

Dear NWMLS,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am reaching out on behalf of the Ukrainian Association of Washington State (UAWS), to offer your organization an opportunity to support an incredibly important new initiative UAWS is driving together with the Ministry of Health of Ukraine.

UAWS and the Ministry of Health of Ukraine are aiming to provide **prenatal care equipment and mobile preemie incubator units to 16 prenatal and 34 childbirth centers across Ukraine** as quickly as possible. In June UAWS will issue a press release highlighting this life-saving effort and will feature our top donors to-date. We will continue to raise funds in the following months, as a follow-up on our promise to support the children of Ukraine, and publicly report on the impact and results of this project in the effort to raise awareness.

We are currently looking for donors who can support us in one of two ways:

1. Fund the purchase of the following units, or
2. Donate used/refurbished units from hospitals / partner networks in Europe and the US.

Below is the wish list which was shared with us by Ukraine's Ministry of Health

- a. Mobile Incubators: 50 units
- b. [SHELLY neonatal incubators](#): 320 units
- c. [BABY ACTIVE neonatal incubators](#): 320 units
- d. [NATALLY Radiant infant warmer](#): 320 units
- e. [GE Giraffe Incubator](#): 16 units
- f. [GE Giraffe OmniBed Incubator and Warmer](#): 16 units
- g. Neonatal elastic caps: 1000 pcs
- h. Maternity operating tables with electromechanical control: 60 pcs

As Ukraine's war rages on, pregnant women are giving birth prematurely at an alarming rate

[According to](#) the United Nations Population Fund, an estimated 265,000 Ukrainian women were pregnant when the war broke out and about 80,000 births are expected in the next three months – reported in April by the New York Times. The BBC, in their article “Ukraine: Premature babies struggling for life in bombed cities” stated that premature births had jumped to three times their normal rate and now account for 50% of all deliveries.

This May, the UAWS' mission is to raise \$4.5M for prenatal care equipment from medical organizations and private enterprises, to provide at least 10 units for each of the 50 Ukrainian prenatal and maternity hospitals, to address this dire situation with stress-induced premature child births.

Why support this initiative led by UAWS?

UAWS has the credibility, connections, and experience in delivering large scale humanitarian efforts for Ukraine. We work with some of the most prominent and dedicated Washingtonians and local businesses, are supported by on-the-ground networks in Ukraine, and work with other prominent organizations across the US, such as Nova Ukraine and Razom for Ukraine.

Since the war began, UAWS has played an active role in helping and supplying aid to Ukraine. In March, UAWS chartered an Airbus A330 cargo jet delivering 32 tons (\$3.5M) of donated medical supplies from Seattle to Ukraine, via Poland, in collaboration with Nova Ukraine and the Ukrainian Student Association at Stanford University.

In April, we held a fundraiser with the Polish Home Association, in an effort to get 3,000 individual first aid kits to people trapped in Ukraine; this event also featured speeches from representatives such as Governor Jay Inslee, and we were able to raise upwards of \$55K. Our partner Olympic Hot Tub raised \$34,700 as part of their annual fundraiser events that UAWS will use for medical projects. We continue to find additional equipment by collaborating with the Medical Teams WorldWide, Olympic Hot Tub, WARM 106.9, and our Ukrainian partners at DSNS (Ukraine's Department of Emergency Services).

We invite you to join us in this life-saving effort!

If your organization can help, please respond to this letter directly.



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This issue in the media

- ['He Is a Child of War': Giving Birth Amid Chaos in Ukraine](#)
- [In Ukraine, mothers bring light of new life into the darkness](#)
- [Ukraine: Premature babies struggling for life in bombed cities](#)
- [As Ukraine's war rages, pregnant women are giving birth prematurely at an alarming rate](#)
- [Ukraine crisis: Premature babies born into war as deliveries forced to take place in hospital basement](#)
- [Ukrainian women are giving birth prematurely due to trauma of war, doctor says](#)
- [Ukrainian refugees confront increase in pregnancy complications](#)
- [Ukrainian women are giving birth prematurely due to trauma of war, doctor says](#)

About the Ukrainian Association of Washington State (UAWS)

The Ukrainian Association of Washington State is a non-profit, tax exempt organization under IRS Code Section 501(c)(3) was founded in 1971, which works to preserve Ukrainian heritage and is the link that unites our Ukrainian-American people. The Association is active in organizing the various cultural and artistic activities as well as patriotic gatherings. We traditionally celebrate Ukrainian Day of Independence and honor our national bard, Taras Shevchenko. The Association also supports the Fund to Endow a Chair of Ukrainian Studies at the University of Washington, Ukrainian Dance Ensemble Barvinok, and Serpanok chorus. Our focus will always be to bring out what is the best in our Ukrainian community.

Our support priorities are focused on the following areas:

- Deliver medical supplies to hospitals in Ukraine (in partnership with: Medical Teams WorldWide, WARM 106.9 radio station, Olympic Hot Tub, Ukrainian Student Association at Stanford)
- Support civilians in life-saving tactical medicine
- Help internally displaced families and orphans

UAWS in the Media

- [Ukrainian Association of WA looking toward second aid flight to Ukraine](#)
- [32 tons of emergency medical supplies headed to Ukraine from Seattle](#)
- [\\$3.5M in donated medical supplies headed from SEA Airport to Ukraine](#)
- [Millions in 'emergency medical supplies' to leave Sea-Tac Airport for Ukraine](#)
- [Ukrainian Association of WA looking toward second aid flight to Ukraine](#)
- [Eastside woman will shepherd precious cargo into Ukraine on a mission that created a community](#)
- [Local Ukrainian association holds fundraiser for people trapped in Ukraine](#)
- <https://warm1069.com/operation-teddy-bear-lift/>