



## Ukraine Crisis Update

*“Communities do not wait until there is a fire to build a fire department, and the Jewish people do not wait until there is an emergency to create an effective system of rescue and humanitarian aid. The skill and expertise we have been witnessing in the relief efforts in Ukraine and in the bordering countries is the result of years of experience, training, relationship building, and fundraising.”*

Eric D. Fingerhut, President and Chief Executive Officer, Jewish Federations of North America

The Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids has joined the Jewish Federations of North America’s (JFNA) emergency campaign to provide humanitarian assistance to Jewish populations in Ukraine. Funds will be allocated through JFNA’s core partners including: The Jewish Agency for Israel, The Joint Distribution Committee, and World ORT (*Organization for Rehabilitation Through Training*). They are on the ground providing critical welfare where it is needed most to support, protect, and safeguard Ukraine’s Jewish community, as well as, Jewish refugees in neighboring countries.

JFNA has raised over 40 million and allocated funds to:

- Help people make Aliyah to Israel
- Secure the local communities and institutions
- Maintain critical welfare services
- Assist internally displaced persons in multiple locations
- Launch an emergency hotline for refugees
- Secure temporary housing for people in transit
- Purchase satellite phones to maintain communications across the region
- Secure five Jewish schools and training staff to manage crisis needs

**If you would like to make a donation to the Ukraine crisis visit the Jewish Federation of Grand Rapids at [www.https://www.jewishgrandrapids.org](https://www.jewishgrandrapids.org)  
100% of your donation will go to help our Jewish family in Ukraine**

*Thank you to the Grand Rapids community members who have contributed to the Ukraine Relief Crisis.*

*As of April 30, 2022*

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