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LETTER OF THANKS

On behalf of the First Krakow Club of Soroptimist International of Europe we'd like to thank for the donation to help Ukrainian refugees.

On the 24th of February 2022 we all woke up in a different world. Hundreds of thousands of people found themselves without homes, forced to flee their country looking for safety, shelter and food.

Krakow Club immediately got involved in projects to help these people. It wouldn't be possible without the compassion and dedication of our donors. Thanks to people like you we were able to implement many projects. At the beginning (two months), it was just food, sandwiches offered to refugees arriving at Krakow Bus Station, hygienic agents, clothes school books and materials for people who decided to stay in Krakow. There were mothers with sick children who needed immediate help like the one needing parenteral nutrition or an autistic child.

We have supported humanitarian transports sent to the Ukraine by purchasing canned food, thermal blankets and power banks. We are co-operating with Kraków medical emergency service by purchasing most needed medical materials to be sent to the Ukraine by Krakow ambulances.

There were also individual families like the one displaced from Crimea to Mariupol or refugees from Mariupol who walked for a week to get to Poland and many others (95% of refugees in Poland are women and children) that needed assistance.

A refrigerator full of food stuffs was bought and given to our partner Wolontariat 4 peron (a voluntary organization working with us) to be used in the waiting room at Krakow Bus Station.

We've organised an integration meeting with Ukrainian mothers and children and their hosting families and supported them with food, hygienic means clothes and school materials.

Organising a Children's Day celebrations in Biłgoraj together with SOS Children's Villages Humanitarian aid to emergency medical units in Ukraine was another activity.

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Child birthing courses combined with psychological support for pregnant Ukrainian women traumatised by war were organised. Childbirth packages (hygienic agents, clothes for babies and mothers) for pregnant Ukrainians giving birth in Krakow hospitals were given out.

Together with the Foundation Zawsze Warto courses of Polish language for children and women were provided. Children were also sent on day holidays camps.

Senior Ukrainian women were sent on workshops (8 for every person) Poland for beginners, how to handle administrative requirements, health service, etc. then use of a computer and smartphone, art therapy, visiting museums and poetry sessions. All run by Ukrainians who are living in Poland for few years. We, Soroptimists don't want to leave anyone behind.

We have supported hospices in Brzesko and Kraków.

Club Kraków is now implementing a new project "YOU ARE VISIBLE, YOU ARE SAFE, Wear the Reflector". The project is aimed at refugees who are either currently staying in Krakow or are back in the Ukraine to wear a reflector when walking outside. Soroptimists donated reflective pendants with the name and logo of Soroptimist International.

All together about 700,000 PLN (ca €155,000) were spent and 20,000,000 people were helped.

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