



# Let's Give Ukrainian Children A Christmas This Year - 2024





*Dear Plant and Hire Aid Alliance Members and Supporters,*

*In our third year of this campaign, we successfully delivered 20,000 wrapped gifts to children displaced by the ongoing war in Ukraine, bringing our three-year total to an incredible 65,000 gifts. This report highlights the extraordinary efforts of hundreds of individuals who made this achievement possible—gift donors, transport contributors, and the 300 volunteers who wrapped gifts in Ipswich, Bath, Swindon, and Bedford. We are also deeply grateful to the Rotarians in Slovakia and Ukraine who ensured these gifts reached their recipients.*

*The gifts were sent on December 11th to Košice in eastern Slovakia, where Ukrainian Rotary Clubs collected them in transit vans and distributed them to schools, community centres, orphanages, and families across the country. The photos in this report capture the profound impact these gifts had—not only on the children but also on their parents and families—reassuring them that they are not forgotten.*

*A comment from one of the Rotarians overseeing the distribution perfectly encapsulates the significance of this effort: “Thanks to this support, we have received many new toys and generators, which will be a true lifeline during these difficult times. A special thanks to everyone who was involved in packing these gifts. Each caring hand and every contribution is a piece of kindness that brings hope to our children.”*

*Looking ahead to 2025, we are thrilled to have already received 40 pallets of gifts, currently stored in a Peterborough warehouse. We hope more colleagues will join us next year, and we are excited to expand the wrapathon events across the UK.*

*Best Regards*

*Jeremy Fish*



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We sincerely thank you for your invaluable help and support in organising holiday gifts for children in honour of St Nicholas and Christmas. Your generosity and care did not leave us indifferent and brought real joy to the kids, who received not only stationery and food, but also a piece of your warmth and love.

Thanks to you, we were able to make this holiday special for many children, for whom this attention was a real gift that they will not forget. It is especially important that your support was provided at such a wonderful time as the celebration of St Nicholas Day and Christmas, when every child has the right to feel special and welcome.

Your attitude towards others, your dedication and humanity are a true example for us all. We are grateful to you for your work and for the kindness you put into these gifts, helping children to feel the holiday spirit and truly believe in miracles.

May your good deeds be returned to you a hundredfold, and may the charity you do inspire others to do good deeds. We look forward to further cooperation and support, as together we can do even more for those in need.

You can see our activities by following the links:



Best wishes and gratitude,  
With love and prayer,  
St Onuphry Monastery Lviv and the SCARB Youth Community of Animators

*a. Hansel Viktor  
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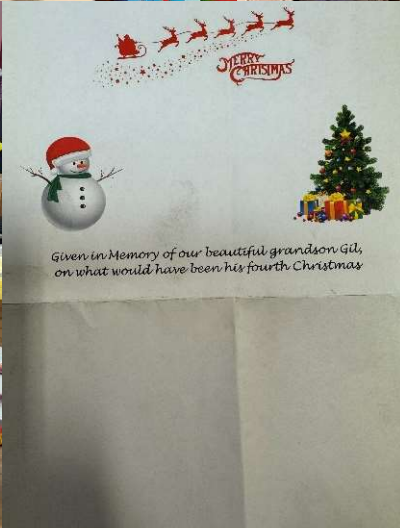




**Wrapathon**  
**Ipswich, UK**  
23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2024

5,000 gifts wrapped by 100 volunteers

Organiser: Gareth Clements, Carolyn Smith





## Wrapathon Bath, UK

23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2024

5,000 gifts wrapped by 100 volunteers

Organiser: Zhenya Shkil







**Rotary**



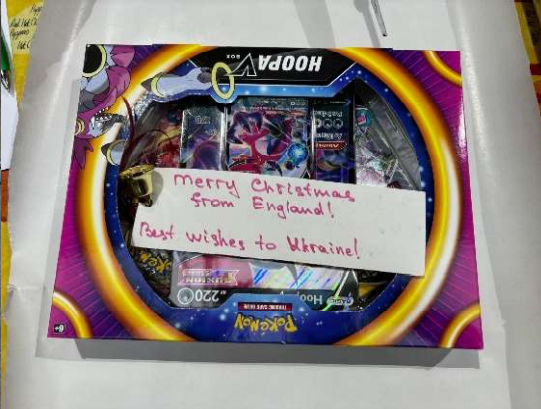
**Swindon  
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## **Wrapathon** **Swindon, UK**

23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2024

2,000 gifts wrapped by 35 volunteers

Organiser: Carol Pickett, Mike Bowden





## Bedford, UK

23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2024

1,650 gifts wrapped by 30 volunteers

Organiser: Brian Garner





## Despatch Day

11<sup>th</sup> December 2024

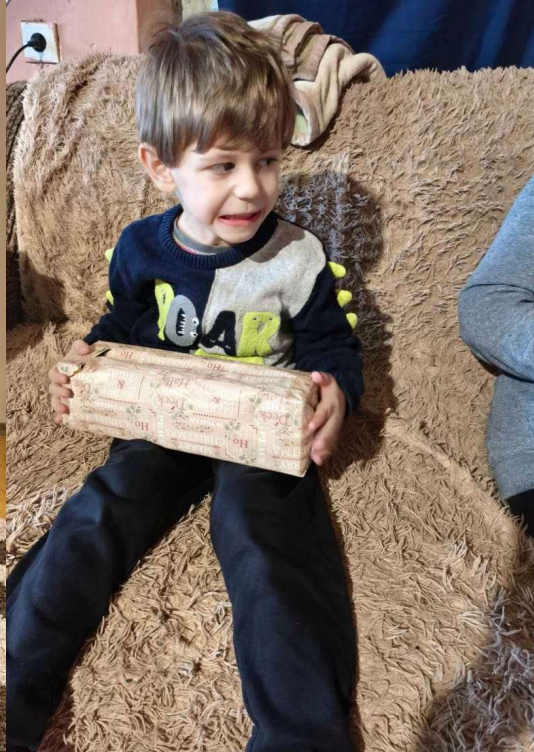
20,000 gifts despatched on 2 x 40ft artics. Destination Kosice, East Slovakia, about an hour from the Ukrainian border





## Vynohradiv Transcarpathia, Ukraine

Children's orphanages for parents in combat or reported missing







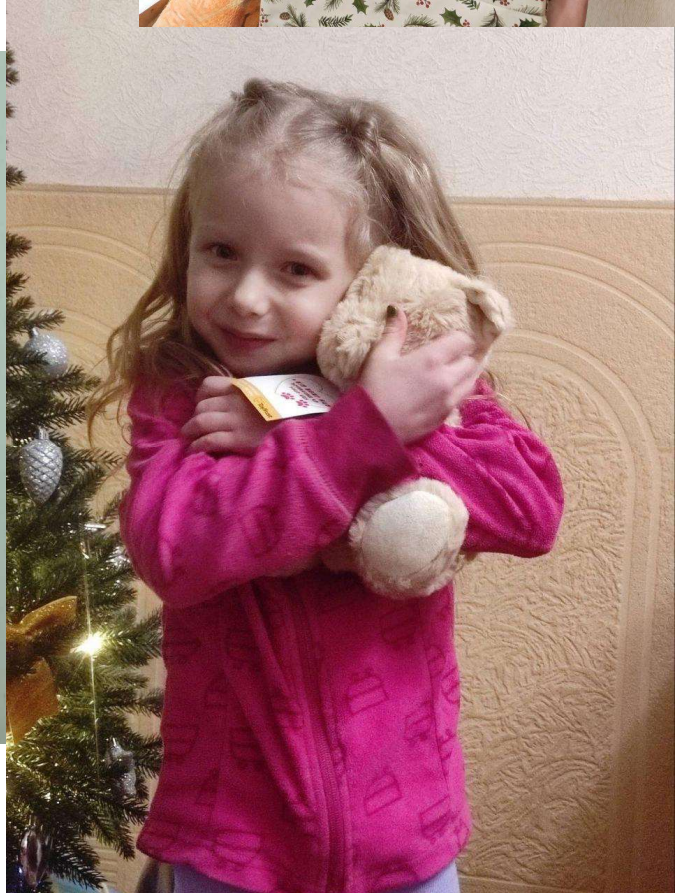
## Kharkiv City

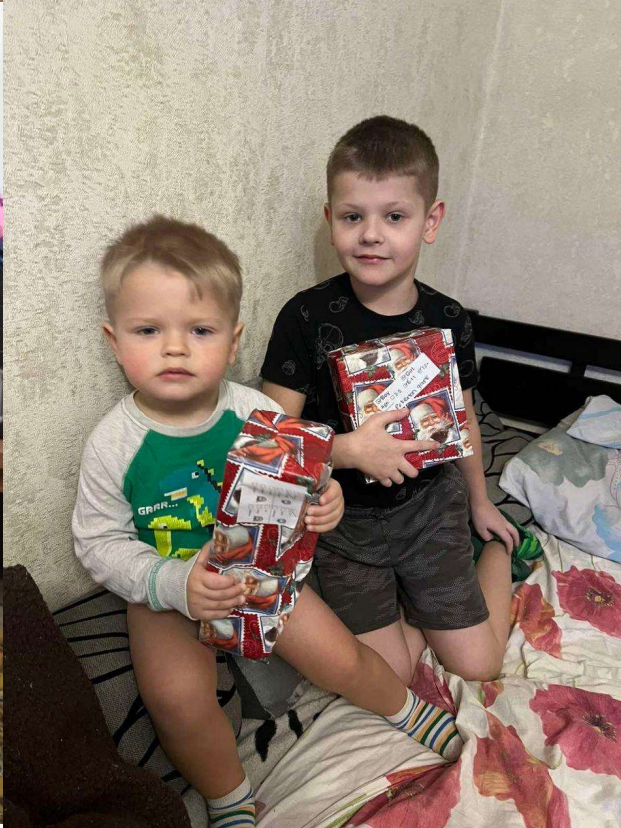
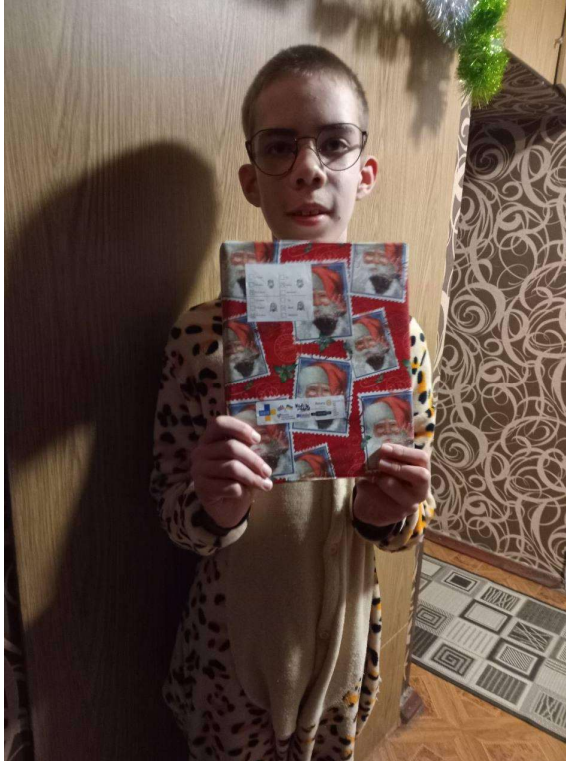
*The city remains under intermittent Russian fire, with reports that almost a quarter of the city was destroyed by April 2024.*

*In May 2024, after two weeks intensive fighting, and the loss of a number of border villages, Ukrainian forces halted a renewed Russian advance toward Kharkiv. The Ukrainian defence was assisted by American-supplied HIMARS missiles, and by US permission to fire these across the border at military targets within Russian territory*

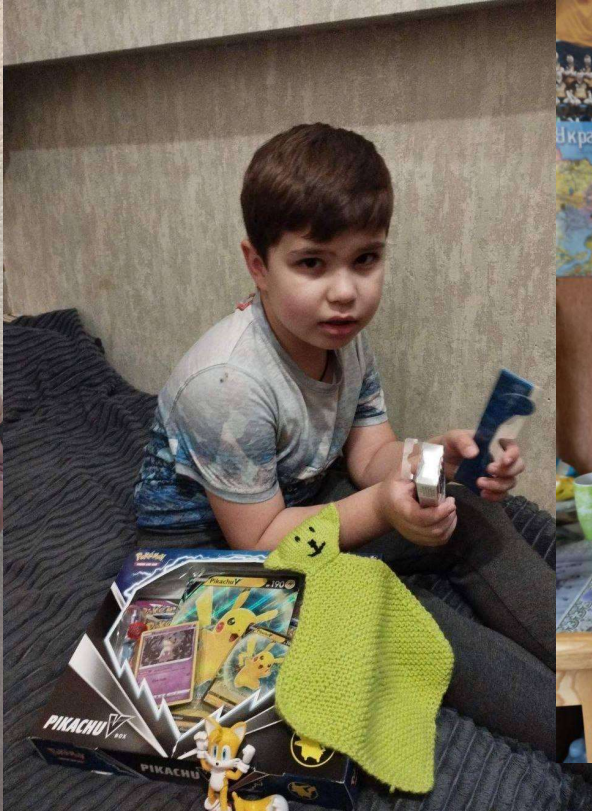












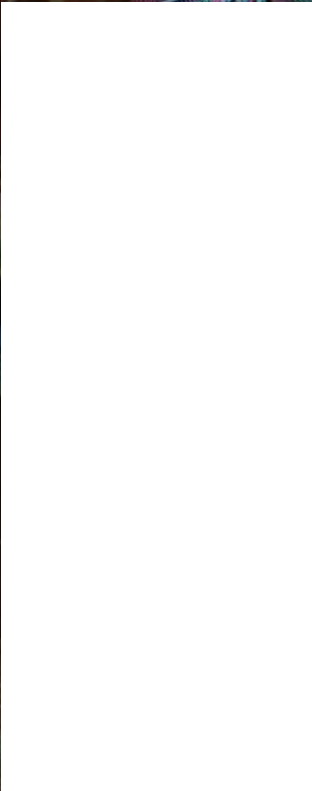


## Kherson

*From March to November 2022, the city was occupied by Russian forces during their invasion of Ukraine. Ukrainian forces recaptured the city on 11 November 2022. In June 2023, the city was flooded following the Russian destruction of the nearby Kakhovka Dam.*

*In late May 2024, the Russians started sending in small drones to purposefully target Kherson civilians in a terror campaign that became known as the "human safari". Russian drones, many of them funded by Russian civilians according to American freelance journalist Zarina Zabrisky, hit targets such as people at bus stops, commuters and children playing in parks, with footage of the attacks being shared and celebrated on Russian social media.*







## Sumy

*On 24 February 2022, the first day of the 2022 Russian invasion of Ukraine, Sumy came under attack by Russian forces.*

*On 4 April 2022 Governor of Sumy Oblast Dmytro Zhyvytskyi stated that Russian troops no longer occupied any towns or villages in Sumy Oblast and had mostly withdrawn, while Ukrainian troops were working to push out the remaining units. On 8 April, Governor Zhyvytskyi stated that all Russian troops had left Sumy Oblast, while adding that the territory of the region was still unsafe due to rigged explosives and other ammunition left behind by Russian troops.*



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## Oleksandriya

*On 15 April 2022, at 10:26 p.m., two Russian missiles hit the infrastructure of the city's airport. In 2023, on Independence Day, the Memorial Alley of those killed in the Russo-Ukrainian war was opened*





## Odesa

*During the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the city of Odesa and the surrounding region have been the target of shelling and air strikes by Russian forces on multiple occasions since the conflict began, fired in part by Russian warships situated offshore in the Black Sea. The city has also been targeted by Russian cruise missiles.*





## Chervonopillia, Kirovohrad Oblast







# Berezivka and Pivdennyi

*Children's Invincibility Centres*





## Serednie

*Uzhhorod Region, Zakarpattia Oblast, Western Ukraine  
Orphanages that are accommodating Internally  
Displaced Persons (IDP) children*



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