



Mayor of the City of Gdańsk

Aleksandra Dulciewicz

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Dear Friends,

The European community strongly condemns the Russian military actions in the independent state of Ukraine. We cannot tolerate aggression against the peaceful Ukrainian people and we need to do whatever is necessary and whatever we can to stand with Ukraine.

In these difficult times of war we are all trying to show our solidarity with the Ukrainians. A lot of actions are done spontaneously - a sincere need of the heart. This, however, does not always correspond to the real needs. Therefore the city of Gdansk decided to provide coordinated assistance that would address the current needs and facilitate reaching those who need this help the most.

In cooperation with the Gdansk Foundation, the City is trying to gather all the requests for help and match them with the offers that individual people and organisations are providing. To that effect a special website has been put in place: <https://ukraina.gdanskpomaga.pl/> and also a special bank account has been created so that everyone can donate.

The money thus collected will be used to purchase medicines for young cancer patients that are still being treated in the hospitals in Lviv and Kiev. We have already received a list of very specific drugs and other medical equipment that is now in high demand. Should you like to contribute to these purchase, we would very much appreciate it.

Polish NGOs, local and regional authorities and ordinary people have already received over a million Ukrainians, mainly mothers with children and elderly people. Some of them have arrived in Gdańsk. Yet, we are expecting still more will come looking for shelter. That is why we appeal to everyone to help us help the Ukrainians, both those who have already come to Poland and those that are still in Ukraine and cannot leave.

Today, financial support is the best way to help. Our professional organizations that have experience in organizing such assistance, coordinate and decide where the money is needed most. I guarantee that every EURO will be spent wisely and will be used to help the Ukrainians.

Should you like to contribute, you can do it by transferring any amount to a special bank account (EUR):

Recipient's name: **Fundacja Gdańska**

Account number (IBAN): **PL 33 1090 1098 0000 0001 3470 1911**, BIC/SWIFT WBKPPLPP

Title: **We help Ukraine**

To those of you who would like to get involved and provide any other help, we also offer such a possibility. Should you have any ideas how it would be best for you to get involved, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I address this appeal to our most tried and tested partners and friends all over the world: our partner and sister cities, the most important opinion-forming organizations of which we are members, and all those with whom we have already been cooperating on numerous valuable projects. We have joined our efforts, our hearts and our finances more than once for the benefit of our inhabitants. Let us do it again, this time addressing our efforts, finances and hearts to Ukraine! Help us help the Ukrainians!

Respectfully yours,