



# Beds for Ukrainians

## Case for Support for Massive Re-settlement and D5370 Call to Action

After the invasion of Ukraine, there has been an unprecedented evacuation of 8 million people who were displaced. There have been nearly 600 000 visa applications and to date 240 000 have been approved to come to Canada. The projected arrivals coming to Alberta this fall is 400—700 per week. There has been overwhelming support from Rotary clubs for the Ukraine Nationals, but more is needed to help support a successful settlement. As the Ukraine nationals begin to find employment and housing, we are finding that there is a great need for beds.

The Community Service Committee has been reaching out to a number of partners to see if we can combine our efforts in providing these beds such as Catholic Social Services, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, Ukrainian Canadian Social Services and Edmonton Beds Home Furnishing and Appliances. **We have a plan in motion and are putting out a call to action for Rotarians/Rotaractors/Interactors in District 5370 to reach a goal of providing 400 beds for the displaced Ukraine's who are currently in Alberta.** Each bed cost between \$450 and \$650, this includes the frame, head board and mattresses. A vetting process through Catholic Social Services will focus on mothers alone with children (only the most vulnerable families).

### How Can We Help?

- A. You can donate money to the cause. A tax receipt can be given if you donate money payable to the Ukrainian Canadian Social Services making note that this is for “Beds for Ukrainians” on cheques or e-transfers (send to [ucss@shaw.ca](mailto:ucss@shaw.ca)—please include your full name and address to receive the tax receipt.) We can send the address for the cheques upon request.
- B. Volunteer to assemble the Children beds and to deliver the beds to the homes of the Ukrainian Nationals in need. This building will take place in Sherwood Park, at the Dow Chemical Plant. We are working on putting together work dates to assemble the beds come October and November. The need is to have 15—30 volunteers for each building date. The dates will be listed in the Connections Newsletter once they have been determined.
- C. Contribute bedding/pillows/quilts. These items should need to be new as part of the collaboration with our partners requirements. The bedding is needed for twin, double and Queen size beds. We are looking at putting on a “Stuff the Van” campaign whereby we have a van in a public place and people bring in the linen or pillows to fill the van as much as possible. The bedding items will be stored at Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Watch for the dates in the Connections Newsletter or let us know if you would like to host this in your area.

### Together We Can Make a Huge Impact

We have speakers who are available to speak at your club to share this call to action. Please reach out to Marilyn Mucha at [mgmucha@shaw.ca](mailto:mgmucha@shaw.ca) or 780 901-0323 ( cell) to either speak at your club or to coordinate bedding for the warehouse. Or contact Sleep in Heavenly Peace – Mark Parr ([mark.parr@shpbeds.org](mailto:mark.parr@shpbeds.org))– to set up your own club bed build. Or donate to the UCSS at [ucss@shaw.ca](mailto:ucss@shaw.ca)

Thank you for considering this Call to Action— District Community Service Committee.