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## UPDATE ON OUR WORK IN UKRAINE

The war in Ukraine feels endless and at times forgotten. The Middle East has taken front page in the news, relegating Ukraine to the back burner. The situation is becoming gloomier for Ukraine. Hopes for a positive American intervention have grown dim. The rare minerals deal has gone nowhere. The recent law debacle curbing anti-corruption agencies in Ukraine has not helped. Hopefully, the agreement for European Union nations to purchase military weapons from America on behalf of Ukraine will bear fruition and boost Ukraine's military capabilities.

The war is in its fourth year. All this is having an impact on the morale of the soldiers and the nation. We watch with deep respect and humility as our Kyiv office and coordinators continue their work supporting our orphans. They do this through constant bombings, sirens, blackouts, and leaving their homes for shelters. I speak with our Kyiv office on a regular basis. During our last conversation, our Office Director, Olya Moroz, informed me that she has designated and prepared replacements for her and her staff should something happen to them. This took me aback in surprise and then filled me with respect and appreciation for Olya Moroz's and her staff's dedication and resolve. She always thanks me and our organization for the continued support we provide the orphans, caretakers and the OAS organization in Ukraine. It humbles me as I respond that we are safe and secure living peacefully. It is easy for us and unbearably difficult for them.

We are commencing the distribution of orphan stipends for the second half of 2025. The status of orphans and coordinators continues to be in flux. We are able to continue to communicate with most of our coordinators and transfer funds to most of our orphans.

We continue to transfer money to Ukraine via Self-Reliance NY Federal Credit Union. Self-Reliance has generously provided another grant to help cover the cost of the money transfers. Their financial and logistical support is crucial as we continue to transfer money to individuals in Ukraine swiftly and efficiently in this current manner. We continue to be grateful to the dedicated staff at Self Reliance.

Our policy continues to be not to turn down anyone who requests our assistance during this dire situation in Ukraine. We help families and individuals who are destitute, who have lost their homes, and who are overwhelmed with medical needs.

Only through the generosity of our benefactors, donors and sponsors are we able to perform this work.

We thank each and every one of you for continuing to support the work Orphans' Aid Society is doing in Ukraine.

In particular, we express our gratitude to the Estate of Wolodymyra and Stephan Slywotzky for the sizable donation we received, this year as in the previous year. Wolodymyra and Stephan Slywotzky were long time sponsors and supporters of Orphans Aid Society.

In closing, we mourn the passing of our Ternopil coordinator, Marta Hrytsak. Marta was our coordinator for close to 20 years. Her dedication and hard work in Ternopil were exemplary. Marta's passing leaves a void in our tight knit OAS community and sadness in our hearts. *Vichna Yiyi Pamyat.*

Sincerely,  
Victor Czartorysky  
Chairman