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# 3 MONTHS FROM THE OUTBREAK OF WAR HOW ARE WE HELPING CHILDREN FROM UKRAINE?



# 90 DAYS SINCE THE RUSSIAN INVASION OF UKRAINE SAINT NICHOLAS FOUNDATION ASSISTANCE IN NUMBERS

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We handed out

**1500**

warm blankets to children in  
stations and overnight shelters

Since February we  
have given

**PLN 2,6 million**

to help children from  
Ukraine

So far we have set up

**44**

„Saint Nicholas Havens”  
throughout Poland – these  
are local help points for  
children from Ukraine

So far we have distributed  
welcome backpacks to

**3000**

children

The books we printed  
were distributed to over

**180**

places all over Poland

We printed and  
distributed

**6000**

children's books in  
Ukrainian

The total value of goods  
transported from  
the Logistics Centre was :

**PLN 3,9 mln**

Our Logistics Centre  
Warehouse has trans-  
shipped

**784**

pallets of humanitarian  
aid to Ukraine

A total of

**487 tons**

tons of material were  
shipped from the  
Centre to Ukraine

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## UNDERSTANDING AND HELPING

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From the outbreak of the war in Ukraine, we were faced with a great challenge. Though we had been providing help to Ukrainian children already since 2019, when we set up in Mariupol a Saint Nicholas Day-care Centre, the humanitarian crisis unleashed by the Russian invasion forced us to engage with even greater commitment.

We quickly launched an assistance program delivering emergency supplies to the places where children were spending their first nights after reaching Poland. We also launched an International Logistics Centre thanks to which we were able to send humanitarian assistance East from all over Europe. We have equipped centres for orphaned children displaced from eastern Ukraine in the area of Ivano-Frankivsk. We printed thousands of children's books in their native language, which every day we pass on to libraries and assistance centres. Currently we are concentrating on educational support and are opening Saint Nicholas Havens – help points throughout Poland.

All of this and many other actions were only possible thanks to the dedication and engagement of our donors, who we want to thank wholeheartedly! We also thank all the volunteers who have worked together with us!

Today we would like to share with you the details of these actions in support of the victims of war, which we have carried out over the last 3 months. We invite you to further support the Saint Nicholas Foundation. We still have a lot to do.



Joanna Paciorek and Dariusz Karłowicz  
Board of Saint Nicholas Foundation  
and a whole team



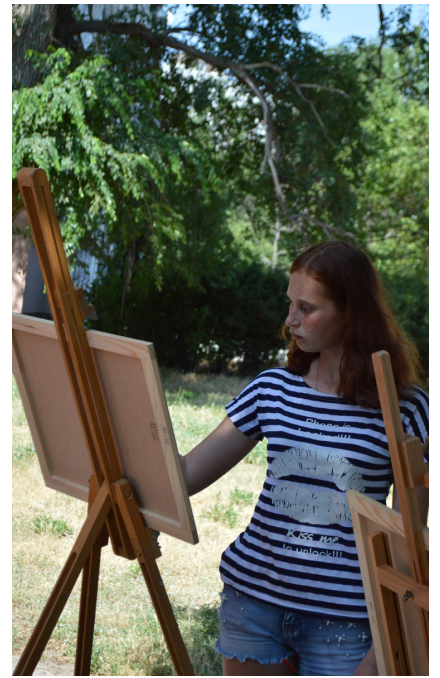
## OUR HELP SO FAR - 2019: OPENING OF SAINT NICHOLAS DAY-CARE CENTRE IN MARIUPOL

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Russia attacked Ukraine in 2014, annexing territory of the regions of Donetsk and Luhansk. Approximately 100 000 people fled to Mariupol, of which about 58 000 were children. To help the children of internally-displaced families, in 2019 the Saint Nicholas Foundation launched its Ukrainian children's assistance program. In partnership with local partners we opened the Saint Nicholas Day-care Centre in Mariupol, which became a place of safety, play and education for hundreds of children. With time, it also became an important meeting point for the local community.

In the Centre, children from internally displaced families could count on help with education, the care of educators, the organisation of workshops for young people and extra classes for children. In addition to this, we ran a scholarship program for children from poor families. We also assisted two local orphanages.





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## OUR HELP SO FAR - 2019: HOLIDAYS FOR CHILDREN FROM MARIUPOL

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The children who ended up in Mariupol, in many cases had no chance to have a holiday. Between July and August 2019, in collaboration with local partners, we organised a summer camp in the Carpathian mountains for 96 children from Mariupol. Under the eye of carers, the children enjoyed local attractions and extra classes, got to know each other better and made friends. Among other activities, they conquered Howerla, the highest peak in Ukraine. On the way home, they also visited Lviv. The trip helped with the integration of the children and gave them a much-needed break from frontline reality.



## 2020: FOOD PACKAGES IN THE DAYS OF COVID-19

In 2020, we distributed 900 food packages to families from Mariupol who found themselves in a very difficult situation. These included pasta, cereal, oil, conserves, but also hygienic and chemical products. These were mostly provided to families with many children, families with disabled children or those children who had lost a parent in the war.

## OUR HELP SO FAR IN 2021: PSYCHOLOGICAL CLINIC FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN MARIUPOL

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The children who spent time in our Day-care centre in Mariupol often struggled with difficulties of a psychological nature. In response to this problem, we decided to set up an aid program, which began in 2021. As part of the Day-care Centre, a psychological clinic was created for the needs of children and young people.

The first stage was a cycle of integration meetings, whose aim was to assist with relations between the children. Our workshops and tutorials were dedicated to counteracting violence and forms of cooperation with peers. The next step was group classes with specialists and individual help for the neediest children, who had to leave their family home due to the war. The entire program was aimed at the improvement of relations between peers and improving feelings of self-worth in the children touched by the nightmare of war. The effects were promising and gave great hope for the future. Unfortunately...



## FEBRUARY 2022: HELP CENTRE IN MARIUPOL

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When, on 24 February 2022, Russia began its attack on Ukraine, Mariupol was one of the main targets. The situation in the city quickly became very difficult and the Saint Nicholas Daycare Centre was transformed into a local help centre. First aid classes were organised on the spot and the minibus which had earlier been used to transport disabled children, was turned into a vehicle for the distribution of the most necessary items (including water). At the beginning of March, due to the intensification of the bombardment we lost contact with the leader of the day-care centre, Kateryna Sukhomlynova. In mid-March, we received photographs from her showing the complete destruction of the centre. During the fighting, soldiers from the Azov Brigade who had been guarding the centre, were killed. The fruit of the labours of many people, collaborating despite divisions and borders, was devastated; we hope, not for ever. After the war we want to rebuild the Saint Nicholas Day-care Centre in Mariupol.





## FEBRUARY 2022: STATIONS AND OVERNIGHT SHELTERS IN WARSAW

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As soon as the first reports of hour-long queues appeared of women and children at the borders, we immediately decided to act, buying the first lots of blankets in an accelerated procedure. We then distributed them in the train stations of Warsaw where tired children had arrived. A difficult night awaited them in freezing conditions. The first truckload of blankets immediately found owners, and we ordered others. Up to date, we have distributed about 1500 blankets.

Our emergency aid program for our guests from Ukraine allowed us to get to know them better and understand their needs. With dismay, we observed that children who were travelling hundreds of kilometres night and day through long queues at the border crossing points had almost nothing with them. From here the idea arose to hand out welcome backpacks to refugee children.



## FEBRUARY 2022: EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

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The sight of frightened and tired children, often without food, water and everything essential for mothers with children, forced us to continuously deliver basic food and hygiene products to help points located mainly in the stations. We purchased juice, water, biscuits, and long life products.

The following days in the Saint Nicholas Foundation were occupied with the organisation of shipments from the warehouse to points where help was needed. We also looked for them ourselves – for example, we delivered goods to where mothers and children were standing in the queue for the consulate. Every day we visited the train stations and established contact with the people responsible for running the individual help points.





## MARCH 2022: WELCOME BACKPACKS

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In our welcome backpacks, the children could find basic hygiene products, water, juice, snacks, and small gifts, which could sweeten their experience. Every week, our office sent out ever-greater numbers of backpacks and other help points where children were staying got in touch with us. The contents of our backpacks changed depending on the location and the needs of the children who were to get them.

We began with the accommodation for mothers and children in the main train stations of Warsaw: Central, East and West. Thanks to the help of our volunteers and, among others, of collaborating firms Accenture and NatWest Group, we prepared the next set, and the number of backpacks distributed until today has reached 3 000 and is still growing. The next large batch of 500 backpacks will reach Ukrainian children for the International Children's Day.



## MARCH 2022: COLLABORATION WITH DOZENS OF HELP POINTS

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We react to all calls from places where there are children. In help points, where we deliver or have delivered our backpacks, there are also points for mothers with children, for example:

- Warsaw Central Railway Station,
- the European House for Teens;
- Global Expo Hall on Modlinska Street;
- Bielany, School Shelter;
- Agrykola Youth ,
- Employment Center on Marszałkowska street;
- Education Center on Kruczkowskiego street;
- help points on Skaryszewska 12;
- Teatr Wola,
- Mazovia Neuropsychiatric Center,
- Liszewska-Bowen Foundation on Nowogrodzka 56A,
- Fundacja AVE
- and many, many others.

So far we've delivered  
**3000**  
welcome backpacks



## FILLING BACKPACKS

Our action to distribute welcome backpacks would not be possible on such a scale if it were not for the companies that engaged together with us in this action and gave us presents for the children. Thanks to their support we were able to enrich the packs with more products, which were delivered to us showing the generosity and desire to help.

We thank: Buch Druckerei, NatWest Group, Pepco, Redge, SPAR, Stabilo, Ursa Polska, Insignis publishing house, Zielona Sowa Publishing house for thousands of products, which we were able to place in our welcome backpacks.

**Buch Druckerei**  
printed  
**1000**  
children's books  
for us

**SPAR** sent us  
**73**  
pallets of first aid  
products

**Zielona Sowa** provided  
**21 500**  
mini-puzzle sets,  
colouring and  
educational books

**NatWest Group**  
gave us  
**500**  
packs of sweets

**STORCK** gave us  
**6500**  
sweets for  
Children's Day

**Insignis** publishing  
house gave us  
**1000**  
books in Ukrainian

**Pepco** in the first days of  
the war gave us  
**PLN 1 million**  
to help children from  
Ukraine

**Stabilo** sent us  
**3 500**  
packs of school  
supplies



## MARCH 2022: ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LOGISTICS CENTRE IN CHORZOW

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Already in March with collaborators from the Maltese Aid Service of Ivano-Frankivsk and the firm Prologis we opened a Logistics Centre in Chorzow (near Katowice). The large warehouse space and qualified team of our Ukrainian partners gave us the ability to coordinate shipments from all over Europe and the guarantee that they reached the most needy. From the Centre, shipments prepared by the Foundation were also sent. We sent medical supplies to children's hospitals or equipment (furniture, white goods) to displaced children's homes.







## HUMANITARIAN AID

From the Logistics Centre, shipments leave that are organised both by the Saint Nicholas Foundation and the Maltese Aid Service, but also by firms and organisations from all over Europe.

From the warehouses, which we are able to utilise thanks to the kindness of the firm Prologis, each day the next lorry carrying assistance leaves, and with them: food, first aid products, water, hygiene and medicinal products, mattresses and field kitchens.



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Total value shipped  
from the Centre:

**PLN 3,9  
million**

The warehouse so  
far handled:

**784**  
pallets of material

Loads shipped to  
Ukraine: total weight

**487**  
tons

## MARCH 2022: MEDICAL SHIPMENTS TO CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS

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In the first weeks of March, we received news from our partners in Ukraine about the difficult situation in children's hospitals, which had been cut off from sources of supply. Thanks to the quick and well-organised actions of the whole Foundation team, we succeeded in organising all the necessary material and to complete a shipment, which in the following few days arrived in Rovne in Ukraine. We received very moving thanks from the staff of the hospital.

We financed the purchase of dressings, bandages, gauze, painkillers and anti-fever medicines for children, syringes, needles and tourniquets, folding stretchers, thermal blankets, resuscitators and drips. This help was transported and handed over to the paediatric ward of the local hospital in Rovne on 19 March. Some days later, the next medical shipment arrived at the paediatric department of Chmielnic hospital.



## MARCH 2022: WILCZA HOSTEL FOR UKRAINE AND CHILDREN'S SCHOOL SUPPLIES

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In March, we began collaboration with the help point on Wilcza street in Warsaw, where 246 people from Ukraine were receiving temporary shelter, including 166 children of different ages. Maintaining such a large number of people and ensuring decent living conditions for them requires significant funding. In agreement with the centre, we therefore opened a dedicated collection on our side, as part of which willing donors can support the wards of Wilcza Hostel For Ukraine. We regularly deliver toys and books to the children in Wilcza. We have also set up a regular care point and we give it formal, merit-based support.

The children from Wilcza have also received kits containing the most important school supplies from us.



## MARCH 2022: DOG NAMED MARSHALL BECOMES SAINT NICHOLAS' HELPER

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We do our best to assist the children by meeting their material needs, but also to take care of their psychological wellbeing. In March we began our cooperation with Marshall - a famous dog and actor of the popular film 'Paw Patrol', who is very much loved by all children. Marshall is now helping us distribute our welcome backpacks to Ukrainian children. In the past three months, together with Marshall we visited, among others: Pulawska 20 Assistance Center, Modlisska Expo Hall hosting hundreds of Ukrainian families, OSiR in Bielany, Warsaw Central Railway Station and Wilcza Hostel For Ukraine. Wherever we went, Marshall made hundreds of children smile. Apart from the welcome backpacks, we also distributed educational books and small gifts such as mini puzzles. Every child received a gift and all those who wished to, had their photo taken with Marshall.



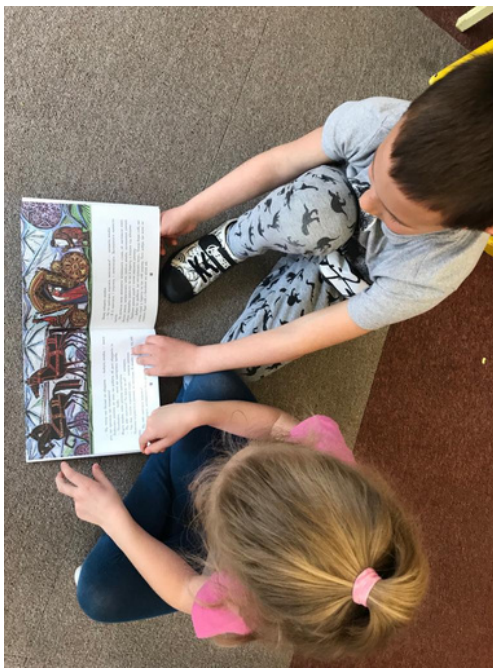


## APRIL 2022: CHILDREN'S BOOKS BY THE BEST UKRAINIAN AUTHORS

In cooperation with the Ukrainian Book Institute, we have published childrens' books by the most prominent Ukrainian authors. Among them Lesia the Ukrainian – one of the most important Ukrainian writers and poets, Saszko Dermanskyj, contemporary author of childrens' books, Wiaczeslaw Lehkobyt, a prominent artist and illustrator, Anatolij Hryhoruk – writer, translator and author of numerous books for children, Wasyl Kurovskyj – poet and satirist, Kateryna Rejda, artist, painter and collage maker, Hanna Samutina – one of the most famous Ukrainian artists of XX century, and Volodymyr Holozubov whose pictures are known by every Ukrainian child.

We created sets of 12 beautifully published books and created an ordering system which allows these to reach libraries, venues temporarily hosting refugee children and schools attended by Ukrainian kids. The programme became so popular that our Foundation had to order additional printing.







## APRIL 2022: EDUCATIONAL BOOKS

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Thanks to BuchDruckerei we have received 1000 books by Alicja Safarzyńska-Platos translated by Ewa Kanoniak and Kateryna Hudsa. The books are now part of our welcome backpacks and are also added to the book sets which our Foundation distributes to libraries, shelters and schools where our little Ukrainian guests reside.

During our school visits in the Bielany district of Warsaw, we also distributed educational books published by Zielona Sowa Publishing House, which will allow the Ukrainian children attending Polish schools to better adapt academically.



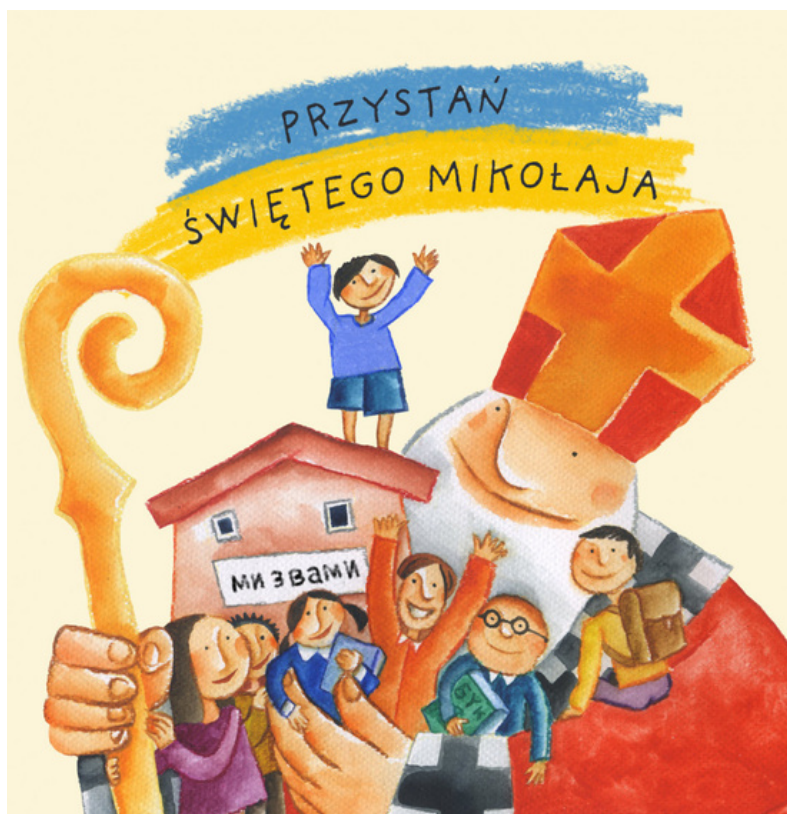
## APRIL 2022: SAINT NICHOLAS' HAVENS

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Using our experience from our scholarship programmes, we have decided to launch a country-wide programme which allows us to support refugee children from Ukraine in a long-term, systematic manner. With Saint Nicholas' Havens, we establish local partnerships and finance integration projects, as well as psychological and educational assistance.

In the first round of calls, we received over 530 proposals from local organisations for a total sum of PLN 14 million. Out of this number, we chose 44 projects which will receive our support for a total of PLN 1,5 million. Thanks to the funding from our partners, we will soon be setting up new Havens.

PLN 1,5 mln – 2500 children.



So far, we have provided  
**PLN 1,5 million**  
for the launch of Saint  
Nicholas Havens

Programme currently  
provides assistance to  
**2500**  
children

## APRIL 2022: EASTER GIFTS

April 24th was Orthodox Easter – an important festivity in Ukraine. For the first time many of the Ukrainian refugee children spent this time outside of their homes and without their families. For this occasion, we prepared holiday gifts for children temporarily living in Ranczo near Wysoka Turnia (Silesia region) and for internally-displaced children in Ivano-Frankivsk.



## APRIL 2022: REFURBISHING CHILDREN'S' HOMES FROM EASTERN UKRAINE

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Two out of three Ukrainian children have been forced to leave their homes because of the war. In April, we focused our efforts on supporting children from five children's homes which had been internally displaced from Eastern Ukraine to the safer area of Ivano-Frankivsk. The new locations were, however, not very suitable for their role. In the orphanages we took under our care, there are currently 316 children of up to 16 years of age. Our Foundation has bought baby cots, beds, mattresses, bed linen, pillows, towels, chairs, tables as well as the necessary household appliances such as pots, pans and basic kitchenware. For this purpose, we devoted a total of over PLN 240 000. The acquisition of the necessary items was partly co-financed by the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs under the Polish Development Cooperation framework.





## MAY 2022: LAUNCH OF ACTIVITIES AT SAINT NICHOLAS' HAVENS.

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Saint Nicholas' Havens kicked off in May across Poland.

In Gorzow Wlkp. children attend regular chess classes and in the summer they will travel to a professional chess-playing summer camp. In Mlawa, various integration activities were launched: these include sports, music, art, and dance for 300 Ukrainian children hosted in the town.

In Krasne, a number of integration and psychological support activities are also ongoing. Every Haven employs a professionally-trained psychologist from Ukraine to provide support not only to the affected children, but also to their mothers.



## MAY 2022: PICNIC FOR CHILDREN HOSTED IN THE EXPO HALL ON MODLIŃSKA STREET.

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One of the largest points hosting Ukrainian refugees is located in the Expo Hall in Modlinska street in Warsaw and our Foundation has visited this location on numerous occasions. On 5 May, we organised a picnic during which the children could play football, observe tricks performed by a magician, climb into a fire brigade vehicle and talk to the firemen about their work, eat sweets and play with Marshall – the famous protagonist of Paw Patrol TV series and his furry friend Sky. Our Foundation prepared presents for 500 children. NatWest Group volunteers helped prepare the backpacks, while volunteers from Accenture helped with their transportation. The picnic was a joyous day for the refugee children living in this temporary shelter.







## MAY 2022: ASSISTANCE FOR DISABLED CHILDREN FROM CHARKIV REGION

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In May, our shipment with humanitarian aid reached a beautifully-located mountain area of Vorocht, where a shelter for disabled children coming from Charkiv region was set up. Together with the Maltese Aid Service of Ivano-Frankivsk, we refurbished it with furniture, electric appliances including an industrial washing machine, refrigerators, pots and pans, towels, linen and other necessary goods.



## MAY 2022: GREAT POPULARITY OF THE CHILDREN'S' BOOKS IN UKRAINIAN - MORE REPRINTS

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Our distribution programme of children's' books in Ukrainian proved to be a spot-on initiative. After a reprint, we have been receiving tens of new orders every day and we are sending out new packages to the Ukrainian children on a daily basis. Thanks to the courtesy of Insignis Media printing house, we have added a new book to our set entitled "What do you choose?" containing puzzles, crosswords and other games in Ukrainian. These books will be added to the welcome backpacks which we are preparing for the International Children's Day.



So far, we have  
distributed

**6000**

Ukrainian books

We provided help  
centers with

**450**

sets of books, each  
containing 12 books

We provided

**180**

points, schools and  
libraries with sets



## ACTIONS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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Assistance on such a large scale would not have been possible without the engagement of so many people. Many events were organised to support our activities:

- a Russian rapper Oxxxymiron provided our Foundation with the profits earned from the tickets and the donations made from his series of concerts entitled “Russians Against War”.
- For two months Allegro company has made donations available at every acquisition using its services.
- Wprost magazine destined the entire profit of their March subscriptions to our Foundation
- GoodLood has introduced a new line of their ice cream, the profits of which have been given to support our aid programmes in Ukraine.



## FUNDS COLLECTION TO HELP UKRAINIAN CHILDREN

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During the past three months, we have met many new people from all walks of life who have been united, together with the Saint Nicholas' Foundation, in their wish to help Ukrainian children in need. Money collections have been made for such events as the concert 'Belarus Outside the System' during which PLN 16 793,56 were collected. Artists for Ukraine in Fabryka Norblina, collected PLN 8 227 . Donations came from selling artworks by artists from Ukraine, Belarus and Poland. Eliza Anna Falkiewicz gave the entire profit of the sale of her book titled "I am a woman" during the meeting with the author.

On Easter Sunday, a charity concert for Ukrainian children was organised with the participation of famous musicians, singers and music stars. Saint Nicholas Foundation volunteers also organised a money collection during an event hosted by the Warsaw Ochota theatre called 'Reading aloud for Ukraine'.



## PARTNERS SUPPORTING OUR AID FOR UKRAINIAN CHILDREN

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bank account numer: 37 2130 0004 2001 0299 9993 0002

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