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Ukrainian Youth Association – Melbourne Inc.



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TUESDAY:

UPDATE FROM CYM MELBOURNE

The Board of the Ukrainian Youth Association (CYM) Melbourne extends its thanks to all for their continued support. We are grateful for the concern that has been shown, and humbled and overwhelmed by the generosity of the Ukrainian community and friends in supporting the appeal we have launched.

As you would all be aware, the area surrounding Oselya Karpaty is still not accessible, and nobody has been able to confirm the status of our camp site. At this point it appears that it may still be several days before we will be allowed back into the area. We will continue to keep you updated on a daily basis.

CYM Melbourne Appeal to help our locals continues

As we said previously we are truly overwhelmed by the offers of assistance that have come from the wider Ukrainian Community. The phones haven't stopped. We have had offers of people wanting to help pack the trucks, sort through donated items and offers to drive the trucks into Alexandra. We have had our priests calling, to ask what their parishes can do to assist. We have also had generous offers of assistance and donations from the Ukrainian community interstate.

As you can appreciate, we are in unknown territory. The needs of the people in these communities who have had their lives completely torn apart, can change by the hour. And as such, our requests for assistance and donation of goods has also changed.

People within our community, and those from the organisations we are directly dealing with in Alexandra, have made some excellent suggestions of items that can be donated. We would really appreciate the following items: Nappies, Baby Wipes, Female Sanitary Products, Body Lotions, Soaps, Shampoos, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Nail files, Nail Clippers, unused make up, new underwear. Non perishable goods, ie tinned foods. Dog food, Cat food, Can Openers, blankets, bed linen.

In relation to donations of clothing. We have found that there is a shortage of girls clothing size 2-9. We have had many donations of other clothing now, and would ask that clothing donations now be limited. This excludes the people who have already contacted us and have arranged a time to drop these items off. Please understand, that there are only so many second hand clothing items we can deliver.

At this point we acknowledge the generosity of Delta Europcar in Tullamarine, who have been very generous and provided our community with two trucks to get these items to Alexandra. We also thank the National Executive of the Ukrainian Youth Association and the Australian Federation of Ukrainian Organisations (AFUO) for their generous donation & importantly their endorsement & support of our Appeal. In coming days & weeks, we will also acknowledge the many other companies and groups who have assisted us with our appeal.

We have had kind offers of furniture; Unfortunately, we are unable to accept any furniture at this point. We and the people within these centres don't have the ability to store it. These offers will, however come in handy in time to come, as people begin to rebuild their homes, or settle themselves in other accommodation.

Further donations should now need to be delivered to the home of Nicky & Andrea Ckuj. Please call or email to arrange a drop off time, and for other details.

Nick Ckuj 0414 260 195
Andrea Ckuj 0412 918 393
Ckuj Home: 9354 4494
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Please remember, that we do not want items that are torn, broken, stained. These people have endured such a horrific event.

Once again, thank you to you all.

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