

A Voluntary Charity working in Ukraine and Moldova



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Voices from Ukraine - Our trucks have brought tonnes of aid



The True Value of Aid

Since the war in Ukraine began, something remarkable has happened—our team of volunteers, along with a growing circle of generous supporters, has come together with tireless energy and open hearts. Together, we've worked hard to prepare and send dozens of 40-tonne lorries filled with aid. Each one carries more than supplies; it carries compassion, dignity, and the quiet message: *You are not alone*. Their unwavering efforts have made it possible to send lorries filled with humanitarian aid—each one a symbol of hope and solidarity.

We have been deeply moved by the donations we've received: good quality clothing, vital medical supplies, toys, hygiene items, and more. At first glance, as everything is sorted and packed into bags, it can look like little more than clutter, a pile of plastic bags—an unremarkable collection of items waiting to be loaded. But on its long journey across Europe, something remarkable happens. These everyday items take on extraordinary meaning.



By the time they reach Ukraine, those ordinary bags of aid have transformed into something extraordinary. In a place where so much has been lost, these simple gifts become as valuable as gold.

Our friends and partners in Ukraine wait eagerly for each delivery. There is an unspoken urgency in the air as the lorry doors open—aid is often gone within hours, swiftly and carefully distributed to those in greatest need: displaced families, struggling communities, overstretched field hospitals. Every item finds a home, often moments after arriving.

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We send clothes that wrap someone in warmth after losing everything. Medical supplies that help save lives in frontline hospitals, a tourniquet in a field hospital is no longer just a medical supply—it can mean the difference between life and death. Toys that bring comfort to children who have known far too much fear. Every parcel becomes part of something bigger—a quiet but powerful reminder that they are not forgotten.

Behind each lorry is an immense effort from our wonderful team of volunteers in Exmouth, the donors who find everything we take and the generous people who support us financially. So many hours are spent completing paperwork, securing customs clearance, preparing transit documents, and navigating the complexities of importing aid into a country at war. Every shipment must be weighed and assigned a value on paper. And yet, those numbers can never reflect the true worth of what's inside.

How do you measure the value of a soft doll placed into the arms of a child who has lost her home? Or a warm coat for a grandmother standing in the snow, far from everything familiar? How do you assign a price to a tourniquet that saves a soldier's life—or the comfort that brings to his wife and children?

You can't. Because in the face of loss, grief, and fear, even the smallest gifts can mean the world. So we keep going. We keep packing, loading, documenting, and driving. Because we believe that every bag, every box, every single item we send is a message of love. A promise that even in the darkest moments, kindness endures. And that's something no border or war can stop.



Thanks to Wilton Bradley's generosity, we've delivered many tonnes of new and pre-loved toys to children in Ukraine. These gifts bring precious comfort to little ones affected by war and offer hope to struggling families. Together, we've helped light up children's faces with joy during the hardest times, showing them that they are not forgotten.





This is Bogdan, a committed volunteer in Ukraine who was delighted to receive these strong, reusable bags, just part of a huge and generous donation from PenCarrie. These bags are being used to distribute food to refugees. Their durability means they can be reused again and again. What may seem like a small item makes a lasting impact.

We recently received a generous donation of used school furniture — tables, chairs, cupboards, and more, totalling several tonnes.

In Ukraine, these items have been embraced with deep gratitude. For families who have lost everything, a simple table to gather around brings back dignity, comfort, and a touch of normal life. Every single piece makes a meaningful difference. This photo shows one of these pieces in one of our soup kitchens, holding toys and games that bring joy and hope to children.