

And here are the projects of our clubs:

From Lviv writes Nataliya Preys, the president of Zonta Club Lviv. She is an ophthalmologist and works at the hospital in Lviv, but also near the fighting areas, where she operates on the victims on the spot.

“Dear Zonta-sisters!

I am writing to ask for your cooperation and support for Ukrainian ophthalmological hospitals. The situation with medical services in Ukraine after February 24th, 2022 have been changed dramatically:

Millions of civilians have been relocated which required shifting medical facilities to increased patient's overturn together with continuing providing medical service to the local population Hundreds of medical facilities have been target destroyed in/near occupied territories

I am shifting between several medical facilities in Lviv region and other regions as a surgeon.

Experiencing the luck of ophthalmological equipment and instruments personally and from feedbacks of my colleagues I've collected the list of needed supplies that donations to District 27 are paying for me.

Moreover I would appreciate any help, donations, support, forwarding this message or recommendations in order to improve ophthalmological service in Ukraine.

You can contact me by email (natalieye@ukr.net) or phone number (+380675575587)“



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Zonta Club Uzhhorod:

Uzhhorod has helped refugees from the very first day. First, they took refugees from Kyiv or Lviv to the outer west to Uzhhorod in private vehicles. Now they support refugee shelters and canteens.

They also give work to refugee women in the textile factory of Myroslava Kalamanyuk of ZC Uzhhorod.

The club was founded by ZC Corvalis from District 8. Corvalis is a twin city of Uzhhorod.

District 8 also supports the projects in Uzhhorod to the best of its ability.

For example, District 8 and 27 are jointly supporting 80 school children at the start of the new school year.

Helen Kovalchuk, Past President of ZC Uzhhorod, writes:

“We are supporting the war theatre. They have 2 performances per month. We see this as an important mental help for the people involved in this project coming from Mariupol,

Sjewjerodonezk, Kharkiv and so many other regions in eastern Ukraine.

We are supporting every day coming refugee women in finding employment. We have a new project for this, the difference between the new and previous one is that we are forming a new group of women, whose professions do not allow them to find a job in our region (teachers, realtors, housewives, accountants...). We are hiring instructors to train the specialties that still have vacancies, the first project has already started, and we have 28 women in the group, they study at the base of 2 factories. We provide food, training, and social assistance.

This is a project for one month. If this idea will be successful, then we continue and expand it.”



ZC Uzhhorod with Pete Bober from ZC Corvalis In June 2022

Beside ZC Uzhhorod we have been supporting the initiative of a former Young Women in Public Affairs Awardee from Uzhhorod, Mariia Yurina, “Heart by Heart”.

They are providing medicine to hospitals and doctors in Uzhhorod.



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Zonta Club Lviv Zamok:

The project Women's Perspective, organized and supported by Luba Maksymovych and Liubov Yankiv, has grown steadily in recent months.

Today they have provided more than twenty shelters for refugee women.

They help both transiting refugees on their way to Western Europe and those who have lost their homes but still want to stay in Ukraine.

They provide practical help - food, transportation, clothing - and medical and psychological care for traumatized children and women. Both have a big heart and inexhaustible energy to help their charges.



Luba Maksymovych and
Liubov Yankiv-Vitkovska at
the shelter of
“Women’s Perspectives”

Thank you for all the support we got to help. It is not finished and we’re proud to have your help from the whole Zonta world.

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P.S.

If you want to hear our Ukrainian members talking about their situation:

Susanne Tertilt and Ute Watermeyer from our Club Leer-Ostfriesland are producing a regular podcast with Zontians. The last month they made several podcasts with our members from Ukraine. Here are the links to them:

https://open.spotify.com/episode/0Oc0XBVZ2o912Uf4rXF12x?si=uZhnP4vqRCerIC14GN8ihQ&utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=messenger

https://open.spotify.com/episode/0K0oz6YVR4TzrtP4uaPVaJ?si=PsxcwVLXSy-hWPMmCnQfqA&utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=messenger

https://open.spotify.com/episode/5V3SpmkKjZcoxETk6wJpYK?si=Q8sSOcLyTMa3ZWeTr4LSjA&utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=messenger

https://open.spotify.com/episode/2T3yPGcqYbP9uFiWhfamXd?si=20eu76oSQR6RZXI0gy4eVw&utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=messenger

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