



THE HOPE TO REBUILD



66 *I saw what the Knights of Columbus were doing on the ground in Ukraine. What was born of concrete needs for widows in the 19th century still serves today for formation, charitable action and authentic patriotism.*

- Archbishop Timothy Broglio, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

After three years of war, 3,000 Ukrainian Knights of Columbus and their families hold fast to signs of hope: reminders that they're not alone, they haven't been forgotten and their lives will be rebuilt. Their witness of perseverance and courage is deeply inspiring.

That's why the Knights of Columbus remains committed to our Ukrainian brothers and sisters. Thanks to the tens of thousands of donors who have contributed to this cause, we've been able to bring humanitarian and spiritual support to families ravaged by the conflict.

Reconstruction has already begun on the human, material and spiritual levels. We know healing comes in many forms, and we're proud to have partners on the ground who are meeting those needs in parishes, support groups, prosthetic clinics, orphanages and more.

Read on to learn more about how the Knights of Columbus has helped bring hope to more than 2 million Ukrainian people.

→ Sheltering the homeless

In a suburb of Lviv, we provided new modular homes for displaced families from eastern and northern Ukraine.

Thanks to donations, we were able to provide not only a roof over the heads of dozens of Ukrainian families but also a chance to start a new life in better conditions.

- Mykola Mostovyak, Ukraine State Deputy



→ Our growing impact

Since April 2022, Knights from Poland and Ukraine have assembled and/or delivered more than 300,000 care packages across Ukraine.

68,300+
DONATIONS

**\$24 MILLION
COLLECTED**

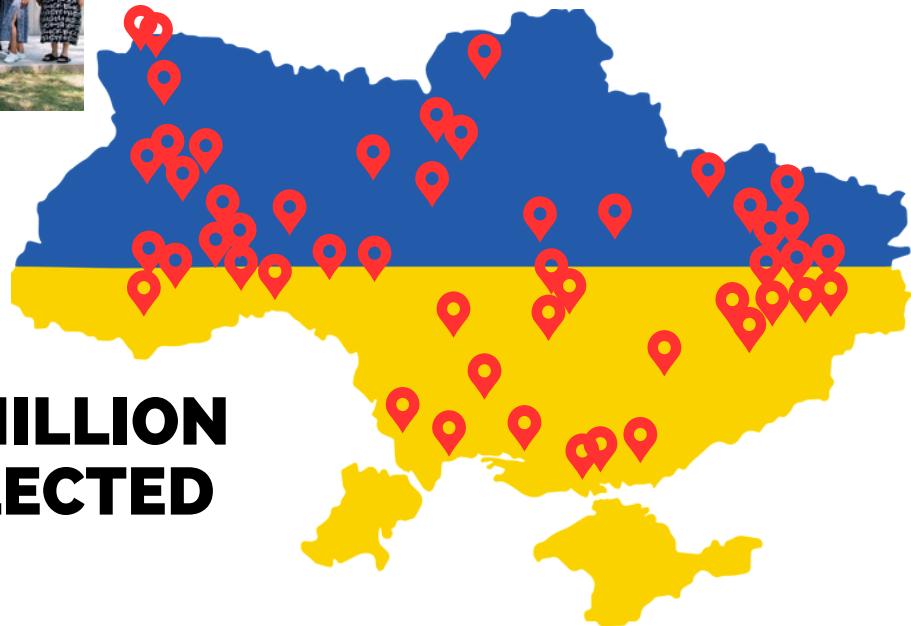
→ Tending to the wounds of war



What does it look like to mend a country's spiritual, physical and psychological wounds from war? Some K of C-sponsored initiatives include: support groups for families who've lost a loved one, trainings on trauma-informed communication, vocational workshops, childcare centers, prosthetics for injured civilians, outreach to refugees and much more.

→ Protecting Ukrainian children

In times of war, children are always among the most vulnerable. Especially if they've lost parents, it's a high priority to keep them safe and sheltered. Across Ukraine, the Knights have provided assistance to centers and schools for displaced children.



→ Clothing the needy

Over 2,000 children received warm coats through the Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids® program — a necessity in Ukraine's frigid winters. In October, K of C Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori visited the town of Bucha, where he helped distribute coats to children who lost parents in the horrific massacres there early in the war.

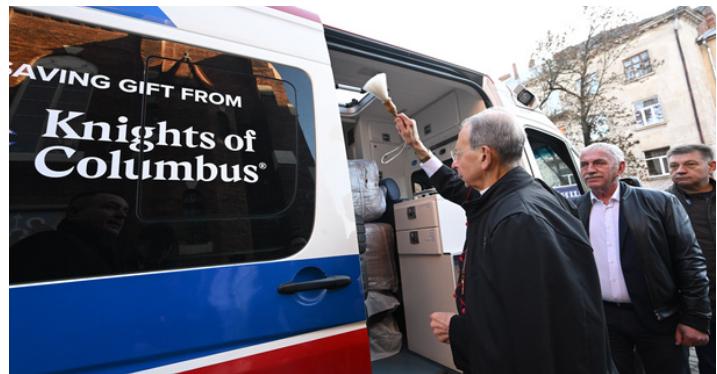


I lost my husband. The children lost their father. Our father was the best for us. I think, if he knew that we were being taken care of like this, he would be a little bit more at ease.

- Oksana Fesiuk, widow and mother

→ Bringing the gift of healing

The Knights sponsored an ambulance for the city of Chornomorsk — a crucial resource that allows first responders to quickly aid the wounded. We've also partnered with the International Catholic Migration Commission to create chapels within hospitals and clinics along the war frontlines in south-east Ukraine — quiet havens where people can pray and seek spiritual healing amid the physical trauma of war.



As a church, it has always been a priority to be in a hospital, to be near the poor, the hurt, the wounded, the weak, and the sick. I express my sincere gratitude to the Knights of Columbus for this action and for this (ambulance) initiative, because transportation in times of war saves many people.

- Bishop Mykhailo Bubniy, State Chaplain for Ukrainian Greek Catholic Knights of Columbus

→ Preserving Ukraine's spiritual heritage

In partnership with Red Arch — and with hope and resolution that the country will rebuild — the Knights of Columbus is proactively safeguarding historic churches across Ukraine.

The Knights helped us deliver this equipment to Ukraine. By scanning an object [with] a 3D scan, we preserve its image for history. This image is digital, but if there is some kind of emergency, we have the ability to recreate the object in its original form.

- Dr. Mykola Bevz, Lviv Polytechnic National University



→ Ministering to the ministers



Our partners at Step-In have helped us develop training for chaplains who work with victims of war. Educating priests about the complexities of trauma and other mental health concerns is one important way we support families, safeguard human dignity and encourage those ministering to others — often at their own, profound emotional cost.



Our Work Continues

It's no surprise membership among Ukrainian Knights is growing. What greater witness exists than brothers putting their faith into action in service to others? We're proud to stand with them and support their work. Even amid uncertainties and the constant threats of war, we're busy rebuilding and encouraging our brothers and sisters to have hope in God, who makes all things new.

At the human level, we're helping rebuild lives by getting wounded victims access to wheelchairs or fitted with prosthetics — crucial tools that allow veterans and civilians alike to integrate into society and find healing. Rebuilding materially takes many forms: funding children's shelters and schools, providing modular homes for displaced families or supporting de-mining projects that will protect others for years to come.

Finally, war's spiritual and psychological wounds are perhaps the deepest and longest lasting. We're helping to sponsor support groups for widows and veterans; train chaplains who work with traumatized victims and give families opportunities to process, heal and rebuild their lives.



Together, we have **hope to rebuild.**

The stories in this impact report are only a few ways Knights are living out Father McGivney's mission in Ukraine — not only via donations from around the world, but through Ukrainian and Polish Knights of Columbus councils distributing coats to orphans, serving refugee families and encouraging each other in faith.

We are deeply grateful for every prayer and donation for our brother Knights and their families, parishes and communities.

To learn more, visit www.kofc.org/Ukraine.

