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# UCCA President Visits Western NY



The President of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), Andriy Futey, traveled to Western NY State on 16-18 September to meet with representatives of the Ukrainian American community. As each community has different needs and interests, it is our local hromada leaders who bear the responsibility of identifying and analyzing various stakeholders and leading their hromada towards ever increasing unity. In this way, Ukrainians can more and more effectively help each other out

During his two-day visit to Buffalo at the start of the trip, UCCA's Andriy Futey met with the leadership and members of UCCA's Buffalo, NY Chapter, which represents some of the the estimated 20,000 Western New Yorkers of Ukrainian descent. UCCA Buffalo helps unite a wide range of wellestablished organizations, including the Ukrainian American Civic Center

(Narodnij Dim), the Dnipro Ukrainian Cultural Center, 5 local area Ukrainian Greek-Catholic and Ukrainian Orthodox parishes, the local Oseredok ("Lesia Ukrainka") of Ukrainian American Youth Association (CYM), the local Viddily of the Organization for Defense of Four Freedoms for Ukraine (ODFFU) and the Women's Association for the Defense of Four Freedoms for Ukraine (WADFFU), the Ukrainian American Freedom Foundation, the Mriya Women's Choir, the local Stanytsia of the Plast Ukrainian Scouting Organization and the "Ridna Shkola" Ukrainian Saturday School of Buffalo, NY.



In Buffalo and the greater Erie County, under the leadership of Yuri Hreshchyshyn, not only has the Ukrainian hromada sent hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of humanitarian aid over the past 19 months, but they have warmly welcomed those newly displaced from Ukraine. Through the Buffalo Chapter's Bohdan Cherniawski's participation in UCCA's regular humanitarian aid coordination zoom meetings, partnerships have been forged between various people and organizations around the world, streamlining vital humanitarian work. And thanks to Petro Kushnir of Raine Logistics, UCCA has been able to transport millions of dollars' worth of in-kind contributions to help our brethren in Ukraine.

A highlight of the visit to Buffalo was the recognition of UCCA Buffalo Chapter President Yuri Hreshchyshyn by UCCA's National Executive for his decades of service to the community.





Following the visit to Buffalo, UCCA's Futey traveled to neighboring Rochester, to express sincere gratitude on behalf of UCCA's National Executive Board for all the work of the Ukrainian Federal Credit Union on the occasion of their 70 years of work benefitting both Ukrainians in the United States and well as in Ukraine. Through the generosity of the <u>Ukrainian</u> Federal Credit Union movement, its membership which today exceeds 100,000 families and its distinguished financial stewardship which has grown an asset base past \$4 billion USD, the work of UCCA and the Ukrainian community in general has been able to continue unabated for over 80 years. In particular, the Ukrainian Federal Credit Union has played a significant role in fostering community, promoting financial stability, and preserving cultural heritage throughout the United States. UCCA's President witnessed this first hand during his visit to the Pacific Northwest, which included meetings with the management and employees of two Pacific Northwest branches of the Ukrainian Federal Credit Union, located in Portland, OR, and Federal Way, WA. During his remarks at the anniversary banquet, Mr. Futey emphasized the continued importance for the community to continue to invest in

Ukrainian Credit Unions, as these institutions continually reinvest their earnings into community projects and initiatives.





# **W4UA Summit**

UCCA's Director of Communications, Andrij Dobriansky, had the opportunity to attend and participate at the <u>2023 World For Ukraine (W4UA) Summit</u> at the Exhibition and Congress Centre (<u>G2A Arena</u>) of the Podkarpackie province in Rzeszów-Jasionka, southern Poland. The second annual event brought

together people and groups concerned with supporting Ukraine, under the patronage of the Council of Europe, the European Parliament, Ukraine's <a href="Ministry of Veterans Affairs">Ministry of Veterans Affairs</a> and <a href="Ministry of Culture and Information Policy">Ministry of Veterans Affairs</a> and <a href="Ministry of Culture and Information Policy">Ministry of Veterans Affairs</a> and <a href="Ministry of Culture and Information Policy">Ministry of Veterans Affairs</a> and <a href="Ministry of Culture and Information Policy">Ministry of Culture and Information Policy</a>, the Consulate General of Ukraine in Lublin and the local governments of Lviv, Rzeszów and Podkarpackie.

Mr. Dobriansky's participation came at the invitation of <u>Task Force Antal (TFA)</u>, elite special operations veterans who provide safe evacuation support, humanitarian aid, and complex crisis management solutions around the world. Founded by <u>Mark Antal and Christine Quinn Antal</u>, Task Force Antal had volunteers on the ground in Ukraine within hours of the full-fledged aggression in February 2022. UCCA's Dobriansky was part of the panel discussion with TF Antal on <u>Humanitarian Assistance in Direct Conflict Zones</u>, where he was able to highlight both the work of UCCA's #SupportUkraine campaign, but many of UCCA's partners as well.



Over the course of two days, there was also the opportunity to check-in with Przemyśl's Narodnyj Dim - Dom Ukraiński, which remains a vital hub to help process Displaced Persons. Even with financial support from UCCA, UWC and international partners, only 50% of much-needed renovations have been completed. The Związek Ukraińców w Polsce - Association of Ukrainians in Poland has more information regarding how you can help this vital institution

which for over 100 years has been the center of cultural activity of the Ukrainian community of Podkarpacie.. Another hromada leader from the United States, Nadya Tkachenko, Founder and President of <u>Project NADIYA</u>, chaired an interesting discussion on how NGOs can best support internally displaced people in Ukraine and which strategies have been developed to do it most efficiently.







# **#SupportUkraine**

Thanks to the generosity of the Ukrainian American community and the general public, each donation, large or small, to <a href="UCCA's #SupportUkraine">UCCA's #SupportUkraine</a>
Fund has made an impact, because 100% of these tax-deductible donations

continues to be used to help alleviate the challenges Ukrainians continue to face. In addition to UCCA's 2023 Platinum Seal of Transparency, the highest award from the charity rating organization Candid, all of UCCA's "War Aid Updates" and "Special Mission Reports" can be reviewed at UCCA.org. These shipments are just an example of UCCA's ongoing efforts to supply our freedom fighters with critically needed non-lethal assistance purchased with the charitable donations made to

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Donate to #SupportUkraine Today!

### Candid.

UCCA has earned a 2023 Platinum Seal of Transparency, the highest award from the charity rating organization Candid. Formerly known as Guidestar, Candid is the world's largest source of information on nonprofit organizations. Out of all non-profits registered in the United States, only roughly 6% receive the Platinum level of transparency.

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# Reports from the UN







KEY FIGURES:

2023 RESPONSE in NUMBERS\*:

2.20M





Refugees, internally displaced and other war-affected populations are facing the second winter since the full-scale invasion of Ukraine, with additional challenges posed by the season's harsh conditions and increased living costs most severe in Ukraine and Moldova.

UNHCR has prioritized **900,000 vulnerable, displaced and war-affected people in Ukraine** and **55,000 refugees in Moldova** for targeted winter assistance from September 2023–February 2024.

3 \$128.2 million

Total requirements for UNHCR 2023-2024 winterization activities in Ukraine and Moldova \$123 million \$5.2 million

To support populations To support refugees within Ukraine in Moldova











SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2023 AT 1 PM
PANAKHYDA FOR THE VICTIMS OF
HOLODOMOR AT EISENHOWER PARK





Після панахиди, в парафіяльному центрі буде кава та показ фільму про Голодомор.

Eisenhower Park, Lakeside Theater, Parking Lot 6
East Meadow, NY 11554





### Dzvin Choir Celebr<mark>ates</mark> 15 Years of Music

The concert program includes: Ukrainian folk songs, Cossack songs, as well as songs by modern composers. Under the Musical Direction of Nestor Kvzvmvshvn.

#### Free Admission

All proceeds will go to the needs of the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

### Чоловічий хор «Дзвін» <mark>свя</mark>ткує своє 15-ліття

В програмі концерту: народні українські пісні, стрілецькі, козацькі а також пісні сучасних композиторів. Творчий вечір під музичним керівництвом Нестора Кизимищина.

#### Вхід вільний

Усі виручені кошти підуть на потреби ЗСУ!







UCCA Buffalo branch is organizing a "Rally to Support Ukraine – 600 Days of WAR" on October 16th at 4:00 pm in downtown Buffalo at Ukrainian Independence Square in front of City Hall (Niagara Square)

Asking all Ukrainian Community and friends to join UCCA to remind Americans that war is still going on. Bring Ukrainian flags, signs, symbols.







### WHAT IS UCCA?

The Ukrainian Congress Committee Український Конґресовий Комітет of America (UCCA) is a non-profit, non-partisan community-based organization that has represented the interests of Ukrainians in the United States since 1940.

#### ЩО ТАКЕ УККА?

Америки (УККА) є неприбутковою, безпартійною громадською організацією, яка представляє інтереси українців у Сполучених Штатах Америки з 1940 року.

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