

Dear All,

Thank you to all of you for your generous support of The Humanity Funds – before and even more so after the July 8th attack on Ohmatdyt. With the proceeds of the successful May 25th Benefit Concert at Benaroya Hall and continued donations after the July 8th we have been able to work with Ohmatdyt on upgrading at least two surgery units. The destruction at Ohmatdyt is immense, so the statement of work for us may change – see more detail below.

Mid-June The Humanity Funds spent five days in Kyiv to assess our partners, their wellbeing, as well as present and future projects. The grand opening of the rehabilitation pool at Ohmatdyt took place on June 14th and children started their sessions in the pool. Co-funded by many of you, this project has been very impactful. This particular building has not been damaged on July 8th as it's located in a polyclinic outside the main compound of Ohmatdyt.



Air raids. We had daily air alarms, mostly at 2am in the mornings for about an hour and then again around 5 or 7am and sometimes around noon. It makes for a life in pieces -- interrupted sleep, interrupted meetings, pausing, listening, checking messages and air alert apps. It's exhausting because the threat is always there and any loud sound made me suspect an attack – even after I had left Kyiv.

The reality of war. When I asked our friends and colleagues how they carry through, the answer was always “It's our reality”. One scene that is still stuck in my mind was Lina's mom (Lina is the main character of our documentary) scrolling through photos of her family when they still lived in their farmhouse in Kherson – Lina as a baby taking a bath in the house; her Dad cuddling with their dog; the family gathering around the Christmas tree; Lina playing in the garden with her brothers. It's all memories. During our trip Lina's family learned that they had to leave their one room (for 10 people!) that they were renting in Hansen Village close to Kyiv. Suddenly a family with eight children were threatened by homelessness! With the help of Oleksiy from The Ukrainian we bought them a little house

about two hours from Kyiv. They are safe now and extremely grateful; ready to farm the little plot of land they have and looking for work at some of the nearby egg factories.



Part of the family in front of their new home; Lina's mom and youngest brother in the car to the new house; inspecting the house; and two photos of Lina who loves McDonald.

The Projects. No change: we will continue focusing on women and children with the same partners we have successfully worked with since 2022. We continue to fund two main projects this year:

Ohmatdyt: During the trip we agreed with Ohmatdyt's leadership on upgrading two surgery units. After the July 8th attack, Ohmatdyt has to now look at the structural integrity of that building hosting the two surgery units. Pending this assessment, we are ready to work on the blueprints. The photos show one surgery unit on June 15th before the attack and on the day of the attack with maxillofacial surgeon Oleg Houbchenko. Oleg continued performing a surgery during the attack and the patient survived.



Documentary For Save Ukraine: We decided to dive deeper into the life of Lina, what Ukraine stands for, Lina's story of rescue and her new home with some focus also on her mother. This is in addition to the stories of two rescued children from Russia. Our camera team is doing more footage as we speak.