

CHILDREN'S BURN FOUNDATION

Medical Support for Ukrainian Children

CBF received a \$25,000 matching gift for Ukrainian Children from the Friars Charitable Foundation

Please join in this match for initial funding of \$100,000 for acute care, medical transfer and accommodations for children who have suffered severe burn injuries

Meet the Need:

Our partners **Doctors Collaborating to Help Children** and the **Shriners Hospitals Systems** are in communication with doctors and clinic administrators in both western and eastern Ukraine. The most acute cases are being treated in-place and the less severe children and adults are being evacuated to surrounding countries. Our partners believe our best strategy to help the injured is to bring those who can travel to the U.S. for treatment. They have currently identified 10 to 20 children sheltering in a border country. The Boston medical team will provide their service at no cost but request funding for transport to the U.S., as well as housing, food and other essential needs. They have requested \$100,000 to fund the cost for such transfer and subsequent support.

Our History with Ukraine:

Since 2016, CBF has been helping the people of Ukraine through our partnerships with **Doctors Collaborating to Help Children**, located in Boston, along with Shriners Hospital for Children Boston, Americares, and Ukrainian Women's League of America, to provide medical and burn prevention education missions. CBF has funded \$15,000 to \$28,000 annually in major regions of Ukraine: Lviv and Dnepropetrovsk. The medical mission includes surgical interventions for child burn survivors, performed by volunteer burn surgeons, anesthesiologists, nurses, and physical and occupational therapists. Expenses include travel and accommodations for medical professionals and health educators, burn prevention materials, supplies, medications, PPE equipment, and special medical equipment not available in Ukraine. More than 60 surgeries are performed on any given mission, and more than 120 children are seen at the outpatient clinic. These missions serve as opportunities to determine if children need additional interventions that are only possible in the United States. They are brought to Shriners Hospitals for more extensive surgeries. Since 2019, through our partnership with Shriners Hospital for Children, Boston, CBF funded three airlifts for children who were not expected to live because of the severity of their burns. These children survived.

In addition to medical treatments, the team provides extensive burn prevention educational support that affects the region's medical clinics, well-child visits and education in schools, centralized through the country's education department.

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