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Ukraine - USA



## A YEAR OF SUPPORT

FOR THE UKRAINIAN PEOPLE FROM  
THE CIFERS FOUNDATION

# 2023

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### FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO UKRAINIAN FAMILIES

350 families received financial support from \$100 to \$5,000. During 2023, we provided financial support to Ukrainian families with children who lost their family members, homes, jobs, or were forced to relocate due to Russian hostilities and occupation. The program was implemented in cooperation with the "Dream" Foundation.

Almost 1,000 human stories of Ukrainian families have been collected by the foundation's volunteers. An information base of Ukrainian families in need of urgent assistance has been created. For the most part, these are large families from the East of Ukraine. To support the affected families, a program has been launched to find American families who take a Ukrainian family under their patronage for long-term care.

Personal correspondence from families:

"You are doing incredible things! You see, it's just a miracle!"

"Thank you for the hope!"

"Many were filled in, but you were the first to respond, and gave hope for help!"

"I received funds and an account. Sincere thanks to you and all good people involved in good deeds!"

"Thank you very much, I received the money. Very timely and unexpected before the New Year. You are doing a great job at this difficult time."



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### EXHIBITION OF UKRAINIAN KIDS' PAINTINGS IN WASHINGTON

~~For more~~More than a year, the exhibition of Ukrainian children's drawings, collected by the charitable family foundation "The Cifers Foundation", ~~is getting an unexpected, but very powerful sound~~has been on display in the nation's Capital. Now, it can be seen by millions of people from different parts of the world who fly to ~~and from the capital of the USA, to the WashingtonDulles International airport~~Airport.

The exposition presents works created by children in Ukraine and those who were forced to leave their homes, fleeing from hostilities to different parts of the world. Young artists depicted their families, hometowns and villages, and Ukraine's courageous defenders. The drawings are full of strength, love and firm belief in the victory of good over evil. ~~And t~~This is the message of Ukrainian children to the world.

We will remind that the ~~presentation~~first viewing of the exhibition in the USA took place on the eve of the Independence Day of Ukraine at the Visual Arts Center of Longwood University.



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### SPONSORSHIP AND ASSISTANCE IN THE RELOCATION AND ADAPTATION OF UKRAINIAN FAMILIES TO AMERICA FROM OCCUPIED CITIES

The Cifers Foundation continues to help Ukrainian families who have found a home in the United States. The family foundation still helps with housing, employment, purchasing cars and more. These families have survived all the horrors of war, occupation and multiple displacements in search of a safe place.

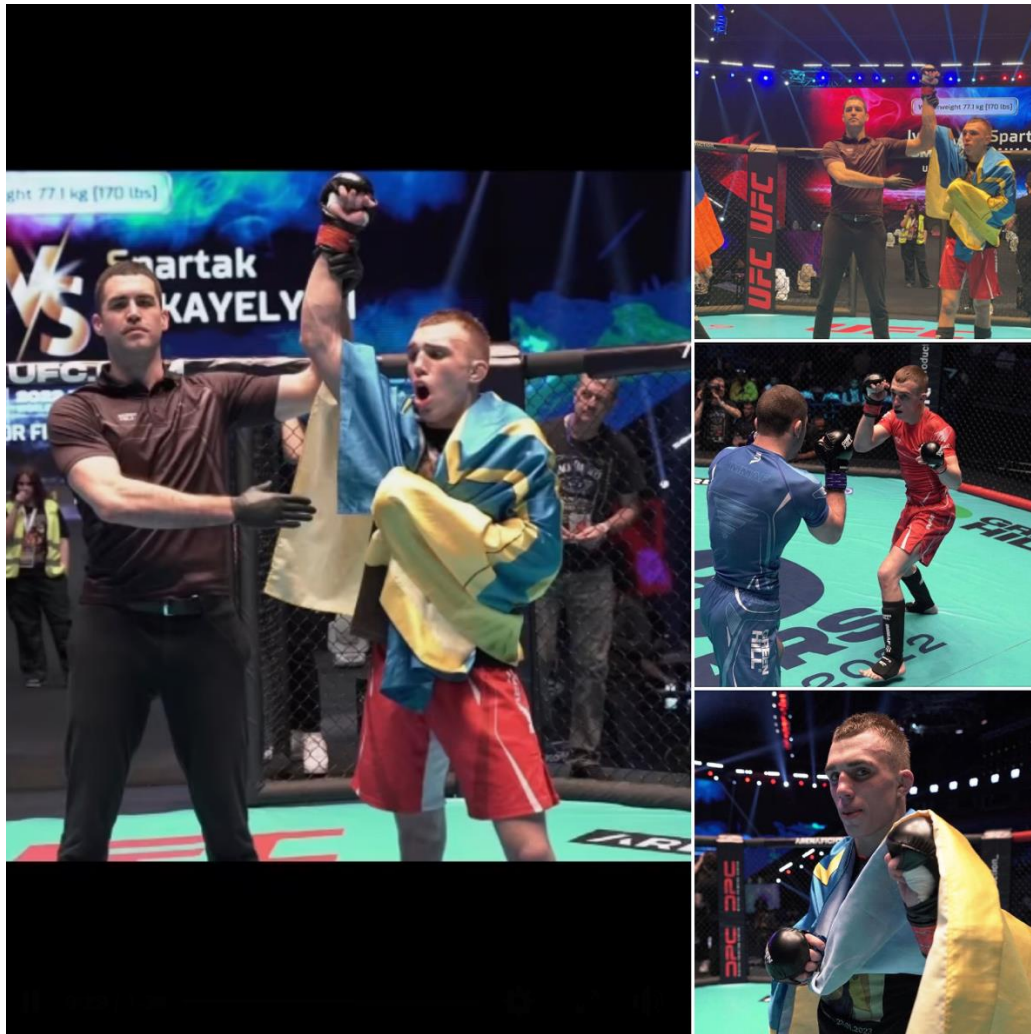
We created a small Ukrainian community in the city of Farmville, which harmoniously merged into ~~the local~~ life ~~of the local~~ churches, private enterprises, and cultural projects, while securing gainful employment to become self-sufficient, that honestly pay taxes, and work for the benefit of our community. We value them for their decency, hard work, positive thinking, hope and virtuous Christian behavior.



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### SUPPORTING UKRAINIAN YOUNG CHAMPION

With the support of the Cifers Foundation, Ivan Yushchenko, an 18-year-old resident of Ukraine, took part in an international competition and became the world champion in MMA in the weight category of 77.1 kg among youth. The 2022 MMA World Mixed Martial Arts Championship was held in the capital of Serbia, Belgrade. More than half a thousand athletes from 63 countries of the world took part in the competition. Ivan Yushchenko fought five fights and won all of them. In the final match, he defeated an athlete from Armenia - Spartak Mikailyan. We are incredibly proud of the achievements of a young Ukrainian!



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### UKRAINIAN BOOKS ARE IN FARMVILLE SCHOOLS

Ukrainian books were provided to Prince Edward County School, Virginia. Cifers Foundation is donating Ukrainian books in English to organizations that work with kids and youth. We believe that the soft power of education and culture is a powerful lever in shaping the global system of security and peace, with a future perspective.

First, our Foundation distributed Ukrainian books at the first Ukrainian Festival in Farmville in May 2023. It is also planned to transfer books to the Longwood University Library, and during the Book Festival in 2024.



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### UKRAINIAN DAY IN FARMVILLE

On 13th of May, 2023 in Robert Moton Museum, there was held KIDS FOR PEACE: FARMVILLE UKRAINIAN DAY 2023. The event was organized in partnership of Virginia Children's Book Festival, The Longwood Center for the Visual Arts, Robert Russa Moton Museum, sponsored by YakAttack and The Cifers Foundation. The volunteers were Ukrainians that live now in the Farmville community.

The goal of the event was to promote international unity for peace, tolerance, and support for Ukraine and its people, who are fighting hard against the Russian aggressor. The Ukrainian Day was aimed to provide educational, cultural, and inspirational activities for kids and youth, that will introduce Ukrainian culture, food, clothes, books, etc.

The exhibition of Ukrainian books in Ukrainian and English was collected and transferred from Ukraine by our partners – “Summit Book” Publishing House. Books for children about Ukraine were purchased with the support of the Cifers Foundation.

Fuqua School provided a lot of beautiful inspirational arts to support Ukraine, that were displayed at the Ukrainian Day.

Artworks that were created by kids during Ukrainian Day will be transferred to exhibitions in the Parliament of Ukraine with the support of Ukrainian “Dream” (“Mriy”) Foundation, also to Ukrainian families and defenders. A similar exhibition of artworks from Ukrainian kids was displayed in LCVA in 2022, and is currently displayed in the Dulles International Airport (Washington) from October 2022 till now.



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### INTERNATIONAL PROJECT WITH FUQUA SCHOOL, FARMVILLE VA

The Cifers Foundation, together with the Fuqua School, conducted a joint international project in which schoolchildren created a collection of drawings on the theme of friendship and support between Ukraine and the USA. A collection of approximately 100 drawings was sent to exhibitions in the cities of Ukraine and Italy, proclaiming Western values and the spirit of fighting for good.

The drawings of American schoolchildren were exhibited at exhibitions in many cities of Ukraine: Kyiv, Lviv, Zhytomyr, Irpin, Odesa and others. In all cities, exhibitions gain great popularity and community attention. We believe that the project significantly brings together the cultural understanding of two great nations in the common understanding of peace, security and well-being of nations.



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### EXHIBITION OF CHILDREN'S PAINTINGS AT THE UKRAINIAN PARLIAMENT

At the [Parliament of Ukraine](#) is hosted an exhibition of children's art works from the USA, with the support of MP [Maria Mezentseva](#) and the Charity Fund "Dream". That is the art of sincerity, friendship and peace between the American and Ukrainian people through the eyes of AMERICAN schoolchildren. In this way, children from small towns in the USA express solidarity with the challenges that Ukraine is experiencing today.

This collection is called "Side by Side with Ukraine" and contains about 100 drawings created by American children aged 7-15 - students of [Fuqua School](#) and their families, as well as participants of the Ukrainian festival Kids for Peace: Farmville Ukraine Day (state Virginia) to express the sincere support of Ukraine from the American people. It is extremely important for these children to be heard in their desire to support Ukraine.

Cifers Foundation expresses its sincere thankfulness to Maria, as well as to [Juanita Giles](#), [Emily Grabiec](#), [Chance Reynolds](#), [Audrey Sullivan](#), [Cainan Townsend](#), [Robert Russa Moton Museum](#), [Longwood Center for the Visual Arts](#), [and the](#) [Virginia Children's Book Festival](#), as well as to all young artists of this country.

Note that this action is a reaction to the exhibition in the USA "My Ukraine", which was created by UKRAINIAN refugee children (ages 5-14) and includes more than 300 works of art. The drawings are evidence of the children's deep understanding and feeling of the difficult times of Ukraine, as well as sincere hopes for a quick victory, peace and revival of Ukraine. From June to August 2022, this exhibition was presented at the London Center for the Visual Arts (Farmville, Virginia, USA). From September 2022, part of the exhibition is currently presented at the largest airport in Washington, Dallas, where it popularizes the ideas of a free world through the prism of Ukrainian children's drawings.



**EXHIBITION OF CHILDREN'S PAINTINGS IN ODESSA**



The exhibition under this name was solemnly opened in the main reading hall of the Odesa National Scientific Library. The drawings of American children, who are now truly "Side by Side with Ukraine", were displayed until December 12. Of course, in most pictures we see our country as it should be: peaceful, calm, surprisingly beautiful. The Cyphers-Cifers Foundation became the international partner of the project.

About 100 works created by children aged 7-15 from the state of Virginia (USA) are currently presented to the general public. The drawings are evidence of the children's deep understanding of the difficult times of Ukraine, they also contain sincere hopes for a quick victory, peace and revival of our country.

It is extremely important for these children to be heard in their desire to support Ukraine. The exhibition has already been presented in Kyiv, Irpin, Zhytomyr and ten Italian cities.



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## EXHIBITION IN ZHYTOMYR

The exhibition "Side by Side with Ukraine" from the Cifers Foundation (Anastasia and Luther Cifers) travels through the cities of Ukraine and Europe. Today, the Public Communications Center in Zhytomyr was opened in the City Hall by Iryna Yarmolenko.

Iryna Yarmolenko is from Zhytomyr, she was a deputy of the Zhytomyr City Council, she was also a refugee with her son and her mother in an asylum in Poland in the first months of the war. Her son Kirill was one of the authors of the drawings that are currently displayed at the exhibition of Ukrainian children's drawings at the Washington airport. Today, Iryna supports cultural projects of Ukraine and the USA, projects of children's diplomacy, develops projects for the restoration of Ukrainian cities with architectural groups.



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## EXHIBITION OF CHILDREN'S PAINTINGS IN IRPIN, UKRAINE

On August 24 an exhibition of American children's paintings " Side by Side with Ukraine" was opened in Irpin, Ukraine.

On March 24, 2022, the city of Irpin was awarded the honorary title of "Hero City of Ukraine" by the Decree of the President of Ukraine in order to celebrate the feat, mass heroism and resilience of citizens, shown in the defense of their cities during the repulse of the armed aggression of the Russian Federation against Ukraine.

Irpin is a symbol of the indomitable Ukrainian spirit. This is a city where people did not surrender, did not submit, but united in the face of the enemy. This is a city that has become an example for the whole world. At the cost of incredible efforts, at the cost of the lives of our Heroes, Irpin stood firm, the enemy was stopped.



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### EXHIBITION OF CHILDREN'S PAINTINGS IN LVIV, UKRAINE

An exhibition of children's works "Side by Side with Ukraine", in which children from small towns in the USA express solidarity with the challenges that Ukraine is experiencing today. They were created by American schoolchildren from FUQUA SCHOOL and their families, as well as participants of the Ukrainian festival "KidsforPeace: FarmvilleUkraineDay 2023" (Virginia).

The creativity of American children is a response to the exhibition of drawings of Ukrainian refugee children "My Ukraine", which was exhibited in the USA, in particular in Washington and the Longwood Center for Visual Arts (Farmville, Virginia). From September 2022, a part of the exhibition is currently presented at the largest airport in Washington, Dallas.

The exhibition takes place in the Palace of Hnat Hotkevich, and some of the works are exhibited in the premises of the Lviv City Council.



**THE CIFERS FOUNDATION SUPPORTED THE EXHIBITION  
"MUSIC EVIDENCE OF WAR"**

A unique project is being held in the center of Kyiv until August 20. It is an exhibition of the winners of the MUSIC.UA.WAR International Music Festival, which presents video clips about Russia's insidious war against Ukraine. The open-air exhibition in the Central Park of Culture and Recreation of Kyiv near the Arch of Freedom of the Ukrainian People (Volodymyrsky Uzviz, 2) brought together the works of musicians of various genres aged 6 to 79 from three countries - Ukraine, Canada, and the United States.

At the exhibition, you can see footage from the clips, next to each one, a QR code with a link to the winner's video on the festival's YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/@MusicUAWar>

The festival is organized by the Association for the Development of International Relations ADRUM and STUDIORAR under the patronage of the Ministry of Culture and Information Policy of Ukraine and the Kyiv City Government.



**"COLORS FOR DRAW PEACE" IN ITALY**

The opening of the exhibition of children's drawings "Colors for draw Peace" took place (a total of 10 events in 10 cities in Italy). The exhibition is organized with the support of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Italy in Ukraine and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Turin.

Each drawing is a story of a child who experiences the horrors of war. We left one stand for blank sheets - a tribute to those who will never be able to pick up a pencil again. It is a reminder of the price we pay for freedom.

The exhibition was organized by: Colors for Peace, NGO VITAUKR, VITAWORLD, Scuola d'arte di Kherson, Lilea Onlus, Malve di Ukraina APS, Cifers Foundation (USA) and the NGO "Center for Public Communications".





**CONFERENCE "WINNING THE PEACE IN UKRAINE", SOFIA, BULGARIA**

On October 20, the conference "Winning the peace in Ukraine" was held in Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria, where the works of the participants of the MALYUY.UA.WAR International Art Festival were presented. The forum was opened by the Minister of Defense of Bulgaria Todor Tagarev, as part of the event, government officials and experts from Bulgaria, the USA and Ukraine discussed security in the Black Sea region, the response of NATO and the European Union to the war against Ukraine and the future of the European security architecture. The event was organized by the Sofia security forum with the assistance of the US Embassy in Bulgaria. Embassy Sofia and the participation of the Embassy of Ukraine in Bulgaria / Embassy of Ukraine in Bulgaria, to whom we sincerely thank for cooperation.

Cifers Foundation is one of the sponsors.



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