



**UCHI's mission is to develop relationships between the US and Ukraine on cultural, educational, and humanitarian levels.**

**It also serves to develop cross-cultural understanding between the peoples of the US and Ukraine.**

**It serves three constituencies: Ukrainians in Ukraine seeking to build democratic structures in Ukraine, Ukrainians in America, and others interested in learning about modern Ukraine.**

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## UCHI Providing Aid to Ukraine

On February 24, 2022 Russian Federation troops invaded the sovereign nation of Ukraine devastating lives and property on an unfathomable scale. Citizens throughout Western Pennsylvania mobilized rapidly to provide aid and assistance. The newly formed Pittsburgh Ukrainian Relief Coalition (PURC) asked UCHI to take a broader leadership role in this effort due to its 20-year history of providing cultural, educational, and humanitarian programs. This task was to oversee the Ukrainian Humanitarian Relief Fund (UHRF). UHRF's purpose is to provide humanitarian aid, immigration, and relocation assistance to further the safety and wellbeing of Ukrainian affected persons, both within and without Ukraine and the United States, including all related and incidental purposes.

### Assistance Provided to Date

- Partnered with International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) and Ukrainian NGO Slavic Heart to provide two transport vehicles to evacuate stranded civilians from the Donetsk, Luhansk and Kharkiv regions.
- Covered shipment costs of urgently-needed equipment for the Fire Department of the City of Izium, Kharkiv Oblast, Ukraine collected by the Chicago Association of Veterans of WW II - total value of \$256,868.23.
- Developed a relationship with the Ukrainian non-profit organization "Тепла Долоня" (Warm Palms) in Volyn' oblast, Ukraine to finance Art Therapy encampments for orphans and underprivileged youth displaced from regions in eastern and southern Ukraine as a result of the Russian invasion. To date, four, ten-day art therapy programs have been fully sponsored by the UHRF. The camps were held in August and October with two more in January and will have provided over 200 children with trauma aid and skills development.



### Fundraising Efforts

Multiple gatherings, information sessions, and events held in conjunction with PURC and local organizations wishing to provide assistance to Ukraine include:

- Talks and discussions held at area parishes with members of the Pittsburgh Symphony providing musical accompaniment.
- Organizations of the western PA Ukrainian Community conducted a "Benefit Concert for Ukraine" in June to raise funds, for which UCHI was a co-sponsor and the UHRF one of the benefactors of concert proceeds.
- UCHI hosted a community commemoration of Ukraine's 31st Independence Day in August the proceeds of which benefitted the UHRF.

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## Continuing Projects

The war against Ukraine continues and so does the need for aid and assistance. UCHI priority projects include:

- Version 3 of our unique publication **“Welcome to the USA: A Handbook for Ukrainian Immigrants.”** Version 2 is available on our website, with version 3 available soon. Assistance is needed to cover translations, hard-copy versions, and distribution of information to users.
- UCHI is developing a **Refugee Resource Point Database** gathering detailed information on various local items to help new refugees and providing networking events.
- The funding of future Art Therapy Encampments for Orphans and Underprivileged Youth by Ukrainian non-profit organization “Тепла Долоня» (**Warm Palms**)” in Volyn’ Oblast, Ukraine.
- To donate online to the UHRF visit our website and look for the sunflower.



## Art Therapy - Helping the Least Fortunate

Warm Palms Program Director Tetyana Myalkovska manages these intensive ten-day programs that use the most modern methods and techniques of practical art therapy, spiritual support, psychological assistance, and much more. These disadvantaged children who have experienced such jarring trauma receive therapy and learn skills they otherwise would never have exposure to. **We encourage you to visit our website [uchi-us.com](http://uchi-us.com) to view videos, pictures and detailed information on the impact the program is having on the lives of these children!**

## Ukrainian Community Networking

In 2022 UCHI instituted a recurring series of sessions involving leaders of Western Pennsylvania Ukrainian Community Organizations. The sessions’ purpose is to:

- Discuss strengthening the Ukrainian Community in a post-Covid, virtual-reality-dominated world;
- Explore how to involve the youth in a social media driven society;
- Help to host/discuss future events like the 31st Anniversary of Ukraine’s Independence.

The initial sessions were funded by a grant from the Ukrainian Community Foundation of Philadelphia. UCHI will continue these successful, productive sessions in ‘23.

## Western Pennsylvania Archives Project

UCHI’s Western PA Archives Project will begin its online presence in January/February with various topics and groups available at a time. The online presence will include pictures, videos, documents, articles, and artifacts that are available. Watch for announcements on our website and on our social media platforms.

Our YouTube Channel already has several items for your viewing. Search for our YouTube handle **@UkrCHI** and follow us for updates.



Children from Warm Palms

Videos and information about the Art Therapy Camps are located on our YouTube Channel.

# ➔ Double Your Impact! ➔

An anonymous donor has made a promise to match dollar for dollar donations to **UCHI’s “ANNUAL FUND DRIVE”** (does not include UHRF) made between **December 1, 2022 and February 28, 2023 up to a total of \$5,000!**

The donor understands the impact that donations from individuals have on the success of a non-profit organization. Donations made to the UCHI’s Annual Fund Drive support: Ukrainian Refugee Assistance; Ukrainian Community Networking Events; Development and Updating of UCHI Publications; Curating the Western PA Archives; Website Maintenance; Information Sharing through Social Media and Newsletters.

You may make a donation to UCHI by writing a personal check with **ANNUAL FUND DRIVE** on memo to:  
**UCHI - 610 Bouquet Street - Carnegie, PA 15106**

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**Don’t miss this chance to double your gift.**

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