

Project: Ukraine Children's Mental Health

As Ukraine was headed into its second winter with increased bombings, more time spent in bomb shelters, intermittent electricity at best, and often no running water or heat, the children across Ukraine were increasingly sad and depressed. In the eastern part of the country where many are orphaned and in hospitals, it is epidemic. UAid Direct supplies many schools, hospitals and orphanages with food, clothing, hygiene, medical and other supplies, medicine, equipment and more. As the UAid Direct team was delivering this aid across the country, they saw these children and were determined to help.

Enter the clown. James is a professional clown who wanted to help children, so he worked with child psychotherapists to craft his show. He wanted to ensure sensitivity to these children's specific traumas and that what he presents will bring joy and laughter and ultimately healing. We first spied James entertaining children in the Tesco refugee center on the Poland-Ukraine border in Summer 2022. We saw first-hand the joy he brought to children there and enlisted his skills immediately.



Feed the World & UAid Direct



Feed the World is a humanitarian aid organization dedicated to providing food, water, clothing, shelter, and life saving supplies to underserved communities and those that care for them across the world. Currently, Feed the World is focused on securing and delivering aid to those most vulnerable in Ukraine as well as on mental health projects for those traumatized by this war.

UAid Direct is a humanitarian aid organization founded by a group of volunteers who came together at the start of the Russian invasion of Ukraine with the aim to get desperately needed supplies directly to Ukrainians who need them. These volunteers have years of experience all over the world with various crisis situations and charity work, while others have gained invaluable expertise and knowhow since the start of the war. We have seen the generosity of people around the world for the people of Ukraine and connect it directly to Ukrainians who need it.

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