

REPORT ON THE USE OF TRANSFERRED FUNDS FROM DISTRICT 6250 - \$5000

HELP FOR **UKRAINE**



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EQUIPMENT FOR REFUGEES, ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN FROM UKRAINE,
SCHOOL SUPPLIES, POLISH LANGUAGE LESSONS, ACTIVATION PROJECT,
DENTAL CARE, THERAPEUTIC SUPPORT



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Summary

*Details of the projects can be found below the table.
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Action / operation name	Date	Value*
Partial contribution to the cost of purchasing equipment to adapt the rooms at PSONI (Polish Association for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities) Biskupiec to accommodate refugees from Ukraine	May 2022	\$1350
Organization of activities for children from Ukraine during their holiday stay in Olsztyn, organized by Rotary E-Club Poland	July 2022	\$250
Purchase of school supplies that went to children in villages near Kharkiv (Ukraine)	August 2022	\$700
Partial contribution to the cost of implementing projects for refugees residing in and around Olsztyn - Polish language lessons	September - October 2022	\$450
Partial contribution to the cost of implementing projects for refugees residing in and around Olsztyn - Activation project: gastronomy training, learning specialized Polish language + childcare during the training courses held	September - October 2022	\$1500
Partial contribution to the cost of implementing projects for refugees residing in and around Olsztyn - Dental care	September - October 2022	\$450
Partial contribution to the cost of implementing projects for refugees residing in and around Olsztyn - Therapeutic support - hippotherapy for children and adolescents	September - October 2022	\$300
Summary		\$5000

** Amounts approximate and rounded due to currency conversion of funds*

Details

Partial contribution to the cost of purchasing equipment to adapt the rooms at PSONI Biskupiec to accommodate refugees from Ukraine

Total project value: **\$1950**

Description:

The PSONI Association (Polish Association for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities) has been supporting refugees from Ukraine in the Rehabilitation and Housing Facility at 3 Rose Avenue in Biskupiec since March 31, 2022. It is an adapted building (with an elevator and without architectural barriers), so PSONI decided to accept the families with children with disabilities. The facility accommodates 17 people, including 8 people with disabilities (5 children and 3 adults with disabilities). Thanks to the implementation of the project, sofas and couches - which were in the worst condition and unfit for use - were replaced and an additional washing machine and condensation dryer were purchased (there was only one old washing machine in the facility, which did not allow the group's needs to be met) and small equipment was supplemented according to the grant application: pots, hair dryers and folding laundry dryers. The main goal of the project was to improve the living conditions of families from Ukraine supported by PSONI. The activity was implemented and the materials were purchased.

Organization of activities for children from Ukraine during their holiday stay in Olsztyn, organized by Rotary E-Club Poland

Total project value: **\$250**

Description:

After receiving information about the summer vacation organized for children from Ukraine in Olsztyn by the Rotary E-Club, we organized additional attractions and activities. Sixteen children, aged 14-16, took part in hippotherapy, cooking workshops, and a bowling tournament.



Purchase of school supplies that went to children in villages near Kharkiv

Total project value: **\$700**

Description:

We purchased school supplies that went to children living in villages around Kharkiv. Among the items purchased were notebooks, pencils and crayons. The need was identified by the Ukrainian side (a trusted humanitarian coordinator from Kharkiv). The products were transferred in a humanitarian convoy organized by Rotary clubs from our region.





Partial contribution to the cost of implementing projects for refugees residing in and around Olsztyn - Polish language lessons

Total project value: **\$4300**

Description:

The project aimed to prepare refugees from Ukraine fleeing Russian aggression and residing in the Warminsko-Mazurskie Voivodeship for activation through learning the Polish language.

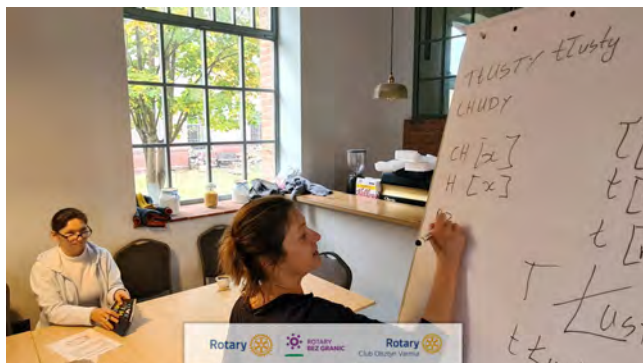
The number of people participating in the course of learning Polish:

- basic level - 16 people
- intermediate level - 16 people

The Polish language classes were conducted by a qualified teacher Joanna Polonczyk from the Masha Language Centre.

During the first classes, in order to qualify people for a given level of the course appropriately, the teacher took a test to decide which groups to place people in.

The Polish language course included 40 hours of classes for each group. The Polish language classes are designed to improve the assimilation of refugees into the local community, but also to improve communication in everyday life. The Polish language classes are based on learning vocabulary and phrases for everyday life, as well as phrases that will enable them to take specialist courses. Knowledge of the Polish language will enable them to take up gainful employment, which will improve their living and material situation.



Partial contribution to the cost of implementing projects for refugees residing in and around Olsztyn - Activation project: gastronomy training, learning specialized Polish language + childcare during the training courses held

Total project value: **\$15100**

Description:

From 13.09.2022, 16 female refugees from Ukraine took part in a cooking course. The project was a response to the needs of people fleeing from Ukraine to Poland. After the stage of finding asylum, a place to live, medical and psychological support, these people also required activation support at a later stage. The project aimed to support Ukrainian families - mainly mothers - in acclimatising to and finding their way in the current reality.

Culinary classes covering an 80-hour training programme were carried out from 13.09.2022 to 12.10.2022, on the premises of the workshop kitchen at Kuźnia Społeczna owned by the Food Bank in Olsztyn.

The course aimed to support refugee women in acquiring knowledge and skills that will enable them to find employment as a cook, chef or kitchen assistant in the catering industry. And this, in turn, will enable them to adapt faster to life in Poland and improve their material situation.

The culinary classes were conducted according to an 80-hour curriculum by chef Maciej Maciejewski.

The programme of classes included:

the theoretical part designed to introduce gastronomic issues, the requirements of the HACCP system, the legal basis, issues of fire-fighting and first aid in the kitchen, the arrangement of workstations; a practical part covering technological processes, cutting techniques, preparation of stocks, sauces and marinades, preparation of stocks and soups, preparation of breakfast, decoration and serving techniques, preparation of pasta and vegetarian dishes according to the Zero Waste principle, preparation of meat, fish, desserts and beef dishes.

The culinary course was summarised and completed on 12.10.2022, and each participant received a certificate for completing the course along with information on the scope of the course.

Culinary classes as part of the course were supplemented with Polish language lessons, taught by a qualified teacher Joanna Połonczyk from the Masza Language Centre. The Polish language course covered 24 hours. Classes were conducted from 20.09-12.10.2022, 3 times a week for 2h each.

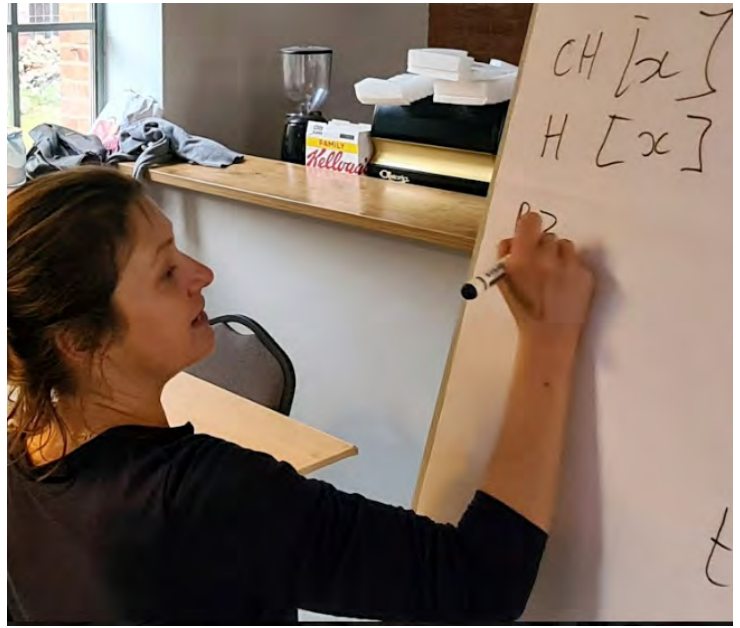
Learning the Polish language was intended to improve the participants' assimilation into the local community, but also to improve communication in the kitchen. The Polish language classes were based on learning food and vocabulary related to the specifics of working in gastronomy.

During the whole process of the cooking and Polish language classes, the participants were supported by childcare. This allowed them to freely participate in the activities each day without having to worry about their children on their own. This support was necessary as the refugee women stay in Poland alone, without other family members to look after the children in their absence. The children in the nanny's care were also provided with food each day, including II breakfast and lunch.

The participants also received individual support from a vocational counsellor (4h/person), who will support them in finding a job, finding their way on the Polish labour market. The task of the career counsellor is to pass on basic but fundamental knowledge and skills regarding the legal and cultural aspects of the Polish labour market.

Participants enriched their knowledge of the rights and obligations of employer and employee, learned about formal and informal rules, job search tools/websites. The meetings are focused on enabling the participants to improve the skills needed for active job search, e.g. preparation of CV, cover letter, preparation for interviews etc.





Partial contribution to the cost of implementing projects for refugees residing in and around Olsztyn - Dental care

Total project value: **\$6100**

Description:

Providing extensive assistance of dental care for refugees from Ukraine - adolescents and children from all areas of dentistry (20 people).

The project was attended by children and adolescents from the Refugee Center in Łańsk and refugees reporting to the clinic with present problems, to requiring dental treatment.

The selection of beneficiaries for the project took place after the initial health status verification by a doctor. Most of the people who reported the need for dental treatment had a critical oral cavity and dental health.

The patients were diagnosed with significant dental cavities, caries, extraction teeth and root canal treatment. In many cases, there was a need for antibiotic treatment.



A small number of photographs due to the need for image consent and the medical procedures performed (photographs during the performance of medical procedures constitute sensitive personal data).

Partial contribution to the cost of implementing projects for refugees residing in and around Olsztyn - Therapeutic support - hippotherapy for children and adolescents

Total project value: **\$3100**

Description:

Project allowed 100 hours of hippotherapy and in this case in 4 rounds per 2 hours - 13 children took advantage of it. Classes included 1 hour of hippotherapy on a horse and 1 hour of discovering stable work, caring and cuddling with a horse. Each of the children spent over 2 hours in the hippotherapy process 4 times.

Hippotherapy classes were dedicated to children - refugees, who are located in the refugee center in Łańsk. Children selected for the project had significant therapeutic needs. Careful selection was made by group leaders. The project was carried out during the period of a massive attack on civilian targets in Ukraine, which was particularly traumatic for children and their families. They had the opportunity to forget for a moment about the hardships of war, fear and taking stress from their families. Our project was received with great enthusiasm. Children experienced great joy due to the contact with the horses, they felt at ease and the closeness of the animals' warmth made them forget about their fear and anxiety for a moment.

The process was carried out as follows: at the beginning, a qualifying meeting was held at the Refugee Center in Łańsk. A child psychologist and a hippotherapist participated in the meeting. After the talks, the specialists together chose a group of children for hippotherapy. The psychologist did not qualify any of the children for psychotherapy, recommended psycho-pedagogical horse riding and hippotherapy. Various forms of hippotherapy have been implemented: psycho-pedagogical work with a horse, physiotherapy with a horse, and psycho-pedagogical horse riding. The classes were leaded by a certified hippotherapist - Mrs. Ewa Zaremba.



