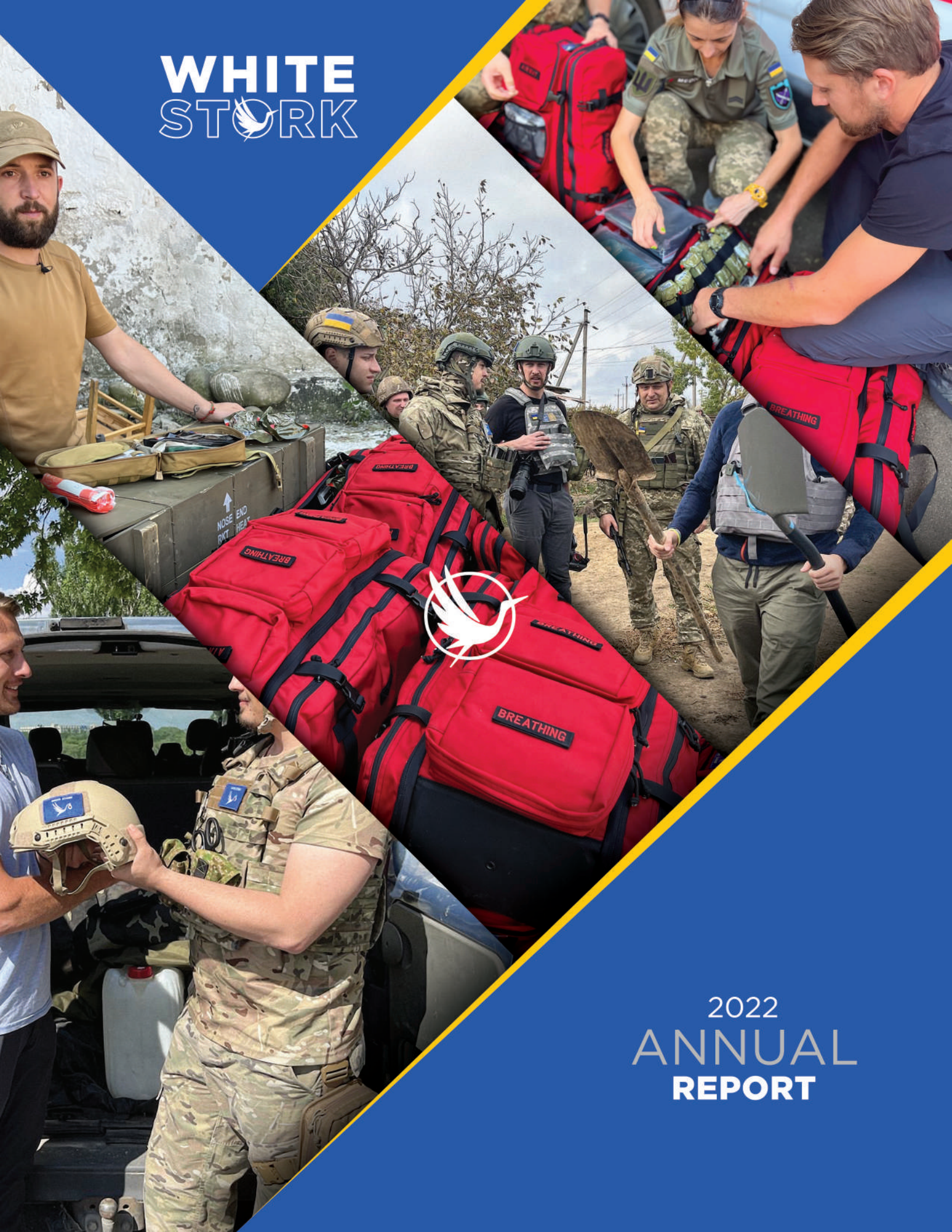


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FROM THE HEAD OF MISSION

In the early 20th century, we strove to avoid entanglement in European wars that seemed far away and of little direct consequence. The eventual cost of that isolationist stance was 252,000 American dead, and it taught us a painful lesson: we must not hesitate to intervene early on to stop conflict lest we pay a much heavier price in blood down the road. Along with the rest of the world, we agreed to honor the sacrifices of the Greatest Generation by preventing a recurrence of the horrors we had seen at Auschwitz, Dachau, and elsewhere. With a single voice, the international community agreed, “Never again.”

The way to avoid horrible costs in the future is to do more in the present. Our governments are leaning forward with impressive volumes of military and humanitarian assistance, but are still falling short of meeting all needs. Ordinary people across the world have stepped into the gap, providing the Ukrainian people with aid that nation-states and large traditional charities cannot. Crowdfunding is supplying Ukrainian defense forces along the frontlines with everything from tourniquets to Turkish drones.

This is the critical gap that White Stork fills, and we are focused on our task. At the start of the war, White Stork managed one of the largest evacuation programs in Ukraine, safely transporting 37,829 women, children, and elderly to government reception centers in Poland. We did this because of the miles-long lines of women & children we witnessed at Polish border crossings in late February 2022. We decided on our other major line of effort - battlefield first aid kits - because we were surprised to learn that Ukraine was sending men and women to war without the basic medical kits that we carried in the U.S. Marines. So now White Stork’s brave teams of international volunteers distribute Individual First Aid Kits (IFAKs) along the frontline.

White Stork only delivers to end users - not aid depots - ensuring donations reach those who need them most. We respond to the demand signal of our Ukrainian partners to support the civilian population, and also provide non-lethal military aid to the frontlines. We are propelled by our strategic formal relationships with Ukrzaliznytsia (Ukrainian Railways) and Ukrposhta (Ukrainian Post Office).

We couldn’t have accomplished our mission without the support of our fiscal sponsors, Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), and the Society of Jesus, South Poland Province. Their patronage allowed us to conduct humanitarian operations in Ukraine prior to White Stork receiving 501(c)(3) approval. Along with our fiscal sponsors, our “Founding Funders” provided the means for us to perform these difficult tasks. We are forever grateful to Michael and Tanya Polsky of the Polsky Foundation, Anthony Melchiorre of Chatham Asset Management, Jeff Chambers and Andi Okamura, Jim and Kathy Murphy of the 125 Foundation, UCCA, and the Dorado Beach Community. And finally, we are grateful to our friends Pauline Lewis, An-Me Chung, Jeff Menath and our colleagues at Greenberg Traurig and Kelley Drye, who provided their business expertise to help stand-up operations in those critical early days.

On behalf of Grace Kim, Matt Vacca, Natalka Vivcharchyn, Dr. Darren Cuthbert, Michael Mathews, Max Cormier, Sue Johnson and the entire White Stork team, thank you to all our volunteers, donors, supporters, and partners who have demonstrated through action that “Never again” is a promise worth defending.

Slava Ukraine!



William McNulty
Head of Mission

US Marine Corps 2000-2008



FROM THE COUNTRY DIRECTOR

I want to start this with words of gratitude as a citizen of Ukraine. The whole world knows of the powerful aid provided by the United States. We have a reliable partner - the people and government of America - who provide training and financial assistance so that our country is not left alone in the fight against the enemy. Therefore, I am sincerely grateful to WhiteStork.us and its partners and donors - my whole family is grateful - and the people of Ukraine accept this help with heartfelt gratitude in order to bring peace and democracy closer in Ukraine, so that our people stop dying.

The consequences of this war are severe: whether it is near Kyiv; Bucha; Borodyanka; whether Izyum; Mykolayiv; Mariupol; Kherson; Kharkiv; Bakhmut... We have just returned from a mission in the southeast and there are villages where there is not a single surviving house. In these villages, the power lines are completely destroyed, Ukrzaliznytsia cannot reach, and where life will not return soon.

In spring of 2022, we volunteered like all Ukrainians. I and a small group of girls did everything that was necessary for our wards (military units with our direct contacts: husbands, relatives or friends). And since we were connected by a coffee company (we worked at Kraft Foods Ukraine), our main help was coffee to military guys. We had contacts with many volunteer organizations. But one day I joined a meeting with volunteers from the USA. White Stork was delivering 200 field medic backpacks to doctors at Ukrzaliznytsia. From that moment, I understood how important it was to use my networking, how important it was to join forces in providing help.

At that time, I worked as the Trade Marketing Head at a Ukrainian manufacturer. I combined volunteering with my main job for as long as I could; almost the whole year 2022. My company also helped the Armed Forces. But when I weighed where my contribution to the victory would be more effective, which would bring the victory closer - I realized that I had all the skills to directly help the war effort.

The main decision was made after I found out that WhiteStork.us delivers to the last mile, directly to those who need help. This is the main principle for me as a volunteer. An organization whose cofounders are either veterans of the U.S. Marines or entrepreneurs are exactly the kind of people I trust. They have skills and they know what is the most efficient way to provide assistance in military conflicts.

IFAKs and medical provision for the front line is the main focus of White Stork. We have already delivered 24,516 IFAKs to the frontline. This is over 5% of Ukrainian Army's needs. And this is in addition to other important assistance: more than 37,000 evacuated people with their pets; 15,000 housed people; etc. We will stay with this focus going forward. Our task is to provide as many civilians and soldiers as possible with IFAKs for personal medical protection.

We are very grateful to everyone who joins WhiteStork.us activity and helps with donations. We know that together we become stronger and very soon our cities will be free, rebuilt, and peaceful. We are ready to welcome each of you in our beautiful country.



Слава Україні!

Natalka Vivcharchyn
Ukraine Country Director

REFLECTIONS FROM PARTNERS

Partnership with White Stork was one of the cornerstone partnerships with foreign NGOs when the war started. Railways played an important role in the first 100 days of the war. The #IronEvacuation program brought 4 million Ukrainians to a safe place. And maintaining the safety of our passengers and train teams was quite a challenge.

So that's why we covered every single carriage with a basic medical kit, and all train captains with an advanced one. Importantly, White Stork arranged proper training for our teams. That's how we got better trained and prepared for emergencies. In several stages, William and his team provided Ukrainian Railways with 1200 basic medical kits and 260 captain advanced medical kits.

Several times through the first year of the war, those medical kits saved the lives of our train team members. For that, I'm grateful to White Stork and its donors.

Dealing with White Stork was important for us not only because that's how we got medical kits, but also the training need to make those medical tools useful. Their expertise in emergency medicine was an important aspect for us. Thus, our partnership with White Stork grew up into an #IronBrotherhood. And that's something I will be grateful for forever in my life.



Ukrposhta has worked at the front line from the first days of the war. We deliver money, food, and humanitarian aid. That requires our employees to be under shelling daily, and we try to do our best to protect them. From the first day we met the White Stork team, their previous experience and personal trips made explaining our situation easy. From the first requests to first IFAKs received - less than 2 days until White Stork's vehicle pulled to Ukrposhta's warehouse. It took a bit longer to receive much bigger shipments, but we can say that over 200 mobile teams, serving front-line regions: Kherson; Donetsk; Luhansk; Sumy; Kharkiv; and Chernihiv are now equipped with IFAKs. We certainly feel a bit safer, though some of them have already been used, as our vehicles were shot at in the Donetsk and Kharkiv regions. It was important help, as each of those kits in the right place can save someone's life.

The same can be said about generators provided to us by White Stork. Our branches, especially in the areas where civilian infrastructure has been heavily attacked by russian rockets, are serving as "humanitarian aid points" where people come to obtain basic services. So electrical power to keep them running is of utmost importance. When they see an institution such as Ukrposhta maintaining their operations, it gives people a bit more reason to be calm. So the help from White Stork with generators was important support in the war-torn region of Mykolaiv.

As the war continues, unfortunately, we will need more of such support, as more and more regions will be de-occupied by Ukrainian Armed Forces. We already see these regions will be in a much worse shape (practically destroyed) than the areas de-occupied previously. So the help of organizations such as White Stork will be a lifeline for millions of people. And then, I hope, in the very near term we can all celebrate with our friends, donors, and supporters freeing all Ukrainian territories and beginning their restoration.



Igor Smelyansky
CEO of Ukrposhta
(Ukrainian National Post)

REFLECTIONS FROM PARTNERS

The importance of charity organizations today cannot be overstated. Provision of necessary life-saving supplies for our native city not only allows us to continue the struggle until the victory, but also supports people that are not on the front line. I can't emphasize enough the importance of feeling supported today, the importance of standing not alone against the evil. White Stork has literally fulfilled the mission of both supporting the frontline warriors - with drones, medical supplies, and generators - and showing the people that stay in their houses under the pressure of the everyday bombardment that they are not alone. The impact of that support is very important. It provides more than just supplies, it provides the strong belief that the power of the world stands behind us. We know that a lot of people are willing to help, but without White Stork we wouldn't be able to combine their efforts and transform that willingness into the real assistance.

Assistance was offered up by White Stork instantly. It is very important right now. All the requests for military and civil organizations were fulfilled with no hassle, no extra bureaucracy, but very quickly. I remember when we received thousands of shovels after a brief discussion; we didn't believe that it could be possible. But right then that need was covered for us instantly. The quality of the tools was perfect, and they found their way into the hands of users during next couple days. I would like to say thank you thousands of times for understanding that charity support is everything; not only guns, buses, factories and so on, but even just shovels that no one considered important but that serve the need right now of clearing up the mess. Thank you for hearing us. Thank you for understanding the exact power of charity support - providing what is necessary quickly to make directly to the user. It was a pleasure getting acquainted with the White Stork; working together and getting closer to peace and victory together. Mykolaiv will always remember every person, every organization that took the challenge, that supported us during the hard times. We would like to emphasize that it is a long run and without American donors, without the White Stork, our lives would literally be worth less and our goals would be farther off. We hope to be strong together, to work together, and to live together in the peaceful world in the near future.



Vitaliy Kim
Governor of Mykolaiv Oblast



REFLECTIONS FROM THE FRONTLINE

On February 24, 2022, a full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine began. War broke into our home, forever changing our lives. Today, after 16 months of conflict, as on the first day of the war, the Ukrainian people, with the support of their friends, heroically oppose the world's evil, remaining on the front line of the struggle for freedom. Hundreds of thousands of dead military and civilian people, millions of refugees, the cities and villages erased to the foundations - all this was brought to us by an enemy who has no pity and no moral principles. When an enemy breaks into your house, you must protect it. That is why the National Police of Ukraine - and the KORD unit stood up shoulder-to-shoulder as part of the country's defense forces.

I met White Stork volunteers in the early spring of 2022, and the first words I heard were how can we help you? Today, I remember how for the first time volunteers gave us special IFAKs for saving individual life and health. Today, every soldier in my unit is equipped with such a first aid kit, and I know dozens of cases when it saved a life. All thanks to the fact that volunteers from White Stork are guys with real experience in the military. Therefore, these IFAKs are equipped with only the necessary and best components.

There is a lot of help, and everything is aimed at saving the lives and health of our fighters. Helmets and body armor were also very useful to us - very good ones. Just one of these helmets, donated by White Stork, saved me during the shelling. If I didn't have this particular helmet, I think the situation would have been worse for me.

White Stork for me is not just a volunteer organization that helps my country resist the blows of the enemy, I made friends with many volunteers and we became real friends.



Bogdan Tymchal
KORD National Police

REFLECTIONS FROM VOLUNTEERS

I am proud to be part of Operation White Stork. After I got out of the military I was lost and was always trying to see where I fit in after combat. I belong to various nonprofits that have a big veteran presence. Going to Poland and the Ukraine helping the Ukrainians really gave me a sense of renewed purpose. I found myself helping in another war zone. But this time not wearing a military uniform. A small operating staff, moving thousands of evacuees and supporting assets that weren't even military with critical medical equipment that was needed to survive in a battle they didn't ask for. I felt a big sense of pride and honor that we were able to provide Ukraine and its people help in their time of need. I finally was healing my wounds of battle.



REFLECTIONS FROM VOLUNTEERS

In the spring of 2022, an army buddy of mine who I served with in Afghanistan, called me and told me about White Stork. He described a busy group of U.S. military veterans spearheading an effort to evacuate women and children, and deliver medical supplies to Ukrainian troops. He told me they needed more volunteers and that I would be a great fit. I had never been to Ukraine before, but another good friend of mine from the U.S. Army had spent six months in Ukraine in 2018 training their troops. He had nothing but great things to say about the country and its people.

Excited to help, I rushed to Ukraine to join the White Stork team and found myself in southern Ukraine distributing medical supplies within a month. When I first went to Ukraine I thought I would only stay for a couple of months then head back to the U.S. Once I saw the situation with my own eyes and got to know the White Stork team, I knew I would stay longer. I spent most of the last year in Ukraine and Poland delivering humanitarian aid and helping White Stork develop its network and supply chain. Although we mostly delivered first aid kits, we also distributed vehicles, sleeping bags, cold weather gear, military uniforms, body armor, helmets, drones, generators, medications, antibiotics, specialized medical equipment, laptops, radios, and food.

The situation in Ukraine is complex and transportation is a major problem. Due to the greatly diminished outflow of grain via cargo ships from the southern ports, the roadways are congested because most grain is being transported by trucks to the EU. Large portions of humanitarian aid are also being moved on the same roads which further constricts them. Thankfully Ukraine has a robust rail network that is the primary method of transportation for people, military supplies, and humanitarian aid. White Stork recognized the importance of the Ukrainian railways and supplied every railcar with a medical kit and every train captain with a large field medic backpack which is the same kit that U.S. military medics carry in combat.

Much of the country is under frequent missile attack and critical infrastructure is stressed and/or destroyed. Country-wide power outages are common, and internet/cell networks are not reliable. Most of the villages and cities in the east and the south of Ukraine are nearly completely destroyed. Many schools and homes are ruined. We delivered dozens of generators to civilians to power water pumps and tools to rebuild and sustain life in de-occupied areas.

Despite the challenges presented by the Russian assault, Ukrainians work tirelessly to rebuild and defend their communities. The Ukrainian resolve and spirit is impressive. They are adaptive and resilient people. They are great at solving problems and working together. White Stork found many excellent Ukrainian government and civilian leaders to help us accomplish our mission. Without their help we wouldn't have been nearly as successful this past year.

The Ukrainians we met were very happy to meet Americans who came so far to help them and were also very surprised by the high quality and quantity of the supplies that White Stork distributed. Much of the medical supplies they have received from other organizations are not good quality and potentially dangerous in combat situations. The medical gear that White Stork administered is of the same or higher quality than what I carried in the U.S. Army.

I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to help the Ukrainian people. Many of the first aid kits, tourniquets, helmets and body armor that White Stork supplied have saved the lives of Ukrainian soldiers and civilians. Thank you very much to everyone who supports White Stork and Ukraine. Together we will continue to strengthen the Ukrainian fight for independence.



Слава Україні
(Glory to Ukraine)

Все буде Україна
(Everything will be Ukraine)

Max Cormier
Deputy Head of Operations
US Army 2016-2020

OUR IMPACT IN UKRAINE - 2022



IFAKs
delivered
22646



Shovels
Delivered
712



Body Armor
Delivered
144



People
Evacuated
37829



Pets
Evacuated
1437



People
Housed
14590



People
Repatriated
3054



Generators
Delivered
141

OUR PARTNERS



REFLECTION FROM FOUNDING FUNDER

I was born and raised in Ukraine, in an ethnically Ukrainian village. After Ukraine declared its independence from the Soviet Union in 1991, I witnessed the birth and development of Ukrainian national identity, government, and education systems. I immigrated to the U.S. in the late 1990s. The war for freedom against russia started in 2014, and resumed in full force due to russia's invasion in February of 2022. I understand why the young generation cannot imagine their lives under the oppression of putin's russia. I understand their drive for freedom. As someone who knows the culture and mentality of Ukrainians, I was looking to support organizations that deliver aid directly to people in Ukraine. I know the names of the towns where the aid goes, I can speak to the refugees, I can ask questions to the soldiers, and talk to the children of this terrible war.

I chose to support White Stork for a few reasons. I appreciate the fact that White Stork is led by U.S. veterans. I believe that veterans are special people. People who are experienced and accustomed to risking their wellbeing for the benefit of people whom they may never know. They go to a war zone to support the country in the name of an ideal, "The right thing to do" Supporting a country that is not even their own. I trust them.

It is important to me that White Stork is transparent with their operations and financial management; which has minimal overhead expenses. I prefer to be more involved than less in any board or organization that I support, and White Stork provides me with an opportunity to do so.

Finally, it is the impact of White Stork that is the most exciting to me. White Stork directly saves lives by providing tens of thousands of first aid kits. An injured person can stop his or her own bleeding and survive until medical help arrives. That's a life saved, right there. White Stork is involved in other life saving activities- refugee evacuations, delivery of survival equipment such as generators for hospitals and homes, etc. I'm grateful for the opportunity to be part of White Stork's effort to reduce people's suffering during this war and bring victory to the Ukrainian people as soon as possible.



Tanya Polsky
Head of Polsky Foundation

ABBREVIATED FINANCIALS

PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022 (UNAUDITED)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Assets	
Cash	727,605
Other	
Total Assets	727,605
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	50,747
Accrued Expenses	16,734
Total Liabilities	67,481
Net Assets	
Net assets, beginning of year 2023	660,126
Total Net Assets	660,126
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 727,607

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	Without Restrictions	With Restrictions	2022 Total
Contributions	1,789,494*		1,789,494*
In-Kind Contributions	1,490,015		1,490,015
Grant Income			
Fundraising Events		499,280	499,280
Other Income	4,506		4,506
Released from Restrictions		(485,723)	
Total Revenue			\$3,783,295*
Program Expenses	2,993,780		2,993,780
Management and General	115,832		115,832
Fundraising	13,557		13,557
Total Expenses			\$ 3,123,169
Change in Net Assets	660,126		660,126
Net assets, end of year			\$ 660,126

Note: White Stork operated under the fiscal sponsorship of Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA) and the Jesuits prior to receiving its 501(c)(3) approval on May 10, 2022. The financials above do not reflect more than \$1.5mm that White Stork raised through these organizations.



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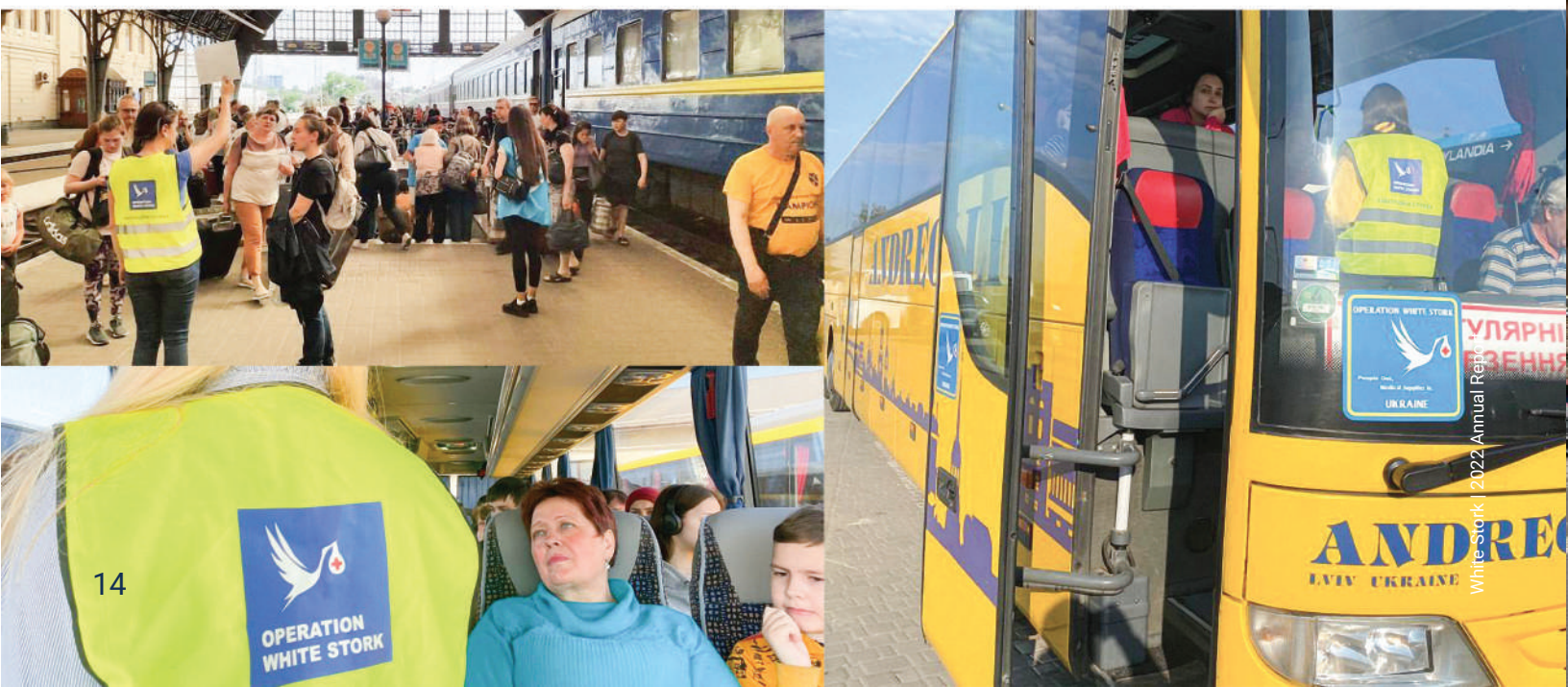
CASE STUDY: EVACUATION PROGRAM AND AIRBNB.ORG

In late February 2022, White Stork crossed the border into Ukraine to find miles-long lines of women, children, and elderly waiting to cross into Poland. We began our evacuation program by financing a dozen young Polish men to drive into areas occupied by Russian forces and collect evacuees. We paid these drivers \$125 to evacuate four civilians, or \$250 to evacuate eight. Eventually, as reports of Russian brutality increased, our Ukrainian interpreter convinced us that tasking drivers to operate in these areas was too risky. “You are doing the the job of the Ukrainian military” she said, “and you are going to get someone killed.” After evacuating over 400 women and children, many in White Stork’s own vans, we decided to change the direction of our evacuation program based on her sage advice.

White Stork shifted to using tourist buses to evacuate civilians from train stations. Ukraine’s large fleet of tourist buses sat idle due to the Russian invasion. White Stork contracted with a Ukrainian bus company, and ran up to 11 buses per day. Each bus carried 60-70 evacuees to the refugee reception center in Przemysl, Poland. There, the evacuees were registered and provided proper food, medical care, and shelter. White Stork completed its bus evacuation program in June 2022; having evacuated 37,829 civilians. The program was financed through a \$500,000 gift from Puerto Rico’s Dorado Beach Community; administered by Ana Matos and Bob Diamond, with oversight from Father Artur Demkowicz, Treasurer, Society of Jesus, South Poland Province.

White Stork also hired 25 Ukrainian women to serve as evacuation coordinators. These coordinators identified refugees at the train station, and accompanied them on the bus ride to Poland. Early in the war, White Stork’s evacuation vans were driven by U.S. military veterans, many of whom were men. Ukrainian women escaping the Russian invasion would often refuse to get into White Stork’s vans when they learned the driver was a man. This was due to fear of falling victim to the human trafficking trade in Eastern Europe. White Stork removed men from the face of the program in order to address this understandable concern.

On the bus, White Stork’s evacuation coordinators provided a brief about our partnership with Airbnb.org. Every evacuee was offered 30 free days of temporary housing anywhere in Europe outside of Ukraine. Roughly half of the evacuees accepted this offer; Airbnb.org issued temporary housing credits for 14,590 people. This program was made possible through the crowd-funded donation to Airbnb.org by Mila Kunis and Ashton Kutcher.







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