

NEWSLETTER Summer 2022

THE POWER OF **PHILANTHROPY**

The world of 2022 is a tumultuous place. How can an individual or family really make an impact when there are such monumental problems? The answer to this question is deceptively simple -- small acts of kindness and giving, when directed with purpose, have the ability to change the world.

The Weissman Arts Grants Program was created with a legacy gift from Rhoda and Albert Weissman's will. In 2021, the Refugee Documentary Film and Dialogue Series, organized by Orange County Jewish Coalition for Refugees (OCJCR), was awarded a grant. Because of this grant, the OCJCR was able to screen five films for over 300 people in Orange County throughout the year, and since these films were available digitally, participants were able to view these films from not just OC, but Canada, Germany, and Spain as well. These films focused on the plight of refugees throughout the world, including refugees from the recent crisis in Ukraine. As one participant shared, "I am inspired by those who help asylum seekers fight their cases and support them through their hearings."

Because of the generous funding provided through the Weissman Arts Grants Program, the OCJCR was able to amplify their message of sharing the experiences and challenges of asylum seekers to hundreds of people, not just in OC, but around the world. While it remains true that the world of 2022 is a complex, sometimes scary place, there are those who see the world's problems as a call to action.

As Jews, through tikkun olam, we seek to repair and improve the word. The Weissmans' legacy is leaving the world in a better place than Rhoda and Alberta found it. **What will your legacy be?**

OCJCR is in need of volunteers to help resettle newly arriving refugees. To volunteer, contact info@ocjcr.org.

To find learn more about creating your own legacy, contact JCFOC Executive Director Wendy Arenson at wendy@jcfoc.org.



Members of 3 OCJCR Welcome Circles await the arrival of Afghan refugees. OCJCR is currently resettling 9 Afghan families.



Since April 1, 2022, OCJCR has provided flights, accommodations and pocket money to ten Ukrainian families. Pictured above is a Ukrainian family assisted by Irvine OCJCR volunteers.



OCJCR aided this Ukrainian family by providing short-term accommodations in Orange County until air travel could be arranged and funded by OCJCR. Here the Ukrainian family is reunited with relatives in Jacksonville, Florida.

JCFOC DONORS ACT SWIFTLY

FUND HOLDER ACCESS TO GRASSROOTS EFFORTS AIDING UKRAINE

With sudden and immediate needs in Ukraine this year, JCFOC arranged up to the minute, off-the-record briefings with civilian coordinators on the around in Europe through Impact Cubed for our fund holders. Our donors learned first-hand during sessions about the current situation as well as plans for evacuation, food and medical supply provisions.

Initially created through personal connections forged between activists on the ground in and near Ukraine and Jewish community organizations, Impact Cubed sends 100% of funds raised directly to real-time, critical needs into the field. Our JCFOC donors are part of more than 360 funders who have come together in the last three months to aid those impacted by the war in Ukraine. The generosity of our donors has powered a



Your contributions continue to save Ukrainians through a responsive grassroots network!

tenacious grassroots network that, with each infusion of funds, delivers food and medicine to those who cannot leave, and evacuates the most frail and vulnerable people from the most dangerous locations.

You're helping others get to safety after experiencing intense hardship and danger.







You're Saving Lives

Every dollar has enabled this network to take their system to scale and accelerate evacuations, making them uniquely able to access cities that other rescue efforts cannot.

With your contributions:

As of early June, 4,630 people and counting had been evacuated, 392 pallets of food and 48 pallets of medicine and medical supplies, plus an additional 24 big boxes of medicine, have now been directly delivered to hundreds of people living in basements without food, power, or cell service.

To join the efforts to assist Ukraine through Impact Cubed, or to give to the cause you are most passionate about, make a gift through your Donor Advised Philanthropic Fund or contact us at 949.435.3490 or info@jcfoc.org.













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