



LENT APPEAL FOR DISPLACED UKRAINIANS IN POLAND

WONDER Foundation Fundraising Campaign Pack for Churches

Thank you for your interest in supporting WONDER Foundation's work to meet the needs of the Ukrainian families arriving in Poland. This information outlines:

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"I was dreaming of going to university. Now I just want peace"

About our campaign:

WONDER Foundation has worked for the last 5 years to empower Ukrainian women and girls in Poland. Now, we are building on that to meet the needs of the thousands of Ukrainians arriving in Poland daily, seeking safety.

What we are doing now:

Our Polish colleagues are already working with volunteers, including from the Ukrainian community, to provide:

- Essentials (food, bedding, clothes)
- Safe spaces for children and families to meet and play
- Support with housing
- Information, advice and guidance

What we need to do in the coming months:

Even if the war ends tomorrow, and we hope it does, Ukrainians in Poland will still need support. They are far from home, their homes, schools and roads destroyed. We will be supporting Ukrainian women and children for the coming weeks and months to come whilst the Ukrainian government requires fathers and brothers to remain in Ukraine.

Our Polish colleagues will be building on their expertise and experience to deliver the following support in four cities: Warsaw, Poznan, Wadowice and Katowice:

- School help for children, including safe spaces where they can study, and academic support so that they lose as little of their education as possible
- Safe spaces where Ukrainian families can access support from Polish families
- Psychological support

- Information, advice and guidance on their new country, how to access services and participate in civic life.
- Employability support (CV writing, job search and support)

We cannot do this without charitable donations from people in the UK. The Polish have already shown us all what generosity and solidarity mean – they have been driving to the border to pick up families, and welcoming them into their homes. They have been sharing everything they have.

About WONDER Foundation and PONTES, our Polish partner

WONDER Foundation was registered as a charity in 2012. Our mission is to empower women, girls and their families through education, working with locally-led partners. Our founders are Catholic and the charity has a Christian ethos.

We have been working with Pontes, a Warsaw-based NGO, for several years. Our work together has been to support migrant women, girls, and their families. Our work aims to improve their wellbeing, their futures through access to education and employment, and their integration. This has included support in learning Polish and finding fairly paid jobs.

WONDER Foundation Charity Number: 1148679

Website: www.wonderfoundation.org.uk

Fundraising Information for Parishes

We can accept funds in different ways:

- Cash – We can accept cash if a WONDER staff member or volunteer lives nearby
- Cheque – Cheques should be made payable to WONDER Foundation
- Bank Transfer - WONDER Foundation, Account Number 22002620, Sort Code 40-03-33 If you use this method, please email giving@wonderfoundation.org.uk or call 020 3488 2008 so we can thank you and confirm receipt
- Online – <https://wonderfoundation.org.uk/campaigns/lent-appeal-ukraine/>
 - Parishioners can also scan this QR code with their phone to be take directly to the page – you can see this here, and it is attached to the email for you to use in your newsletter if you want to. It is also on the posters attached to the email.



SCAN TO DONATE

- Through your existing e-giving – please consider making us a donation option if you use electronic giving machines for your offertory collections

Gift Aid

- As a UK charity we can claim gift aid on your donations if donors give permission

Text for your newsletter:

This is suggested text to use for your newsletter – please adapt to meet your needs.

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Our parish Lenten almsgiving is in aid of displaced Ukrainians in Poland. Your donations will provide emergency and ongoing support for families fleeing the war. You can give throughout Lent to WONDER Foundation (charity 1148679). Give online: <https://wonderfoundation.org.uk/campaigns/lent-appeal-ukraine/> or scan the QR code on the poster on your church's noticeboard; cheques can be made payable to WONDER Foundation. Please put cheques or cash in the offertory basket in an envelope marked 'Ukraine'.

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