

## **Attackers gained access to some of the email addresses from the database of people who supported the “You Are Not Alone” Marathon in support of political prisoners**

On August 11, unknown individuals were able to obtain some of the email addresses provided in the donation form through the integration between Stripe and the WooCommerce service — we used it to conduct an auction. Stripe quickly blocked access and prevented the attackers from obtaining the entire set of addresses and other information.

We sent emails to everyone whose addresses were included in the leak informing them of what had happened and reminding them of the basic rules of digital security.

**Important: the attackers did not obtain full payment details, including bank card details, the name indicated on the card, or information about the donation made.**

However, in some cases they did learn the last four digits of the bank card number (not the full number), its expiration date, and the country of the bank that issued the card — all of them also received warning emails.

We are investigating this hack, and at this point we cannot say whether ordinary cybercriminals or Russian security forces are behind it. We know that at least one other charitable project was attacked in exactly the same way — [the “Let’s” project](#), which raises money to help Ukrainians affected by military aggression (civilians only; the project provides no support to Ukrainian military projects).

As a result of the email address leak, you may receive a wave of spam or emails attempting to hack your accounts. Please remain vigilant and do not forget about digital security.

## **An important reminder about the risks and the security forces**

The “You Are Not Alone” Marathon does not accept payments from Russian cards. We are concerned that donations to the Marathon may be associated with its partners — some of them have been directly banned by the Russian authorities. Thus, “Meduza,” “TV Rain,” and “Support Service” have been included in the register of “undesirable” organizations, while FBK has been recognized as an “extremist” and “terrorist” organization.

Therefore, we do not recommend making donations even with foreign cards if you live in or visit Russia, or if you report to Russian tax authorities on the movement of funds in foreign accounts. If you do donate in such a situation, please weigh the risks and, for example, prepare carefully for crossing the border (the main [recommendations](#) are available from OVD-Info).

If you learn about any activity by the security forces related to the Marathon or if you have any questions directed at you, please write to [support@june12.io](mailto:support@june12.io). We will try to investigate, help, and warn others if new risks emerge. Take care of yourselves.