

## Ukraine - how can you help?



A big thank you to everyone who donated goods for Ukraine. Your donations were collected from the Church and taken through to Edinburgh and loaded on to the lorry which left on the weekend of the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April, heading for Kharkiv and Chernihiv in Ukraine. All of the humanitarian aid which you donated – foodstuffs, nappies, baby milk, torches and bandages will be very gratefully received.

Whilst being very appreciative of our donations, Sunflower Scotland has suggested to us that donations of money are probably now more helpful. This allows them to bulk purchase at heavily discounted prices from producers or wholesalers and enables quicker uploading on to the lorries and easier sorting on arrival in Ukraine. The organisation also receives donations from Scottish companies, for example Bayne's the Bakers donated six pallets of flour for the bakeries in Chernihiv.

We have therefore agreed to bring our collection at Falkirk Trinity to an end. We will give you an opportunity to hand in any outstanding goods but the collection will close on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. We will ensure that any items handed in by the 3<sup>rd</sup> will be transported through to Edinburgh to Sunflower Scotland. You can also still donate goods if you wish to Sunflower Scotland at The Gift Tree café, 5-7 Station road, Corstorphine, Edinburgh EH12 7AA from Tuesdays to Saturdays, 9.30am to 4pm

You can continue to support the ongoing and fantastic work of Sunflower Scotland by making a donation through <https://gofund.me/7bcf6dda> and you can follow them on Facebook [www.facebook.com/SunflowerScotland](http://www.facebook.com/SunflowerScotland)

- If you wish to donate goods there are a number of places locally accepting donations for Ukraine: Mariners 4 Ukraine has a pop up shop at 81 Main Street, FK2 7NZ next to the Creamery snooker hall. Goods are collected and sorted at their Union Road premises but the pop up shop sells clothing and shoes that they are unable to send abroad. This helps cover the cost of transportation.
- Scot Baby Box Appeal initially sent filled baby boxes but are now also looking for other goods such as tinned food and first aid items. For local collection point see Facebook [Scot Baby Box Appeal](#).
- The Hope Hub Denny have been gathering and transporting aid to Romania. They are open for donations Monday to Saturday, 10am to noon, for donations of washing up liquid, laundry detergent (tablets or powder), fabric softener, hard wood floor cleaner, toilet cleaner and hand wash only.
- Pets in Need in Callendar Square are also collecting goods.

Falkirk Trinity is also part of a working group looking at the resettlement of Ukrainian refugees in Falkirk and we hope that as families start to arrive we can be involved in helping them to settle into the area.

You can also continue to donate financially through **DEC Disasters Emergency Committee** <https://www.dec.org.uk/appeal/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal> and via The Church of Scotland to **Reformed Church Hungary Aid (RCHA)**, which is run by our partner, the Reformed Church of Hungary. The RCHA has access to the Reformed Church in Ukraine who are using the buildings to support the people moving from east to west as they seek safety and sanctuary. They are also working in the border areas of Hungary, Slovakia and Romania using the Reformed Church contacts and buildings there. Visit <https://reformatus.hu/english/news/emergency-response-for-ukraine/> Your donations can be directed to the following Royal Bank of Scotland account: Church of Scotland No 1 Account; a/c no 00134859; sort code 83 06 08; reference RCHA donation - please gift aid this if .

**UNICEF:** Supporting families and children in Ukraine and have been working there for 8 years. [www.unicef.org.uk/unicef/ukraine](http://www.unicef.org.uk/unicef/ukraine)

**Blythswood Care:** Supporting partners in Hungary, Moldova and Romania, many of whom are already caring for refugees [www.blythswood.org](http://www.blythswood.org)