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UKRAINE TÜRKİYE SYRIA

BY THE NUMBERS



28

CARGO
CONTAINERS



\$24.9M

VALUE OF
MEDICAL SUPPLIES
& EQUIPMENT



1,500+

EMERGENCY RELIEF
BEDS &
MATTRESSES



1,600+

PALLETS OF AID
SHIPPED & STAGED



86

AIR CARGO
SHIPMENTS



6

COMMERCIAL
AIR PARTNERS

AS THE WAR IN UKRAINE RAGES ON, OUR PARTNERS ON THE GROUND WILL RELY ON THESE IMPORTANT EMERGENCY MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO TREAT THE WOUNDED, BOTH CIVILIAN AND MILITARY, AMID THE WORST OF THE ATROCITIES OF COMBAT. PROJECT C.U.R.E. REMAINS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING HUMANITARIAN SUPPORT AND WILL CONTINUE OUR WORK TO REBUILD LONG AFTER THE CONFLICT ENDS.

PROJECT C.U.R.E. Remains Committed to UKRAINE



Ukrainian doctors hold up a sign they made after receiving this sign and essential supplies from Project C.U.R.E. volunteers in Houston.

IT HAS NOW BEEN A YEAR AND A HALF SINCE THE SOVEREIGN STATE OF UKRAINE WAS INVADED BY RUSSIAN FORCES, TRIGGERING A HUMANITARIAN CRISIS AS TENS OF MILLIONS OF UKRAINIANS FLED THE AGGRESSION. UKRAINIAN CITIES HAVE BEEN DESTROYED, THOUSANDS HAVE DIED, AND EVEN MORE HAVE BEEN INJURED.

Project C.U.R.E. staff at our warehouses across the U.S. mobilized immediately to support our existing partners on the ground, knowing that requests for emergency medical supplies and equipment would be flooding in.

To date, Project C.U.R.E. has sent 114 shipments of medical supplies and equipment to Ukrainians in need. This included 86 air cargo shipments, delivery of 28 40-foot cargo containers, over 1,600 pallets of relief, and more than 1,500 Emergency Relief Beds (ERBs).

None of this would have been possible without our domestic and international partners who have been instrumental in delivering emergency air shipments to Ukraine. We extend our gratitude to Air Canada, Airlink, American Airlines, Flexport, LOT Polish Air, SEKO Logistics, United Airlines, and Virgin Atlantic for their partnership in this mission.

RESPONDING to Tragedy in TÜRKIYE and SYRIA

THE IMAGES AND FOOTAGE EMERGING FROM TÜRKIYE AND SYRIA FOLLOWING THE EARTHQUAKES EARLIER THIS YEAR HAVE BEEN NOTHING SHORT OF HEARTBREAKING.



ERBs being unloaded in Türkiye immediately after the earthquake.

With over 50,000 confirmed dead and countless injured, the need for medical aid has been staggering. In the weeks following the disaster, one of the most urgent requests was for body bags. As time passed and survivors continued to be pulled from the rubble, it became clear

that medical resources like surgical instruments, orthopedic supplies, and gurneys would top the list of necessities.

The fact that Project C.U.R.E. has experience providing aid in this region poised us to be among the first to respond. As often seen, out of tragedy come stories of fate and faith. Two of our cargo containers filled with 200 Stryker Emergency Relief Beds (ERBs) were scheduled to arrive in Türkiye at the beginning of the year. The shipment had been stuck in port in Southampton, England. Just as the earthquake struck, our partner NGO, Baitulmal, called

their colleagues in the government to notify them that the hospital beds were awaiting clearance at the port. The Ministry of Health ordered the cargo to be cleared and they were immediately unloaded for use in emergency hospitals precisely when they were needed most. Combined with our corporate partners like Cheniere, who immediately responded with financial support, we were able to make a difference within days of the disaster.

Some families who had settled in Türkiye after fleeing the civil war in Syria again had to leave their homes. Out of fear of damaging aftershocks, many began living in makeshift tents made of strips of fabric, tarps, and blankets. The tents were tied together to keep them from falling down; they had to be united in order to remain standing. Unfortunately, from those tent camps came stories of looting, of families stealing diapers from one another out of desperate need. Those living through this crisis have been living a constant paradox between leaning on one another and yet doing whatever it takes to individually survive.

We know that the suffering in this region will not end soon. Individuals impacted by this disaster are going to need our help for years to come.

TEENAGE HOCKEY PLAYER, HOUSTON ATTORNEY

Go the Distance to Support their Ukranian Friends



DAVID NORRLINGER is a high school Junior in Plano, Texas. Like most teens, his plate is full balancing academics, school clubs, community volunteer work, and extracurricular activities. Recently, David decided to add one more task to his to-do list: raise \$25,000 to honor his hockey coach **SERGIY DESHEVY**.

"Despite all the time we spent together, I did not learn about [Sergiy's] home country, Ukraine, until February of 2022, when Russia launched its invasion," David said. "That's when I saw how deeply it affected him, his family, and his friends."

David launched his \$25,000 crowdfunding campaign with the goal of funding shipment of an entire cargo container of donated medical supplies and equipment to Ukraine. David says that he would also like

to help fund Project C.U.R.E. Kits for Kids. At a cost of only \$25 each, the kits are designed to provide children with basic, medicine cabinet supplies for children, those who David says are "genuinely innocent bystanders in this conflict."

Like David, **JEREMY HERSCHAFT** has a Ukrainian friend who has inspired him to do something to help. In January, Jeremy ran a Houston 1/2 Marathon in under two hours to honor and support his friend and fellow lawyer, Kyiv attorney **ANTON (TONY) MOLCHANOV**. Anton has stepped away from his law practice to volunteer as a combat medic in the ongoing conflict in Ukraine.

"It was very inspiring to see so many Texans cheer his service and offer support for the Ukrainian people as I ran his photo around the Bayou City," said Herschaft after his race.

The International Bar is raising funds to ship much-needed medical equipment to Ukraine via Project C.U.R.E. so it can get into the hands of medical professionals like Anton. If you would like to help, check out their crowdfunding page. Earlier this year, the group managed to reach their \$10,000 fundraising goal, and they're still going strong.

TO HELP DAVID, SERGIY, TONY, JEREMY, AND OTHERS RAISING MONEY TO SUPPORT UKRAINE, VISIT [PROJECTCURE.ORG](https://projectcure.org).



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