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to visit orphans and widows in their affliction...” (James 1:27)*

Dear

You have no doubt seen the pictures of women and children being evacuated from the war-torn regions of Ukraine. The invasion by Russia has been devastating for the entire population of Ukrainians, but especially so for groups of orphaned children who have been displaced from their boarding schools and orphanages within Ukrainian regions that are now occupied by Russia.

By God’s grace, New Horizons for Children (NHFC) has been able to quickly answer the call to coordinate the evacuation and care for more than 1,200 orphaned children and their caretakers. NHFC is a ministry based in the United States that has been caring for the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of orphaned children around the world since its founding in 2003. One of the ministries of NHFC has been to connect orphaned children in Ukraine to loving Christ-centered families trained in trauma informed care in the United States to provide the children an opportunity to participate in a cross-culture educational family experience that lasts 4-6 weeks.

The staff and volunteers of NHFC have prayed and worked diligently for years to build trust with many of the regional governments in Ukraine so that these orphaned children can experience these life-giving opportunities. They can now see God’s sovereignty, and how He was building these relationships over time to prepare them for such a time as the one they find themselves in today.

NHFC has been called upon by Ukrainian authorities to provide care to orphaned children who were forced to evacuate from schools and orphanages at the beginning of the war. As of May 2022, NHFC has been able to transform 22 properties in more stable parts of Ukraine into Safe Havens for the 1,200 children in their care. While there are many organizations seeking to help, NHFC is grateful to be the organization with whom the Ukrainian government chose to create an official Memorandum of Understanding to partner together to care for these children. This allows NHFC to make big, bold moves on behalf of the children.

Caring for these children is challenging and expensive work. Each facility must be prepared with bedding, food, medical supplies, trauma informed resources, and other needs to care for the children on a regular basis. In addition, each facility is in need of vehicles to transport children, construction funds to repair damaged buildings, and laptops so the children can begin online classes.

New Horizons for Children is committed to providing these resources and providing ongoing care for these children until the end of the conflict in Ukraine. However, they are

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also in the process of developing a long-term plan to care for these children until they are able to return to their home regions. They are seeking church partners to join us in answering God’s call to care for these orphaned children, especially in this time of affliction and distress. Please pray for God’s guidance about how our congregation can step in to help these children.

The easiest way to support their work is to give an unrestricted financial gift directly through the website (<https://nhfc.org/ukraine-crisis/>) or by check payable to New Horizons for Children, 9401 Mentor Ave, #309 Mentor, OH 44060. During a time of war, this allows them to quickly move funds to where they are most needed for the children.

Please see the attached document detailing the current needs. If you are interested in speaking with a staff member about contributing to a specific need, please contact NHFC at [office@nhfc.org](mailto:office@nhfc.org). You can also visit NHFC’s website at [www.nhfc.org](http://www.nhfc.org). The site is updated regularly with information about how the organization is stewarding valuable contributions to care for the most vulnerable in Ukraine.

It is my prayer that you will join me in providing financial support to help meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the fatherless and motherless in Ukraine. Thank you for giving my request your prayerful consideration.

Sincerely,



## Ukraine Orphan Care

### List of Financial Needs

#### Overview

Ukrainian Regional Authorities have asked New Horizons for Children (NHFC) to provide support for the care of orphaned children within Ukraine. NHFC is the only organization with an official MOU with the Ukrainian Government for the ongoing care of this vulnerable group. Due to the continued violence in Ukraine, the orphans are being evacuated from facilities in conflict areas to safe havens in less violent regions of the country. Many of these safe havens are not adequately equipped for the long-term care of children and are in need of upgrades and supplies.

#### Statistics

1,200	Children in Safe Havens that NHFC is helping to support
22	Safe Havens in western Ukraine to house the children
3	Safe Havens for babies
2	Safe Havens specifically for children with special medical needs (~150 children total)
1	Safe Haven for children with learning disabilities (~40 children)
1	Safe Haven for children with a variety of special needs (~70 children)

#### Financial Needs

NHFC has short-term immediate needs to get the facilities up to a livable standard for the children. There are also less urgent but equally important needs to help the children with their health and well-being. Finally, there are consistent on-going needs to maintain the daily, weekly, and monthly operations of the safe havens.

#### *Critical Needs (USD\$251,000)*

Item Name	Category	Cost per Item	# Requested	Total Cost (USD)
Laptops for students to begin online learning	Education	\$700	200	\$140,000
Transport vans for dr. appts. etc.	Operations	\$45,000	1	\$45,000
Generator for medical facilities	Infrastructure	\$15,000	3	\$45,000
Bomb shelter at baby Safe Haven	Infrastructure	\$15,000	1	\$15,000
Portable EKG machine	Medical	\$2,500	1	\$2,500
Large washing machine + installation	Infrastructure	\$750	2	\$1,500
Medical suction aspirator	Medical	\$300	3	\$900
Large size freezer	Kitchen	\$700	1	\$700
Ear-piece translators	Operations	\$200	2	\$400

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### Financial Needs (continued)

*Important items to make the safe havens comfortable and pleasant for the children (\$140,000)*

- Industrial sized kitchen blender
- Kitchen equipment
- Water heater
- Shower stalls
- Electric hand dryers for bathrooms and wash areas
- Mattresses
- Bedding (sheets, pillows, and blankets)
- Towels and washcloths
- Summer clothing for 1200 children sizes 6-16 (underwear, socks, leggings, tshirts, shorts)
- Shoes and slippers
- Table tennis sets, playground equipment, and trampolines
- Televisions
- Small toys and games (soccer balls, basketballs, table games, puzzles, craft supplies)
- Sensory toys and resources

*Daily, Weekly, and Monthly Operational Costs*

- Staffing costs
  - Salaries: \$100,000/year (Deputy Director, drivers, and interpreters)
  - Lodging: \$3,200/month (1-2 staff members and 1-3 volunteers)
  - Food for volunteers: \$15-\$20/day/person (2-3 staff and volunteers per day)
  - Flights to/from the US: \$1,700/round trip flight (2 staff members flying every 6 weeks)
- Ongoing needs for daily operations
  - Diesel fuel for generators
  - Fuel for transport van to deliver items to safe havens (current price is \$130/gallon)
  - Food staples (cereals, sugar, oil, pasta, flour, cocoa, jams, rice, cookies, tea, fruit, vegetables)
  - Medications (for colds, fevers, ear infections, yeast infections, bandages)
  - Soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toilet paper
  - Napkins
  - Feminine hygiene products
  - Toddler bed mats for bed wetting
  - Laundry soap
  - Dishwasher fluid

### Contributions

The financial needs of the organization are constantly being evaluated and updated based on the needs of the children in our care, so the easiest way to support our work is to give an unrestricted financial gift directly through the website (<https://nhfc.org/ukraine-crisis/>). That allows our staff members to pay for what the children and facilities needs arise. If you are interested in speaking with a staff member about contributing to a specific need, please contact New Horizons for Children Sherri McClurg at [smcclurg@nhfc.org](mailto:smcclurg@nhfc.org).