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Orlivschyna, Dnipro oblast.
June 2025.



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Recap: Endurance in the Face of War

As 2025 came to an end, Ukraine had endured nearly four years of the full-scale invasion. That's **1,406 days** facing the harsh realities of war. The human cost remains immense. According to UN Human Rights, **2025 was the deadliest year in Ukraine for civilians since 2022**. Millions of people remain displaced, both internally and internationally, while millions more inside Ukraine continue to rely on humanitarian assistance to survive.



Kyiv, Kyiv oblast.
November 2025.

As winter began at the end of 2025, Russia launched an unprecedented number of attacks on Ukraine's power and energy infrastructure. **These strikes left millions without electricity, heat, and access to water during some of the coldest months of the year.**

Humanitarian organisations remain one of the most consistent lifelines for communities across the country, and Ukrainian Patriot continues to provide critical support to those most affected.

50,597
civilian
casualties

(killed or injured) due to the war since February 2022 (United Nations, 10 September 2025).

Air raid sirens are a daily reality, bringing cities to a halt as public transport stops and people seek shelter. Tens of thousands of drone attacks occurred throughout 2025, with over half causing casualties in frontline communities.

Healthcare facilities in these regions are under extreme pressure, many operating with minimal staff. Education has shifted to a hybrid system of in-person and online learning in an effort to keep children and teens safe, though frequent power outages continue to disrupt learning.

Checkpoints operated by defenders remain between regions, and **nationwide curfews shape daily life.** Metro stations function as transport hubs by day and transform into shelters by night, when attacks are most frequent.

And yet, even through all of this, hope endures.



Izium, Kharkiv oblast.
February 2025.

The Ukrainian spirit remains resilient and unwavering. Communities come together through concerts, performances, and local initiatives that lift spirits and strengthen bonds. People continue showing up to work after sleepless nights in shelters. Many raise funds for the frontlines through art that reflects life before the war and dreams of peace ahead.

There is a powerful sense of unity and civic duty across Ukraine. The UP Crew witnesses firsthand the strength of communities determined to protect one another and persevere. The impacts of this war are profound, but so is the courage of the Ukrainian people. With collective support, Ukraine continues to endure, moving forward with resilience, hope, and determination to rebuild a safer future.



Our Response

Kharkiv-Donetsk oblast
border. January 2025.

Ukrainian Patriot exists to meet Ukraine where the need is greatest, today and for the long road ahead.

Our response is grounded in a simple principle: sustained impact requires both immediate action and long-term commitment.

Since the outset of the full-scale invasion, Ukrainian Patriot has worked across frontline, near-frontline, and among displaced communities to deliver practical support that preserves dignity, strengthens resilience, and enables recovery.

We respond by getting help where it is needed, when it is needed. This includes delivering humanitarian aid to civilians and frontline responders, supporting safe shelter and basic infrastructure, and running programmes that address the human toll of war, such as stress, displacement, and the loss of community connection.

Our decisions are guided by constant input from the ground and close cooperation with trusted volunteers, local leaders, and partner organisations who understand the realities people are facing every day.

Ukrainian Patriot operates through a lean volunteer-driven model supported by a small number of specialised contract professionals where expertise or regulatory compliance is required.

This structure allows us to direct the majority of funds toward aid and programming rather than overhead, while maintaining transparency, accountability, and cross-border financial oversight, uniting our entity in Ukraine with Canada and the United States.



Kyiv, Kyiv oblast. April 2025.

Beyond emergency response, we invest in resilience and rebuilding. In supporting community-led initiatives, strengthening local capacity, and prioritising sustainable solutions, we help communities move from crisis response toward stability and renewal.

Our approach recognises that recovery does not end when immediate needs are met.

It continues through rebuilding hearts and minds, restoring social connections, and creating the conditions for people to return, remain, and thrive.

Built for the long haul, we do not chase headlines or short-term wins. We show up, stay present, and adjust as realities change.

Our work is shaped by people who live and work in Ukraine, by volunteers who give their time and energy, and by donors who trust us to use resources carefully and with purpose.

By staying lean, listening closely, and keeping our focus on people rather than optics, Ukrainian Patriot helps communities get through today while laying the groundwork for a future where Ukraine can recover, rebuild, and ultimately thrive.



In 2025,
Ukrainian Patriot delivered

3,796
food bags.

Taranivka, Kharkiv oblast.
December 2025.

Delivery Locations



Regions and Cities of Ukraine

Eastern Ukraine

- Donetsk**
- Chasiv Yar
- Dobropillya
- Druzhkivka
- Kostyantynivka
- Kramatorsk
- Kurakhove
- Lyman
- Myrnograd
- Niu York
- Pokrovsk
- Slovyansk
- Kharkiv**
- Babai
- Barvinkove
- Chuhiv
- Havrylivka
- Hontarivka
- Izyum
- Krasnohrad
- Kupyansk
- Mechnykove
- Nova Vodolaha
- Saltivka
- Shevchenkove
- Taranivka
- Balakliya
- Oskil
- Zaporizhzhia**
- Zaporizhzhia
- Zarichne
- Poltava**
- Poltava
- Kirovohrad**
- Kropyvnytskyi

Northern Ukraine

- Kyiv**
- Kyiv
- Bucha
- Irpin
- Hostomel
- Chernihiv**
- Chernihiv
- Mena
- Sumy**
- Sumy
- Zhytomyr**
- Zhytomyr
- Berdychiv
- Korosten
- Nove Zhyttia

Southern Ukraine

- Odesa**
- Odesa
- Shyrialeve
- Mykolaiv**
- Snihurivka
- Blahodatne
- Novohryhorivka
- Luch
- Liubomyrivka
- Nove Zhyttia
- Ternovi Pody
- Kherson**
- Kherson
- Bilozerka
- Ivanivka
- Antonivka
- Dnipropetrovsk**
- Dnipro
- Hvardiiske
- Kryvyi Rih
- Orlivshchyna
- Pavlohrad

Western Ukraine

- Lviv**
- Lviv
- Rivne**
- Rivne
- Ternopil**
- Ternopil

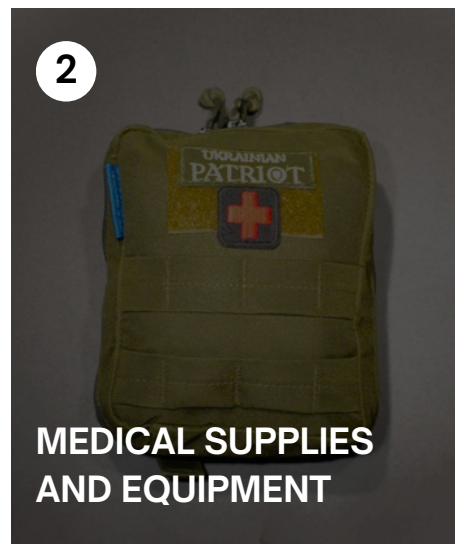
Ukrainian Patriot has had the honour of assisting people in various locations that were at one time or are currently under occupation. We expect that one day we'll be able to return to aid in the rebuilding of all things.



Our Impact by Pillar

Guided by five pillars, our work delivers both practical support and human connection to people living through war. Throughout this report, you'll see how each pillar shapes what we do, alongside stories from the frontlines that show the real impact of your support across Ukraine.

What guides our work:





PILLAR 1

Humanitarian Aid

Ukrainian Patriot's humanitarian aid focuses on reaching people living closest to danger and responding to urgent needs with care, speed, and integrity. Throughout the year, our teams delivered essential supplies to civilians in frontline and recently liberated communities where access to food, utilities, medical care, and safe transport was limited or unavailable.

Our work often went beyond distribution. Many of the people we supported were elderly, those living with disabilities, or families unable to leave these communities on their own. Fear, trauma, and conflicting information made trust central to every interaction. By showing up consistently and communicating clearly, our teams helped people make informed decisions about their safety and access life-saving support. This work will continue into 2026 and beyond.

Humanitarian aid at Ukrainian Patriot is grounded in dignity. Assistance is provided free of charge, without pressure, and with respect for personal choice.

Key initiatives include:

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- **Essential relief:** Delivering food bags, hygiene kits, warm clothing, and critical supplies

 - **Evacuation support:** Coordinating safe free evacuations for vulnerable civilians

 - **Local coordination:** Working with local volunteers and authorities as conditions changed

 - **Animal assistance:** Providing food and evacuation support for animals

In 2025, Ukrainian Patriot continued to reach civilians under constant threat, delivering aid and evacuation support when few other options existed.

CASE STUDY

General Frontline Support

In Iziium, Kharkiv oblast, the reality of war is relentless. Nearly four years into the conflict, life has not become easier for families, whether they have fled west in search of safety or chosen to remain in these pre-frontline communities. Many who stay do so because of deep family ties to loved ones who are ill or elderly relatives in their final years. Others stay because of the fear of the unknown: if they were to leave, what would happen to those they leave behind? The homes they have built? Their lives?

Daily shelling brings more than constant noise and stress. Air strikes and incoming fire regularly destroy houses, shops, and essential community spaces, all of which are places families rely on every day. One moment there is shelter, and the next, nothing remains.

Through one of our Points of Contact (POC), Emma, who helps support entire blocks of families in Iziium, Ukrainian Patriot responds to urgent needs from our local hub. Alongside our regular distributions of UP food bags and hygiene and cleaning kits, we are often asked to bring clothing, bedding, and household items for families who have lost everything overnight. And of course, every delivery comes with love, light, hope, and connection.

This is frontline life in Iziium, and this is where Ukrainian Patriot continues to stand, providing immediate relief, restoring dignity, and reminding families they are not alone.



Iziium, Kharkiv oblast. May 2025.



Izium, Kharkiv oblast. February 2025.

In 2025,
Ukrainian Patriot delivered
2,583 kg
of clothing.



Izium, Kharkiv oblast. February 2025.

CASE STUDY

Evacuations Driven by Humanity

Evacuations are often a lifeline for civilians trapped in dangerous frontline regions, but for many families, desperation is exploited. One Ukrainian Patriot mission this year, carried out in our vehicle Gandalf, highlights both the risks involved and the importance of truly humanitarian support.

The journey began in Kharkiv, Kharkiv oblast, where our team stayed overnight amid intense drone activity, incoming strikes, and fires that filled the air with smoke. With little sleep, the team departed before dawn for Velykyi Burluk, a village that appeared calm on the surface but remained deeply vulnerable.

After unloading aid we brought for defenders, the team met with a *babulya* being evacuated. Supported by local civilians, we helped load her belongings into our van.



Velykyi Burluk, Kharkiv oblast. July 2025.

From there, the team undertook a long, hot, exhausting drive across the country to Lutsk, Volyn oblast, on the opposite side of Ukraine. We travelled all day and into the night until we reached the city, where the woman's grandson welcomed her. He ordered our exhausted, but fulfilled, team pizza and booked us a hotel.

This mission reflects the harsh reality that many people seeking evacuation are desperate. Sadly, some take advantage of people looking to escape by charging money, either for profit or under the excuse of risk. But Ukrainian Patriot stands firmly on the side of compassion, ensuring evacuations are driven by humanity, not extortion.



Velykyi Burluk, Kharkiv oblast. July 2025.

12.7 million

people in Ukraine were in need of immediate assistance and protection in 2025 (The UN Refugee Agency).



Support for Animals

Ukrainian Patriot recognises that war impacts every living being. Attacks from the sky endanger not only families but also countless animals left vulnerable in frontline communities. Our animal support efforts focus on rescuing and relocating those caught in active conflict zones, working alongside local shelter owners and volunteers. One of our most complex missions involved evacuating Alonya and her animal shelter from Kostyantynivka, Donetsk oblast, to Balakliya, Kharkiv oblast, moving dozens of animals from constant threat to safety.



Balakliya, Kharkiv oblast.
March 2025.

Over several days, the team carefully coordinated the evacuation. Two vehicles waited at the final checkpoint, where defenders warned about increasing FPV drone activity and the serious risks of entering the city. One vehicle went in first to load aid, food, and Alonya's belongings, while the second remained behind. Both teams stayed focused, communicating constantly to ensure a fast efficient evacuation. Moving quickly was essential.

The next 48 hours were spent setting up a temporary shelter. The teams worked long, cold nights building fencing and preparing for incoming animals. Before dawn, we returned for a final evacuation run. Under darkness and renewed warnings, we had minutes to load kennels and animals as artillery sounded nearby.

When we reached Balakliya, we could finally say dozens of dogs and crates of kittens had been safely evacuated, giving innocent animals a second chance in a safer place.



Balakliya, Kharkiv oblast. February 2025.



Balakliya, Kharkiv oblast. March 2025.



Balakliya, Kharkiv oblast. March 2025.



Balakliya, Kharkiv oblast. March 2025.



PILLAR 2

Medical Supplies and Equipment

Medical assistance is central to Ukrainian Patriot's mission: it saves lives at the most critical moments. In wartime, survival depends on a functioning chain of care, from immediate treatment at stabilisation points to evacuation and hospital care. When that chain breaks, even treatable injuries can become fatal.



Pillar 2 exists to strengthen every step of this process. Ukrainian Patriot supports frontline medics, evacuation teams, and hospitals with the vehicles, equipment, and supplies they need to keep patients alive and moving toward recovery. We also recognise that medical systems depend on people. Medics and hospital staff work under constant pressure, often without rest, and supporting them is essential to sustaining care over time.

Key initiatives include:

- **Hospital support:** Delivering medical supplies, equipment, and practical aid to frontline hospitals
- **Stabilisation points:** Equipping rapid-response medical teams with life-saving tools
- **Essential supplies:** Delivering personal protective equipment (PPE), first aid materials, surgical equipment, and vital hospital equipment

By investing in medical assistance, Ukrainian Patriot helps protect Ukraine's present and its future.

In 2025,
Ukrainian Patriot delivered

851

hospital kits

(blood clinic and antiseptic kits).



CASE STUDY


Medical Aid and Support for Hospitals

Medical care remains one of the most critical pressure points of this war. Hospitals near the frontline are asked to do more every day with limited resources, constant strain, and little relief. Keeping hospitals functioning is not optional; it is essential to survival and long-term resilience.

Ukrainian Patriot supports hospitals that serve both wounded defenders and civilians living under ongoing threat. One such partnership is with a hospital in Barvinkove, Kharkiv oblast, where we work closely with our POC, Pani Lilia. Like so many medical professionals in Ukraine, she carries an extraordinary workload. She works long hours, cares deeply for her patients, and takes responsibility not only for those who come through the hospital doors, but also for the staff who make that care possible.

During one of our visits just days before the new year, Ukrainian Patriot delivered 270 food bags to the hospital. These were distributed to staff members as a form of practical support and recognition. Medical teams are often overlooked in aid conversations, yet they operate under constant pressure, exposed daily to trauma, loss, and exhaustion. Physical injuries are visible and treated; mental strain is typically hidden and left unaddressed.

Our approach to medical aid recognises that hospitals are ecosystems. Patients cannot receive care if staff are depleted, unsupported, or burned out. Alongside medical supplies such as gauze, IVs, PPE, cleaning materials, and essential equipment, we intentionally support the people who keep these systems running.



By strengthening hospitals and supporting medical staff as whole people, Ukrainian Patriot contributes to care that is sustainable, humane, and resilient. This ensures hospitals can continue to serve their communities today while remaining strong enough to face what comes next.



Barvinkove, Kharkiv oblast. March 2025.



Barvinkove, Kharkiv oblast.
December 2025.



Barvinkove, Kharkiv oblast.
May 2025.

CASE STUDY

Stabilisation Points and Rapid Evacuation

Stabilisation points are often the difference between life and death. These are the first places wounded defenders reach after evacuation from the battlefield. Care here is urgent, fast, and focused on keeping someone alive long enough to reach second-line medical care at hospitals such as the one in Barvinkove, Kharkiv oblast. Without strong stabilisation points, many patients would never make it that far.

Ukrainian Patriot supports these frontline medical teams by equipping them with what they need to work under extreme pressure. One of our partners is Karina, a combat medic with the 3rd Mechanised Battalion, 22nd Brigade, who operates in, at, and between stabilisation points. Her work begins where conditions are most dangerous and time is most limited. Every decision she makes matters.

Through our partnership with combat medics like Karina, Ukrainian Patriot has provided an ambulance, evacuation vehicles, and ongoing deliveries of critical medical equipment. These resources allow her team to move quickly, treat severe injuries on the spot, and transport patients safely to hospitals for further care. This support is not optional. Without reliable vehicles and proper equipment, her ability to do her job would be severely limited.

Many working parts must come together for successful medical care during a war: stabilisation points keep patients alive, evacuation moves them forward, and hospitals complete the work. Ukrainian Patriot strengthens every link in that chain so lives are not lost between steps.



Dnipro-Donetsk oblast border. April 2025.



PILLAR 3

Protective Gear

Safety is essential for those defending Ukraine and the volunteers supporting frontline operations. We help equip defenders, first responders, and frontline teams with the protective gear and practical resources they need to operate in dangerous conditions. As the war continues, support for defenders has become increasingly critical, yet often underfunded. Ukrainian Patriot remains committed to standing with those who protect communities every day.

Key initiatives include:

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- **Protective equipment:** Supplying helmets, protective vests, and first aid kits

 - **Operational support:** Providing vehicles, generators, power banks, and energy solutions

 - **Cold-weather resources:** Delivering insulation materials, chemical heaters, self-heating coffee, and warming items for frontline positions

 - **Defender kits:** Assembling defender kits with small comforts to support wellbeing and boost morale

From life-saving gear to practical items that provide warmth, power, and moments of comfort, we respond to the evolving needs of defenders working in extreme environments.

CASE STUDY

Supporting Those Who Defend Ukraine

Providing protective support to defenders is one of the most challenging yet essential parts of Ukrainian Patriot’s work. While humanitarian aid for civilians often receives strong donor attention, assistance for defenders is frequently overlooked, despite the reality that without them, communities across Ukraine would not survive. As the war continues, this pillar has become increasingly vital, and we remain fully committed to standing with those who form Ukraine’s line of defence.

Wherever possible, our teams respond with both the resources available in our warehouse and targeted purchases to meet urgent needs. This has included providing vehicles, trench stoves, generators, EcoFlow power stations, and power banks, which are critical tools that allow defenders to operate safely in the field and return home alive. These practical resources directly impact mobility, communication, and survival in environments where infrastructure is often destroyed.

Throughout the past year, Ukrainian Patriot has also delivered items that may seem small but make an enormous difference on the frontlines. One of the most valued resources has been The 42 Degrees Company self-heating cans, often described by defenders as “gold”. At zero line, where there is no electricity and temperatures drop sharply in winter, these cans provide hot drinks and meals, offering not only nourishment, but also precious warmth for frozen hands, even if only for a few minutes.

Kharkiv, Kharkiv oblast.
December 2025.





In 2025,
Ukrainian Patriot delivered

9 vehicles

to defenders.

Chuhuiv, Kharkiv oblast.
December 2025.



Kramatorsk, Donetsk oblast.
December 2025.



Izium, Kharkiv oblast. May 2025.



In 2025,
Ukrainian Patriot delivered

71 power sources

(EcoFlows, generators, power banks).

Kurakhove, Donetsk oblast.
January 2025.

In 2025,
Ukrainian Patriot delivered

31,916
self-heating cans

of soup and coffee.

Izium, Kharkiv oblast.
August 2025.





PILLAR 4

PTSD and Psychological Trauma Assistance

The psychological impact of war is profound and long-lasting. This pillar focuses on healing the invisible wounds carried by children, civilians, defenders, and families affected by the ongoing conflict. Ukrainian Patriot's trauma support programmes create safe spaces for emotional recovery, resilience, and reconnection, helping communities move beyond survival toward long-term wellbeing.

Through a combination of movement-based therapy, creative expression, nature-based healing, and structured counselling, our approach addresses both immediate stress and deeper trauma. We aim to build sustainable systems of care that restore balance, hope, and strength.

Key initiatives include:

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- **Resilience Sessions:** Delivering dance, movement, art therapy, and learning programmes for children, women, and defenders

 - **Summer Healing Camps:** Providing calm, supportive environments for children from frontline communities (open in 2026: The UP Resilience Centre in Shelestiany, Khmelnytskyi oblast)

 - **Therapy Farm:** Developing a holistic recovery space combining housing, counselling, animal therapy, and agro-therapy

 - **Holistic Housing:** Offering short-term nature retreats with access to therapeutic support

In 2025, Ukrainian Patriot expanded trauma recovery efforts to create pathways for healing that support both immediate relief and long-term resilience.

CASE STUDY

Restoring Balance Through Resilience Centres

As the war continues to impact every aspect of life in Ukraine, addressing trauma — especially among children — has become an increasingly vital part of Ukrainian Patriot’s mission. We focus on creating spaces where healing, stability, and emotional recovery can begin, helping those most affected by conflict reconnect with a sense of calm and normalcy.

We first launched our summer camps in 2024 in Dnipro oblast. The experience made it clear how powerful these environments could be for children living under constant stress, while also highlighting the need for a permanent space that could support long-term trauma recovery efforts.

Rather than continuing to rent venues each year, the team began searching for a location that could become a dedicated healing centre.

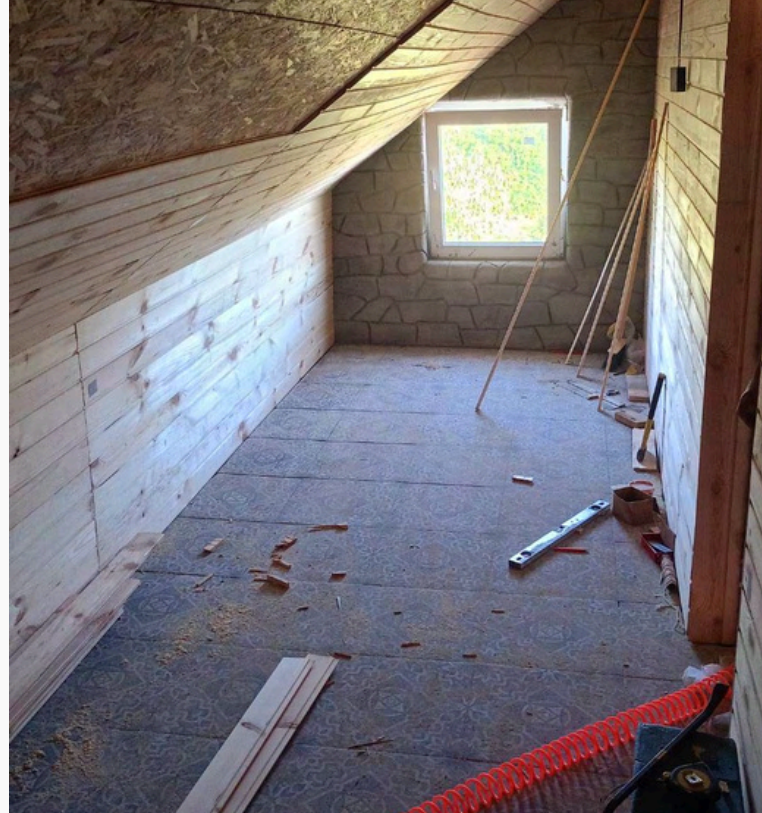
That vision is now becoming a reality in the village of Shelestiany, Khmelnytskyi oblast. The venue is currently undergoing renovations, with plans to open in spring 2026.



Shelestiany, Khmelnytskyi oblast.
May 2025.



Shelestiany, Khmelnytskyi oblast.
March 2025.



Shelestiany, Khmelnytskyi oblast.
September 2025.

Thanks to a significant donation from one of our local partners, we have been able to move forward with construction, furnishings, and preparations for trained instructors and counsellors. Once complete, the site will accommodate up to 30 children and 10 staff members at a time.

These camps will serve children from frontline communities across Ukraine, giving them a rare opportunity to step away from daily danger and experience life in a calm supportive setting, even if only briefly.

Alongside the camps, Ukrainian Patriot works with resilience centres in Izium, Kharkiv oblast; Orlovshchyna, Dnipro oblast; and Pivni, Kyiv oblast, to deliver trauma-informed programming and emotional support.

Our goal is to build lasting spaces for healing, helping children rediscover balance, safety, and hope beyond the frontlines.



Shelestiany, Khmelnytskyi oblast. August 2025.

CASE STUDY

Healing Through Movement, Art, and Connection

As emergency needs began to stabilise, Ukrainian Patriot recognised a growing gap in available support. While food and supplies remained important, communities also needed care for the mind and soul. In early 2023, Ukrainian Patriot launched what would become known as Resilience Sessions, beginning in Iziium, Kharkiv oblast.



The first sessions focused on dance and movement as therapy, offering children something many had not experienced in months; they had the freedom to move, express, and simply be present.

When the children first arrived, they were quiet and withdrawn. They kept their eyes down and bodies hunched, unsure of what to expect.

Khmyl'nytsya, Chernihiv oblast.
August 2025.

But as music began and the instructor guided them, visible changes took place. Tension softened, posture lifted, and engagement slowly returned. It was a powerful reminder of how trauma lives in the body, and how movement can help release it.

These early sessions evolved into a broader Resilience Session that now includes dance and movement as therapy, art as therapy, and English language classes. Each activity activates the brain in different ways, helping participants shift out of constant fight-or-flight and into a state of calm and focus. Learning new skills, creating art, and moving freely restore confidence, mental sharpness, and a sense of achievement.

Resilience Sessions are adapted to each community's needs and safety conditions. Ukrainian Patriot works with children, women, and defenders, recognising that each group carries trauma differently.

Beyond activities, these sessions create space for connection, joy, and healing. By sharing time, energy, and compassion, we help support communities not just to survive, but to begin thriving again, one moment of resilience at a time.



Pavlohrad, Dnipro oblast. April 2025.



**Orlivshyna, Dnipro oblast.
June 2025.**



Pivni, Kyiv oblast. August 2025.

CASE STUDY

Therapy Farm and Holistic Housing

As Ukrainian Patriot's work continues to evolve, long-term trauma recovery has become an increasing focus. We now look beyond immediate crisis response to building spaces where healing can happen in deeper, more sustainable ways. Two initiatives leading this effort are the Therapy Farm and the Holistic Housing project.

The idea for our Therapy Farm was born from the proven calming effect animals and nature have on the nervous system. Designed as a holistic recovery space for defenders and veterans, the farm will operate across four connected areas. The first provides safe housing, a sanctuary for rest, sleep, meals, and community. The second offers traditional therapy, including one-on-one and group sessions with trained psychologists, alongside non-traditional approaches such as meditation, yoga, and art therapy.

Hrechana Hreblya, Kyiv oblast. May 2025.



The third element is hands-on animal therapy, working not only with cats and dogs but also larger animals such as horses, cows, and sheep. Horses in particular have been shown to play a powerful role in trauma healing, and Ukrainian Patriot is building partnerships with experienced professionals to support this work. The fourth section focuses on agro-therapy, where participants can work the land and greenhouses, planting and growing food as part of the healing process.



Hrechana Hreblya, Kyiv oblast.
May 2025.

Together, these initiatives offer rest, recovery, and a path toward long-term resilience beyond the frontlines.

The long-term vision is for our Therapy Farm to become self-sustaining while creating employment opportunities for veterans. We are actively looking for partners on this long-term project. If you think you are the right fit, please get in touch.

Alongside this, our Holistic Housing project focuses on refurbishing countryside homes where veterans and families can spend up to five days in nature, free of charge, while accessing remote therapy support.

We have one of these *dachas* very nearly ready to go in Kyiv oblast, and we are looking for more opportunities to develop our Holistic Housing project.



Hrechana Hreblya,
Kyiv oblast.
July 2025.

CASE STUDY

Women's Safe House

Ukrainian Patriot supports a Women's Safe House that offers refuge and opportunity for women leaving extremely difficult situations, often with their children. Led by Director Olena Obykhod, the Safe House not only provides shelter but also offers structure, stability, and a clear pathway toward rebuilding life with dignity.

Women who enter the programme follow a set of guidelines designed to support healing, responsibility, and growth. Through this process, they work toward graduating from the programme, gaining the tools and confidence needed to move forward independently.

Rather than creating long-term dependence, Ukrainian Patriot has evolved the project to empower the Safe House to support itself while opening doors for women to build sustainable futures.



Vorzel, Kyiv oblast. August 2025.

Graduates of the programme are offered opportunities to work within Ukrainian Patriot initiatives. One current example is the UP Merch project, where women organise weekly pop-up shops across the Kyiv region.



Bucha, Kyiv oblast. November 2025.

Through these events, they sell Ukrainian Patriot merchandise, raise funds for frontline aid, hospitals, civilians, and animal support, and share the organisation's mission with the wider community.

This initiative provides income, practical work experience, and new skills to help women regain confidence and independence. More importantly, it demonstrates that recovery and contribution can happen together.

The Women's Safe House embodies Ukrainian Patriot's belief in second opportunities, community strength, and creating solutions where everyone can move forward safer, stronger, and with renewed hope for the future.



PILLAR 5

Rebuilding Assistance

Rebuilding is a critical part of long-term recovery in Ukraine. While physical reconstruction remains essential, rebuilding must also focus on people. Our rebuilding work shifts between restoring damaged infrastructure and strengthening those who serve on the frontlines.

In 2025, our focus expanded beyond construction to education, training, and preparedness, ensuring our teams and partners can operate safely and effectively in high-risk environments.

By investing in human capacity, we lay the groundwork for resilient communities and sustainable recovery.



Kyiv, Kyiv oblast.
December 2025.

Key initiatives include:

- Education and skills training for volunteers and field teams
- Medical preparedness, including Combat Lifesaver (CLS) training
- Driver and safety training
- Knowledge-sharing with frontline communities and partner hubs
- Psychological First Aid

By rebuilding people alongside places, we help ensure Ukraine's recovery is durable, adaptive, and driven by empowered individuals.

CASE STUDY

Strengthening Foundations

Rebuilding is often understood as restoring what has been destroyed, such as homes, schools, and infrastructure. While this remains vital in Ukraine, our approach has evolved to recognise that recovery also depends on rebuilding people. In 2025, our rebuilding efforts expanded to include education and training, strengthening the hearts and minds of those delivering aid on the ground.

Operating in a war zone demands a high level of preparedness. To meet this reality, we invested in comprehensive training for our team and volunteers. All personnel are now required to hold a valid driver's licence and be capable of driving manual, automatic, and right-hand-drive vehicles, which ensures flexibility and safety in dynamic high-risk conditions. In addition, where time permits, our team undergoes extreme driver training courses to ensure they are ready (if that is ever possible) to take on the unexpected when behind the wheel in frontline areas.



Chaiky, Kyiv oblast. March 2025.

Medical readiness became another cornerstone of this work. Volunteers undergo Combat Lifesaver (CLS) training, an intensive five-day course covering trauma response, airway management, IVs, and other lifesaving skills. While the hope is that these skills are never needed, it is essential to have a team capable of protecting one another when circumstances demand it.

Monthly medical training sessions, led by experienced trainers, are held in Kyiv and offered in English, with Ukrainian-language sessions being introduced to broaden access.



Kyiv, Kyiv oblast. December 2025.

Education does not stop with our internal teams. Knowledge and training are now being shared with frontline communities and partner hubs we regularly support.

By prioritising education and preparedness, rebuilding becomes more than physical restoration; it becomes an investment in resilience, effectiveness, and long-term recovery for Ukraine.



Kyiv, Kyiv oblast.
December 2025.

Our Donors



The year 2025 was another demanding one for Ukrainian Patriot. As the global aid landscape shifted and major funding sources pulled back, private supporters like you became more essential than ever. Because of your generosity, we continued delivering life-saving medical supplies, protective gear, humanitarian aid, and mental health and resilience support to those who need it most.

Together, we reached countless families, defenders, and frontline communities with the care and resources they need not only to survive, but to endure and rebuild. Just as importantly, we remained committed to personal connection, bringing hope, solidarity, and reassurance to communities facing ongoing adversity, and reinforcing our promise to stand with them for the long term.

Your impact is felt far beyond the numbers. It lives in every *обійми* (hug) shared during a delivery, in the laughter of children during Resilience Sessions, and in the handshakes exchanged with our defenders. In the most critical moments, we remind people that they are not alone. Your contributions are more than donations; they are powerful expressions of love, light, and real connection that ignite resilience in the face of adversity.

We could not do this without you. Every step forward, every family helped, every life we've touched has been made possible by your belief in our mission. Thank you for walking this journey alongside us, for your compassion, your generosity, and your unwavering hope in a brighter future for Ukraine — and the world.

On behalf of Ukrainian Patriot and the communities we serve:

Слава Україні! Героям Слава!

With immense gratitude,

The Ukrainian Patriot Crew

Strength Through Partnership

We are immensely grateful to the countless individuals and organisations whose support makes our work at Ukrainian Patriot possible. Below is a non-exhaustive list of key partners who have played a vital role in furthering our mission this year.

Major Gifts and Partnerships



Kyiv Temple has been a partner since early in the war, helping us to provide humanitarian aid and facilitating financial contributions for nonperishable groceries used in food bag distributions.



ATB receives financial contributions via Kyiv Temple and supplies Ukrainian Patriot with pallets of dry goods for food bag distributions to vulnerable communities.



The 42 Degrees Company provided Ukrainian Patriot with self heating cans of food and drinks. We were able to deliver many pallets of these to our frontline defenders throughout this year.



Nova Poshta offers free shipping within Ukraine for our humanitarian efforts, ensuring timely delivery of aid, especially to hard-to-reach areas.



NOVA Ukraine assists through a relationship they have established with OKKO, ensuring our fuel cards are kept topped up and our vehicles on the road.













4Ukraine Humanitarian Aid has assisted with the supply of ambulances, motorcycles, hospital beds, and general medical care items.



The Canada-Ukraine Foundation assisted, in 2025, with humanitarian aid, medical assistance, education, social welfare, and good governance. We are working toward building a closer partnership in 2026.



Samaritan's Purse, a new partner for Ukrainian Patriot in 2025, helped us provide monthly food bags for frontline communities. Where our own food supply falls short, this fills in the gaps.

 <p>Ukrainian Canadian Congress engages the Ukrainian-Canadian population in securing support and resources from across Canada. Ukrainian Patriot has collaborated primarily with its Saskatchewan branch, and various members of UP have received awards for our work.</p>	 <p>Protect Ukraine is a great support to Ukrainian Patriot, providing funding that allows us to pass along aid to defending groups we support.</p>
 <p>Ukrainian National Federation of Canada has supported Ukrainian Patriot with grants and in-kind donations that aid operational activities.</p>	 <p>FinEst has been assisting with evacuations and humanitarian aid, supporting Ukraine since the start of the full-scale invasion. They are a great support organisation for Ukrainian Patriot.</p>
 <p>Ukrainian Action has helped provide Ukrainian Patriot with vehicles, many of which are used on the frontline for transporting aid and personnel.</p>	 <p>The Rotary Club of Wagga Wagga Sunrise supports the work of Ukrainian Patriot to deliver vital aid to where it's needed most.</p>
 <p>Ukraine's Frontline Hospitals is a local organisation that works to transform western ambulances into frontline care facilities.</p>	 <p>Allied Alliance helped in 2025 to fund training and tactical medicine initiatives. Our cooperation with them has been related to our Individual First Aid Kit (IFAK) contents.</p>
 <p>Sacre Coeur International collaborates with Ukrainian Patriot to ensure aid reaches vulnerable areas, specifically in southern Ukraine.</p>	 <p>Pro Ukraina, based in Finland, delivered a truckload of humanitarian aid to us, including over 500 trench stoves, medical supplies, a massive generator, and other essential items.</p>

We also extend our gratitude to the wide network of supporters who have organised and participated in fundraising efforts around the world. Through community fundraisers, athletic events, faith-based initiatives, dance projects, and countless personal acts of giving, every effort, large or small, has helped carry our work forward.

We are honoured to have you alongside us as we continue to support Ukraine through care, action, and solidarity.

Financial Summary

Ukrainian Patriot sustained stable and disciplined financial operations across our three entities in Ukraine, Canada, and the United States throughout 2024. Operating within an increasingly constrained global funding environment marked by prolonged donor fatigue, shifting geopolitical attention, and rising operational costs, we continued to mobilise resources in support of our mission.

Our work in 2024 was made possible by an extensive network of dedicated local and international volunteers who contributed significant time, expertise, and local knowledge across programmes, logistics, and community engagement. This volunteer-led model is complemented by a small number of contract professionals engaged only where specialised skills, continuity, or regulatory requirements are essential. As a result, Ukrainian Patriot maintained a lean operational structure that prioritises directing funds toward frontline programming and direct assistance rather than administrative overhead.

Despite ongoing pressures, we upheld strong financial stewardship and cross-border coordination to ensure resources were allocated efficiently, transparently, and in alignment with urgent needs. This disciplined approach allowed Ukrainian Patriot to maximise impact while maintaining accountability to donors, partners, and the communities we served throughout 2024.

Revenue

Revenue totalled **\$344,719**:

- **Ukraine: \$53,128** (2,277,299 UAH)
- **Canada: \$56,587** (\$78,528 CAD)
- **United States: \$235,003.93**

Expenditure

Expenditures totalled **\$357,045**:

- **Ukraine: \$55,474** (2,377,859 UAH)
- **Canada: \$52,481** (\$72,890 CAD)
- **United States: \$250,089.38**

**All amounts in USD, unless otherwise noted.*

Operating Costs and Efficiency

Operating costs across all three entities amounted to \$81,312, representing 22.8% of total expenditure. Each entity managed costs relative to Ukrainian Patriot's income as follows:

- **Ukraine: \$3,731** (159,926 UAH)
- **Canada: \$32,147** (\$44,608 CAD)
- **United States: \$45,434.17**

Charitable Activities

The majority of expenditures were directed toward charitable activities, reflecting our dedication to maximising the impact of donor funds.

Cash on Hand

Ukrainian Patriot maintained **\$100,726.49** in cash on hand at the end of 2024. This amount covered both our organisation's operating expenses and planned humanitarian projects for the first half of 2025.

- **Ukraine: \$128** (5,039.27 UAH)
- **Canada: \$55,294.61** (\$76,725.27 CAD)
- **United States: \$45,303.88**

**All amounts in USD, unless otherwise noted.*

Looking Ahead

Despite a continued and increasingly complex financial landscape, Ukrainian Patriot maintained its commitment to transparency, efficiency, and measurable impact throughout the financial reporting period of 2024. Following the unprecedented influx of organisations that entered the nonprofit and humanitarian space in response to the war in Ukraine in 2022, only a limited number have remained operational and active. Ukrainian Patriot is one of those, sustained through disciplined financial management, prudent reserve planning, and a clear focus on mission delivery.

Our continued presence is the result of fiscal responsibility paired with a deep commitment to the people who carry out our work. By maintaining a lean operational structure, responsibly supporting and safeguarding our volunteers, and allocating resources with care, Ukrainian Patriot has remained both effective and resilient. Looking ahead, we remain focused on responsible stewardship, adaptive planning, and long-term sustainability, ensuring we can continue to deliver critical assistance and support community resilience in Ukraine amid ongoing uncertainty.

Financial Overview in USD (January 2024 - December 2024)

	Ukraine	Canada	United States	Total
Total Revenue	\$53,128	\$56,587	\$235,004	\$344,719
Total Expenditure	\$55,474	\$52,481	\$250,089	\$357,045
Operating Costs	\$3,731	\$32,147	\$45,434	\$81,312
Cash on Hand	\$128	\$55,294	\$45,303	\$100,726
Running Costs (% Income)	7.0%	56.8%	19.3%	—

**All amounts in USD, unless otherwise noted.*

What's to Come in 2026

The year ahead is about strengthening what we have already built. The focus is less on launching new ideas and more on stabilising programmes, supporting the people behind them, and ensuring the work can continue sustainably under ongoing pressure.

→ STRENGTHENING THE TEAM IN UKRAINE

We will continue to grow and solidify our boots-on-the-ground team across logistics, operations, communications, and administration. The goal is a well-coordinated structure where team leads can plan, adapt, and run missions interdependently, allowing the organisation to respond faster and more effectively as conditions change.

→ TACTICAL AND EMERGENCY EDUCATION

We will expand our focus on education for volunteers, responders, and community members. These trainings are designed to improve safety, preparedness, and decision-making under pressure, covering areas such as tactical medicine, psychological first aid, basic topography and navigation, situational awareness, and readiness skills relevant to frontline and near-frontline conditions. The goal is not militarisation, but protection, ensuring that those who serve others are better equipped to assess risk, respond to emergencies, and reduce preventable harm.





EXPANDING TRAUMA AND PTSD SUPPORT

Psychological trauma remains one of the war's most enduring impacts. In 2026, Resilience Sessions will continue in frontline and high-impact communities, working with children, women, and defenders as safety and access allow. The Holistic Housing Project is also set to officially launch in spring, offering defenders and their families a quiet space to rest, reconnect, and access professional support if needed.



BUILDING SPACES FOR RECOVERY

The UP Resilience Centre in Khmelnytskyi oblast will move closer to full operation, creating a dedicated environment for children's camps and long-term recovery work. As these foundations become more secure, attention will increasingly shift toward developing our Therapy Farm, which will bring together housing, therapy, animals, and land-based healing.

Together, this work creates space for rest, recovery, and connection. Ukrainian Patriot is here to help people steady themselves through hardship while preserving the sense that a meaningful life, and a future worth rebuilding, still exists beyond war.



Meet the Team

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**Founder, CEO, Ukrainian Board Member, Canadian Board Member,
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Erin Marchon

American Board Member

Nathalie Timtchenko

American Board Member

Ayal Weiner-Kaplow

American Board Secretary
(served through March 2025)



Message from Our CEO and Founder

This past year asked more from all of us than many people realise. The war did not pause. Needs did not shrink. And the space around Ukraine grew quieter as attention shifted elsewhere. For those of us still here, still working, still showing up, 2025 was not about momentum or growth. It was about endurance.



Chasiv Yar, Donetsk oblast. 2023.
Photo by Allan Mestel.

Ukrainian Patriot was never built for one moment. We were built for the long road. Over time, many organisations entered this space with urgency and good intentions. Fewer have remained. Staying requires discipline, restraint, and a willingness to make hard choices when resources are limited and the work is emotionally heavy.

We are still here because sustainability has been chosen over expansion and responsibility over optics.

This year also brought dance back into my life in a bigger, more real, and demanding way. My years performing with the Virsky Ukrainian National Folk Dance Ensemble shaped how I understand discipline, pain, repetition, and responsibility. Professional dance is not romantic. It is work. It teaches you how to push through exhaustion, how to stay present under pressure, and how to carry both strength and vulnerability with control.



Those lessons have never left me: they now directly inform how I lead Ukrainian Patriot.

That experience also shaped our newest initiative, the Frontline Dance Collective. While it has yet to fully find its feet, this project brings structured dance and movement work into frontline and near-frontline communities as a tool for resilience, regulation, and reconnection. Dance here is not about performance. It is a practical method for releasing stress, rebuilding trust in the body, and creating moments of stability in environments defined by uncertainty.

It has also reinforced something I continue to learn repeatedly in the work we do: there is no clean line or beautiful technique between helping others and protecting the people who do the helping. Trauma is often unseen. Burnout is often silent. Taking care of people is not separate from delivering aid. It is choreographically intertwined and central to our work.


Looking ahead, I do not believe in false optimism. Recovery will take time. Rebuilding will be uneven. But I believe in disciplined work, repeated with care, and in using every tool we know well, including dance, to help people endure and rebuild.

To our volunteers, partners, and donors, thank you for standing with us in the quiet persistence that real change requires. Ukrainian Patriot continues to show up, moving carefully but confidently, dancing with the rhythm and pace war requires.

Давайте разом потанцюємо.

Lana Nicole Niland
CEO and Founder
Ukrainian Patriot





Eddy (right) came to Ukraine from Dorset, England, in 2022, trading life at sea for humanitarian work in a war zone. He bought a truck, loaded it with tools, and ran supplies and evacuations in places like Bakhmut and Pokrovsk in Donetsk oblast. During one evacuation, a drone strike took his left arm and leg and nearly his life. Eddy survived thanks to his teammate's quick actions. Today, he continues rehabilitation at the Superhumans Centre in Lviv, Lviv oblast. In April 2025, Ukrainian Patriot delivered to Eddy this powered wheelchair, which was donated by the organisation Шанс Пур Л'юкрейн, to support his continued rehabilitation.



Become a Volunteer



Volunteering with Ukrainian Patriot is a direct way to support Ukraine’s civilians and defenders living through war. Our work is powered by a global network of more than 100 volunteers who show up with skill, care, and commitment on the ground in Ukraine and around the world.

When you volunteer with Ukrainian Patriot, you become part of a community rooted in compassion and action. Every role, no matter where it’s based, contributes to our impact. Together, we deliver aid, support recovery efforts, and stand alongside communities facing unimaginable challenges.

→ How to Become a Volunteer

To apply, contact our team at support@ukrainianpatriot.org. We’ll follow up to learn more about your interests, experience, and availability.

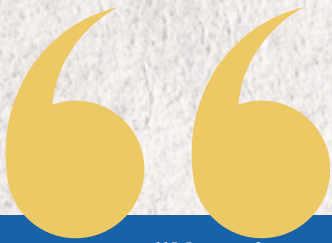
All volunteers go through a stringent interview process, procedural checks, and required training. These steps help ensure the safety of our team and the communities we serve, and prepare volunteers for the realities of this work.

→ Ways to Get Involved

We offer a range of volunteer opportunities, designed to match different skills, backgrounds, and availability. Opportunities include:

- **On-the-ground support in Ukraine:** Assist with warehouse operations; support delivery runs; help lead resilience programming that brings both practical aid and human connection to frontline and displaced communities; and provide physical support to the UP Resilience Centre, Holistic Housing project, and upcoming Therapy Farm.
- **Hosting events:** Organise fundraising or awareness events in your community to support Ukrainian Patriot’s work and keep attention on the ongoing war in Ukraine.
- **Put your skills to use:** Contribute your experience in areas such as communications, logistics, finance, administration, design, or event planning, or build new skills while supporting our mission.

There’s a lot of darkness in this world, and it can be frustrating to witness. By being a Ukrainian Patriot, you can help bring the light and be a part of something that changes people’s lives for the better. Not only that, you’ll be a part of a team truly saving people’s lives.



“If we’re going to continue to promote freedom and what it is to fight for just peace, we’re going to have to do this together, and we need all voices from all around the world to join forces and raise awareness of what’s happening in Ukraine.”

— *Nathalie Timtchenko, American Board Member*

“You’re not just going somewhere like you’re Amazon, dropping things off and saying, ‘OK, goodbye, have a nice day.’ There’s an effort that’s put into connecting with these communities, spreading the love and feeling them open up more and more.”

— *Luis Grijalva, On-the-Ground Volunteer*

“While having an active role in Ukrainian Patriot, each day I gain more respect for the organisation as a whole. In that, UP is an organisation constantly looking inward with the goal of improving from within so we are more effective and efficient to carry on the work we do. I am honoured to be part of this process.”

— *Tara Neitzey, American Board Treasurer*

Volunteers are at the heart of everything we do. You coordinate, drive, lift, listen, organise, and respond, often quietly and without recognition. The hours you give, the skills you share, and the care you bring make it possible for aid to reach people when it matters most. To every volunteer who has stood with us this year: дякую. Your commitment carries Ukrainian Patriot forward and shows Ukraine that it is supported, remembered, and never alone.





Bloor West Village Toronto Ukrainian Festival, Ontario. September 2025.



Sumy, Sumy oblast. April 2025.



Kostiantynivka, Donetsk oblast. February 2025.





Taranivka, Kharkiv oblast. January 2025.



Liubomyrivka, Mykolaiv oblast.
June 2025.

Izium, Kharkiv oblast. December 2025.



Nove Zhyttya, Mykolaiv oblast. June 2025.



Merch with a Mission

Our merchandise is more than a symbol. Every purchase helps move aid to frontline communities and defenders who rely on timely support to get through each day. When you wear our merch, you carry a message of solidarity with Ukraine.

Scan the QR code to shop
Ukrainian Patriot gear!



Women-Led Impact in Ukraine

In Ukraine, our merchandise operations are managed by women from the Women's Safe House programme supported by Ukrainian Patriot. This initiative provides women and mothers who have experienced displacement, loss, or crisis with the opportunity to rebuild their lives through stable work and responsibility.


By placing production and coordination in the hands of women who have worked through adversity, we support another layer of dignity, independence, and long-term recovery.




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