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St. Stephen Protomartyr Ukrainian Catholic Church

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WOUNDED VOLUNTEERS FUND

The Wounded Volunteers Fund (WVF) was established in 2015 in response to the invasion of Ukrainian territories in 2014 by the Russian Forces. It is a volunteer organization that provides social and welfare assistance to a variety of people in the Ukraine who have been impacted by the ongoing conflicts over the past number of years.

The Mission of the WVF:

- Give assistance to hospitalized soldiers who were wounded during the war
- Help displaced civilians who left their homes because of the war
- Provide financial and psychological support for families of victims
- Deliver and distribute medicine and medical supplies to the areas of the war
- Supply clean drinking water in the conflict zones
- Deliver and distribute food, hygiene and house-hold products

The WVF is led by Olesya Matskiv and is based Lviv, Ukraine. There are two groups of volunteers that support the efforts of the WVF. One is based in the Ukraine and the other is based in Alberta, with support coming from the Ukrainian communities in Edmonton, Red Deer and Calgary.

The WVF is affiliated with the Medical Mercy Canada, a group that St. Stephen's supports through the international charity trust fund. The WVF is a registered not for profit organization in Canada. Also, the WVF is recognized and endorsed by UCC Alberta and UCC National, and is supported by the Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood of Alberta.

The care of the wounded soldiers has created tremendous strain on the medical infrastructure in the Ukraine. Ukraine does not have a similar health care structure in Canada and if a person requires medical care the financial burden is expected to come from the immediate family. The soldiers who are called up for service will receive some government paid assistance, while those who volunteer receive no assistance whatsoever. Depending on the circumstances, after some initial government provided care, the hospital will give the injured person, family and / or support person(s) a list of expected supplies including medicines and medical supplies needed for that person to recover.

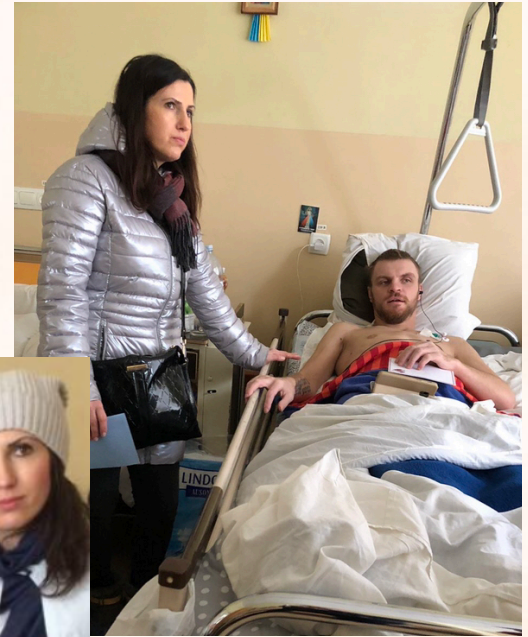
Please consider supporting the Wounded Volunteers Fund.

- Website - <https://fund-wv.com/>
- Email - wvfund@yahoo.com
- Banking Information - TD CANADA TRUST – Transit No. 02219 Inst.No. 004 Account No. 5242941

PHOTOS



Wounded that has been supported



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One of my mornings looks like this. Besides buying medications, helping financially – we need to keep our boys healthy while they are lying in bed – they need vitamins!



*Our Hero – 26-year-old Artur Kerrev.
No mom or dad. He had many surgeries and needs rehab in Italy, Canada or Austria*



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