

Dear Friends and Family,

Most of us are now aware of the Ukrainian refugee crisis. Almost all the refugees are women and children with many of them forced to urgently flee their homes to escape harm. In such circumstances they've forced to escape with only a suitcase or a handful of personal items. In most cases, there was no time or opportunity to arrange for the financial security of these innocent women, children, and families as they search for safety.

As this senseless tragedy unfolds, I have decided to go to Poland and volunteer to help needy refugees on the Ukraine-Poland border as well as in Warsaw and Krakow. My sister, Margie Commerford, has decided to accompany me and together we will volunteer our time, energies, and abilities to help these families during this crisis. We have spent a considerable amount of time coordinating with contacts and organizations already in place on the ground to help us go where we can be most useful.

While Margie and I have given financial support to various refugee organizations - as I am certain many of you have as well - the need is overwhelming, and we need and want to do more. As you may be aware, our parents and other family members suffered devastation in 1939 when they were forced to flee Poland from the Nazis. What is now happening to Ukrainian refugees as they attempt to escape the brutal Russian attacks is a very unsettling reminder of the experience of our forebears. They escaped with their lives, had very little money, suffered from lack of food and medical aid, and lost their belongings and their home forever. Therefore, we feel so passionate about this situation and are compelled to help.

Given the terrifying situation, I am asking for your financial support: we need your help. The situation for these refugees remains very difficult and may last for many years to come. All donations received are **tax-deductible** and will go directly to needy refugees and various organizations on the ground in Poland that are assisting the Ukrainian refugees. All expenses for Margie and my travel will be fully covered through our own means. All monies that you donate will go to the people who need it the most...the Ukrainian refugees and the Polish organizations that are providing vital assistance.

All donations by check can be made payable to, *The Boxcar Foundation, Inc for the refugee fund* at the address below or by credit card via the link.

**Mail your contribution to:**

**The Boxcar Foundation, Inc  
4201 Lake Cook Rd #100,  
Northbrook IL, 60062**

**Inquiries: (847) 917-4581**

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101-02300 The Boxcar Foundation Refugee Fund.**

All funds collected are **tax-deductible**. We are a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization #27-3833228. Your support is greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions regarding this effort.

Please forward this to your family and friends, together we will make a difference in many lives.

Thank you for your consideration.

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