Mallelu Jah

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"A man is great not by reason of what he possesses but by what he is —not by what he has but by what he shares with others." - John Paul II

## Dear Friends,

We are the Catholic non-profit organization Hallelu Jah from Wroclaw, Poland (KRS 0000283158, registered since 2007, <a href="http://www.hallelujah.pl/">http://www.hallelujah.pl/</a>). Our members actively participate in the life of our archdiocese and the city of Wroclaw. We have many years of experience with offering help to displaced and homeless persons as well as victims of war. We also minister to families, organize youth camps, retreats for families, and King's Scouts. In cooperation with the city of Wroclaw we run the youth club *Miejscowka* where we offer various workshops for children and youth.

In 2016 we undertook a long-term challenge - we received three war refugee families from Syria. For two years our aid to them included housing, medical care, Polish language classes, social assimilation, and full financial support. This experience prepared us to face the difficult times now facing us in light of the war in Ukraine.

Immediately after the war began, we mobilized as a non-profit to help all people in need. We are in continual contact with individuals in Ukraine (Kyiv and Lviv) and we receive and organize all their requests for specific urgent help.

Right now that urgent help consists of first aid medical assistance in the form of medical kits, which go to the wounded at war. We transport these to our base in Przemysl and from there they are taken to Ukraine. As of March 6, we have spent 25,000 PLN (about \$5,576 USD) for pharmaceuticals. We have purchased chargers, flash lights, and thermal wear. We have also transferred financial help to many people in need, and you can see the on-going reports here: http://wspolnota.hallelujah.pl/pomoc-ukrainie/

Beyond this very concrete and focused activity for those who are fighting in Ukraine, we also started to offer help for those who are running from war. Our online housing database has 160 housing spots registered, and this number is growing daily. We have already begun long-term care for seven families. We are gathering clothes and hygiene items, have organized a transportation base to bring people from the border, and are ready to meet the housing, medical, translation, and legal assistance needs of each immigrant.

As a non-profit, we have opened accounts in PLN and foreign currencies to support our ministry for the Ukraine nation. We use donations in a transparent and honest way. Every day on our Facebook profile (https://www.facebook.com/hallelujah) we share updates about our daily activities

to thank and honor all who are joining us in our efforts, so they can see clearly how their donations are being used. We also currently cooperate with the Municipal Office of the City of Wroclaw and Caritas Wroclaw.

We are striving to make every effort to respond in the best way to the needs of the Ukrainian nation fighting in their own country and to those who are seeking shelter in our country. Therefore we invite private individuals, institutions, nonprofits, and businesses to join us by donating here:

http://wspolnota.hallelujah.pl/nowosci-wspolne/wplaty-na-pomoc-dla-ukrainy/

We passionately ask you to support our efforts. Thank you.

With gratitude, Chairman of the non-profit Hallelu Jah Jedrzej Maciuk

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