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Subject: **Rotary Helps Ukraine, Merry Christmas 2025!**

Dear friends of Ukraine!
Receiving this means you have already helped or are considering helping Ukraine. Anyway, we are GRATEFUL for your willingness to help Ukrainian people in this horrible period of russian military aggression and global challenges! Our primary focus is on **Helping Kids and Veterans with Medical and Mental Rehabilitation**.

Since my last Newsletter in November, we have had many good activities with your help.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED!

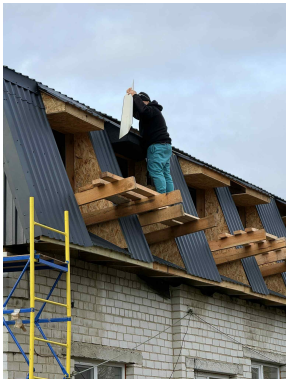
1) Many **THANKS to all who gifted donations** for St.Nikolas, Christmas, and Happy New Year events for kids in Ukraine! We received 2000 EUR from **RID2335**, 915 EUR from **Asa Gunven** (Uddevalla Skansen RC), and two friendly transfers to the Oster town Prime Medical Care Center team and to the Ichnya town Lyceum #4 children from the **RSHU Mission**. Some donations are still on the way due to bank holidays... If somebody still wants to join this beautiful Christmas program, you're welcome! Just ask me, and I will send you the bank information you need. Of course, we will provide you with nice photos from the events with happy children's faces in January 2026.

2) All diesel generators from **RSHU Mission** were successfully distributed to pre-front defenders.
It's a pity, the demand is still growing, and we are waiting for the next cargo from friends :)

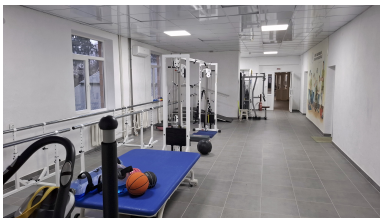
3) Our Application for a Global Grant (with **Hjo RC**) to help the **Oster Town Primary Health Care Center (Polyclinic)** is already in progress - we received the grant and paid for medical and other needed equipment. The first tools have already been delivered to the Oster (Doctors are really HAPPY!).

4) Our Application form for a Global Grant (with **Lindesberg RC, Las Vegas RC**) to help the **Ichnya Town Lyceum #4** in starting the **SPACE OF STRENGTH AND SUPPORT** Program was submitted by The Rotary Foundation. We are waiting for the next steps. Anyway, both team members (from Sweden and from Ichnya) settled a WhatsApp group and the communication there is very active :)

5) Sokol Children Development Center & Kindergarten is finishing its Mansard construction. Now it's a period when all "big" outside works are already provided, and the main work is inside the Mansard. Isn't it nice?



6) **Vashkivtsi Rehabilitation Hospital** received the final equipment from the first part of Rotary Help (donated by **Calgary RC, CA**) and already settled some in the premises. The next is yet to come! :)



By the way, visiting Vashkivtsi in November with our big friends **Gerry Darichuk** (RC Calgary North, CA), we met a couple in white robes (Dennis and Tetiana) who helped a little girl with rehabilitation equipment. I want to share their story with you now.

Dennis was a wounded soldier from the Odesa region. He entered Vashkivtsi Hospital to receive a new prosthetic leg.
Tetiana is a professional doctor, born in Vashkivtsi. She received her medical degree from Chernivtsi University and returned to work at the Hospital in her motherland.
And there they met each other... and started a new family!

Our RC' Past-President Khristina Famova invited a happy couple from Vashkivtsi to our RC's birthday meeting on November 27th, and we presented them a Certificate for a dinner in a nice Kyiv restaurant :) They both visited Kyiv for the first time and were very happy :)

7) We'd like to focus your attention on the **Ichnya ROMASHKA Kindergarten**. They need to enlarge and develop their Bomb Shelter.

You saw those photos earlier. Now we have the project estimated costs:
1) Estimated cost of work on the shelter of preschool No.3 ("Romashka"): 3,500,000 UAH (84,951 USD) - **will be financed by the Ichnyan City Council**;
2) Estimated cost of materials for work on the shelter of preschool No.3 ("Romashka"): 1,935,400 UAH (46,976 USD);
3) Internal arrangement of preschool No.3 ("Romashka"): 167,015 UAH (4,954 USD)

They need our help with materials and after repair - kids' furniture and maybe some toys. I've attached the Mayor's letter below. One Rotary club announced it as a major donor with a 35000 USD donation, but the need is still **16 930** USD.
Maybe you can help kids in Romashka to get their bomb shelter in this winter?

PS. You can follow our **Rotary Club of Kyiv-Capital** Facebook page, and so you'll receive our news as soon as it becomes available online :)
>> https://www.facebook.com/Rotary.Kyiv.Capital

Merry Christmas, dear friends!
I sincerely wish you all a peaceful holiday and a Happy and prosperous New Year!!!

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