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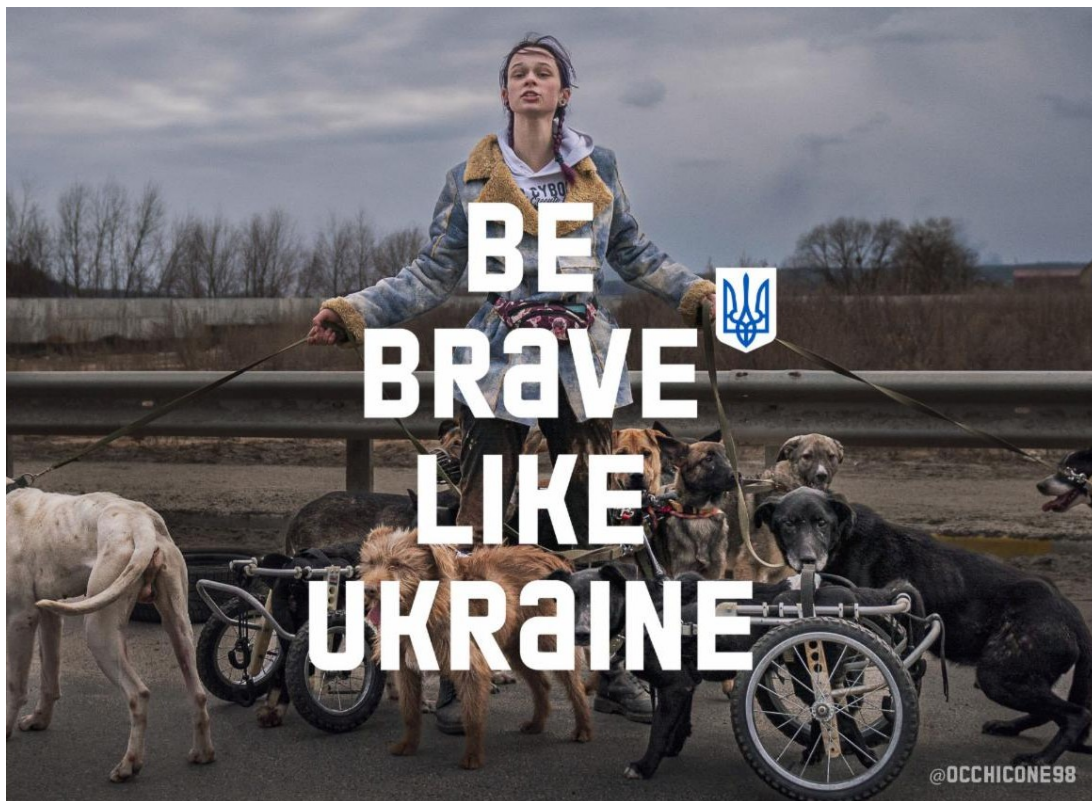
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# Weekly Dispatch No. 6

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**WASHINGTON, D.C.** - "The world continues to be horrified by two vastly different phenomena: the cruelty of Russian attacks on Ukraine and the bravery of the Ukraine people. Out of the pitch darkness of despair, there is a light. This is the light of hope -- the same golden hue of the Ukrainian sunflower fields. In this issue, let's look at those helping the helper.

Все буде Україна!" ~Jane Sargus, Executive Director

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**ODESA - Fedir Serdiuk**, advisor to the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine and a board member of the Ukrainian Startup Fund, has spent his career focused on solving safety issues. He spent several years as Red Cross Rescue Team Leader and a military and law enforcement personnel trainer. He is recognized as a tactical emergency casualty care instructor by the California Emergency Medical Services Authority.

He was featured in a video prepared and published by the World Economic Forum. The video captures the activities that Fedir has been doing in shaping the emergency response in Ukraine under war conditions with a focus on trauma and treating the wounds caused by gunfire and shelling.

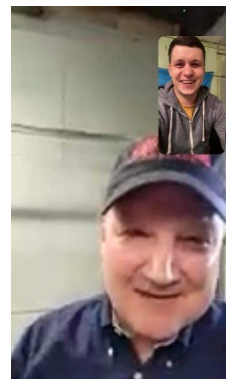
**Alumnus Fedir Serdiuk from Odesa, Ukraine hosted by Birmingham Sister Cities Commission - Ukraine Committee in Birmingham, AL 2020**



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Manchester residents with Ukrainian relief supply shipment



David Tille and Roman Hryshchuk on a planning call

**MANCHESTER, NH** - After the start of the full-scale war in Ukraine, Member of Parliament **Roman Hryshchuk** reached out to his U.S. counterparts whom he met during his Open World program hosted in Manchester, NH in 2021. Upon his request, Roman's host in New Hampshire, **David Tille**, Director of Veteran Services at Harbor Care, and a member of the [United Way's Ukraine Relief](#)



[Fund](#), started a fundraising campaign to purchase and ship to Ukraine much-needed medicine and medical equipment. Organizations and private donors are now shipping two truckloads of supplies, totaling \$300,000 in value.

**Alumnus Roman Hryshchuk from Kyiv, Ukraine hosted by World Affairs Council of New Hampshire in Manchester, NH 2021**

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**KHERSON** - As a lawyer for the [Come Back Alive Foundation](#), **Ruslana Velychko** drafted legislation and regulatory documents, that were both passed and approved, which simplified the legal import of dual-use items from abroad. Thanks to her efforts, volunteers can now bring into the country items, such as vehicles, gun sights, and drones, for use by Ukrainian defenders.



**Alumna Ruslana Velychko from Kherson, Ukraine hosted by Friendship Force of Minnesota/Twin Cities in Minneapolis, MN 2019**



Ukraine's Ambassador Oksana Markarova (center) at a reception for Open World facilitators with Chapailo (second from left) and Savrun (second from right) 2021

**WASHINGTON, D.C. and KYIV** - Open World program Ukraine facilitators **Yana Chapailo** and **Mariia Savrun** have been actively volunteering for a

large-scale information campaign called the [UkraineWorld](#) media project. With more than 160,000 followers on Twitter, UkraineWorld publishes news and analysis about current events in Ukraine for the English-speaking audience. Yana and Mariia are creating interactive content for the organization on a volunteer basis.

**Facilitator Yana Chapailo from Kyiv, Ukraine (currently studying at the University of Maryland.)**

**Facilitator Mariia Savrun from Kyiv, Ukraine**

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**Facilitator from Kyiv, Ukraine**



**KYIV** - “I want to put on a dress and sit at a bar with a glass. Quiet summer evenings with beautiful and cheerful people. I want black cherries, to find a nice, fluffy cat to pet and sing songs of the future to. I want not to see death, how bitterly our grandfathers cry.

With each wail of the mobile phone we all get older.

Tell me, my ballistic world, my winged Spring, is there anyone else here not used to war? Why do we need this? When is the end and what does it mean? Who sent us this eternally long bad turn?

At eight o'clock curfew, the cafes will be asleep. I will get my Sauterne out of the cupboard.

The evenings still are surprisingly beautiful - pink, blue, gold.”





**KYIV** - As part of the Defense Forces of Ukraine, alumnus **Viacheslav Chernenko**, a surgeon at Kyiv City Hospital, is participating in de-mining activities of the liberated territories in Ukraine.

**Alumnus Viacheslav Chernenko from Kyiv, Ukraine hosted by Friendship Force of Sacramento in Sacramento, CA 2017**



**POLISH/UKRAINE BORDER** - Dear Friends, thanks for your genuine support to Ukraine and our family in particular, we raised \$10,200 for a van!

Today we signed the purchase agreement for this 9-seat Opel Vivaro minivan, year 2010. The previous owner, a Polish family with 3 young children, gave us a \$500 discount because they wanted to support and help Ukraine, as well. So, we bought it for \$9,300.

The amount which is left will be used for registering the vehicle, paying the tax fees, and regular technical maintenance.

Very soon it will go to Ukraine with essential supplies for Ukrainians. Thank YOU for supporting Ukraine and sharing these moments with us. And also for your trust. We will post more updates soon."

**Facilitator from Kharkiv, Ukraine**

**Alumnus from Kharkiv, Ukraine hosted by Rochester Global Connection, Inc. in Rochester, NY 2012**



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