

Dear friends in Rotary and Rotaract, dear fellow citizens, businessmen,

War has been raging in Europe since 24 February. It has brought great human suffering to our friends in Ukraine, which will spread in the coming days and weeks, with an impact on the nearest European neighbors. The war has made us all overwhelmed and sad. Fresh news reaches us almost every minute and the situation forces us to react in person and in a Rotarian way.

On 25 February 2022 I took over the patronage of D 2240 aid for Ukraine. On the same day, I appointed František Siska from RC Košice Classic as the aid coordinator. Monika Kočiová from RC Košice coordinates foreign aid. From information from the Ukrainian border, we learn about the current refugees' needs on a daily basis. There is intensive communication with the Rotary clubs in Ukraine. Several districts in Europe have joined us offering material and financial aid. Our Rotary and Rotaract clubs demonstrate exemplary commitment and selfless help. There are increasing offers to supply medicines, hygiene supplies, food, accommodation and other humanitarian aid. A number of clubs in the district have reconsidered their project priorities in favor of helping the victims of this terrible tragedy.

The Rotarians of District 2240, with the help of five established committees, provide the supply of the following required material for Ukraine:

- 1. **Medical material** to help refugees on both sides of the border, particular hospitals (Uzhhorod, Mukachevo, Kharkov, Cherkasy) and medical supplies*
- 2. **Food**, especially long shelf life foods in large quantities*
- 3. **other materials**, the need and the composition of the material we obtain operatively as follows:*

- on the Slovak side directly from the mayors of the border villages Ubl'a, Vyšné Nemecké and Slemence.

- on the Ukrainian side addressing the Military Administration of the Transcarpathian Region and the Mayor of Uzhhorod and Lviv directly .

The export of the purchased material is provided by trucks directly to the central warehouse of the Military Administration of the Transcarpathian Region in Uzhhorod.

To support the aid to Ukrainian refugees, we have opened the following bank account:

IBAN: SK03 1100 0000 0029 4112 4258

Bank account name: Rotary klub Košice

Bank account holder: Rotary klub Košice Classic

Hotel Slávia, Hlavná 63

040 00 Košice

Slovakia

Bank

SWIFT: TATRSKBX

Bank name: Tatra banka, a.s.

Bank address: Hodžovo námestie 3, 811 06 Bratislava 1

Country code: SK

As part of one of the largest humanitarian organizations in the world, we have placed peace in the center of our global mission. We have joined the international community in calling for an immediate ceasefire, the withdrawal of the Russian forces and the renewal of diplomatic efforts to resolve this conflict through dialogue.

Big thanks to everyone who will join this call in any form.



Jaroslav Šuranský,

Governor of District 2240, Czech Republic and Slovak Republic