



Ukraine Children's Action Project

2024 Report

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With thanks to the thousands of UCAP supporters who joined us over the last three years to provide life-changing programs, services and essential humanitarian goods and equipment to Ukraine's displaced and refugee children and families, we have prepared this report highlighting what you have helped accomplish during 2024 and what is still needed.



UCAP 2024: Overview

- Over the past three years, UCAP has helped Ukrainian children and families cope with the impact of war by addressing severe psychological trauma, prolonged educational disruption, health care concerns and urgent humanitarian needs.
- In 2024, UCAP raised \$2,090,595, worked with 24 local partners, and provided 41 grants to help over 15,700 children and family members.
- From 2022 to 2024, UCAP worked with 38 partners and provided 85 grants, which helped (and continue to help) an estimated 70,000 children and family members. A total of \$6,092,705 was raised through December 2024.
- The above projects include investment in major new capital projects that will result in thousands of additional children receiving ongoing health and educational services starting in 2025.
- UCAP leadership—including Yuliia Kardash, our regional director in Lviv, Ukraine—stays in constant touch with local partners via in-person visits, Zoom meetings, and regular accountability reports from funded recipients.

UCAP Major Capital Projects

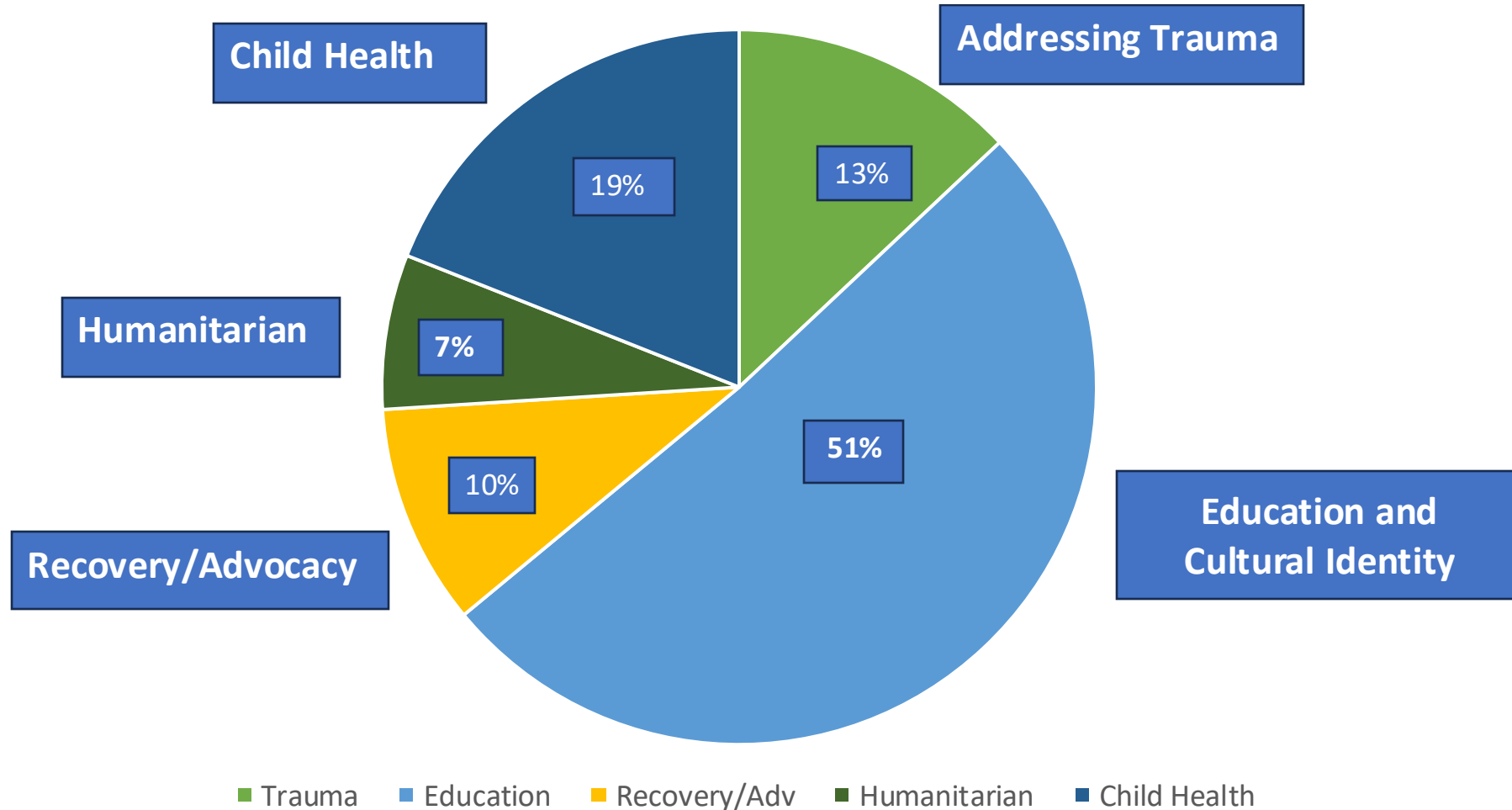
Investing in new capital projects creates a lasting impact, benefiting thousands of children for years to come.

- **Establishing Ukrainian School - Budapest, Hungary**
- **Dormitory and Program for Orphaned Youth – Lviv, Ukraine**
- **New Kids Club (preschool and community center) – Lviv, Ukraine**
- **Online course on Trauma for Teachers – national, ongoing impact**
- **Pediatric Operating Rooms – St. Nicholas Children's Hospital – Lviv, Ukraine***
- **Pediatric Telehealth Network with Dnipro Children's Hospital – Frontline***

***To be completed in 2025**

2024 – Grant and Program Support

Grant Distribution



A) Education and Cultural Identity

School and Student Support in Ukraine

- New Kids Club Enrichment Center built – ongoing support – Lviv
- Replaced destroyed computer lab - School #1– Lviv
- Replaced destroyed STEM lab with modern equipment - School #2 - Lviv
- Replaced destroyed Physics lab - Damaged School #3 - Lviv
- Computer Tablets for Displaced Children (IDPs) – Lviv region
- Computer Tablets for Children of Fallen Military –Multiple regions
- Continued Global Classroom collaboration between Ukraine and US Schools
- UCulture - Development of Ministry of Education's Ukrainian History Online Courses - Teenagers

A) Education and Cultural Identity (2)

School and Student Support in Ukraine

- **Spilnota Tutoring Program – Vulnerable/IDP Teens – College and Vocational prep – Ivano Frankivsk and Kryvyi Rih**
- **Teacher Training – Modern Science Curriculum - Lviv**
- **Catch up Learning – Teacher Training and Student Tutoring - Kyiv**
- **“We Are Ukraine” – Continuing promotion of the development of a new online educational game about Ukrainian culture, language and history**
- **Genius Olympiad – Ukrainian students competing internationally - USA**
- **International Biology Olympiad – Ukrainian students competing in Romania**
- **Summer Camp for Orphans/Vulnerable Children - Lviv**

A) Education and Cultural Identity (3)

Educational Support for Ukrainian Refugee Students (outside Ukraine)

- **Expansion of Ukrainian Weekend School for Teens and Elementary Students**
Warsaw, Poland
- **Ukrainian “Plast” (Scout) Camp and Community Centers**
Kraków and Warsaw, Poland
- **Ukrainian School and Camp**
Budapest, Hungary
- **Educational Support for Ukrainian College-Bound Students**
USA and Europe

B) Addressing Child Trauma

- **Recovery Camps for children and moms impacted by the war**
 - Children and moms from frontline regions participated in family camps with social and psychological support – a unique and effective model
 - Children screened for PTSD, received psychological support and referred for additional services, as needed – over 30% with symptoms of PTSD
 - In 2024, UCAP supported 14 camps for 2115 kids and moms
 - From 2022 to 2024, a total of 61 camps were supported, serving 4880 family members
 - Data and evaluation implemented – article published in [JAMA OPEN](#) in March 2025
- **Development of a New National Online Interactive Course on Trauma for Ukrainian Teachers**
 - Hosted on a national platform for teacher education in Ukraine
 - Complements the original regional course and expands reach

B) Addressing Child Trauma (2)

- **Support for Spilnota (Community) Program for Orphaned Youth**
 - Continued Support for 2nd year of new comprehensive program for education, psychological support, social skills development and job opportunities - Lviv
 - Expansion of online support for young people in Kryvyi Rih and Ivano Frankivsk
- **Online Trauma Training for Parents and School Psychologists in frontline communities – in mental health support for children**

C) Child Health Programs

- **Partnered with KidsOR to support the building of six new urgently needed pediatric operating rooms at St. Nicolas Children's Hospital in Lviv**
 - State-of-the-art equipment and solar-powered electricity.
 - Significantly increases capacity for children's surgical needs who are referred from the frontline territories
 - *Grand opening scheduled for summer 2025*
- **Pediatric Expert Exchange Program**
 - Ongoing connection between Lviv St. Nicolas Children's Hospital with NYC Children's Hospital at Montefiore – monthlong pediatric subspecialist "observerships" for two more MDs and continuing virtual training seminars

C) Child Health Programs (2)

- **Established Dnipro Pediatric Telehealth Network – near the frontline**
 - Dnipro Children's Hospital as the hub to facilitate virtual pediatric subspecialty care for children via four community hospitals in the region
 - Enables children to be seen without the risk of traveling on dangerous roads to the pediatric subspecialty hospital
- **New medical equipment after the bombing of Kyiv Children's Hospital**
- **"Stop the Bleed" training of teens and teachers in frontline communities**

D) Urgent Winter & Humanitarian Needs

Addressing Winter and the Lack of Electricity in Frontline Communities

- **Provided needed appliances, generators and warm supplies to foster families and family-style orphanages in eastern communities**
- **Delivered winter packages of batteries and blankets to families in Kherson, a community near the frontline**
- **Provided winter clothing to families throughout the frontline communities**
- **Provided solar lights to vulnerable families in Kharkiv**
- **Provided clothing and other supplies to vulnerable children while they awaited foster family placement near the frontlines**
- **USL – support for IDP families in Lviv**



E) Recovery Awareness & Advocacy

- **Supporting Ukraine Action Network (UAN)**
 - Continued support of Clinton Global Initiative's UAN efforts to bring together non-profits focused on addressing needs in Ukraine. Helped focus on addressing the educational and mental health needs of children now and for recovery
- **Supporting the Future of Ukraine initiative (FOU)**
 - Working with Columbia University's School for International Public Affairs and the new Institute for Global Politics to help facilitate events and discussions to keep Ukraine issues in the media and public eye
- **National media outreach (see following slides)**

E) Raising Media Awareness about Ukraine - 2024



- [Irwinredlener.org](https://www.irwinredlener.org)
- [Dr. Irwin Redlener on MSNBC \(Chris Jansing\)](#), December 28, 2024
- [UCAP co-founder Dr. Irwin Redlener joins MSNBC Deadline: Whitehouse, live from Lviv, Ukraine](#), December 17, 2024
- [UCAP's 2024 emergency briefing and update](#), December 17, 2024
- [Dr. Irwin Redlener speaks with CNN's Bianna Golodryga, live from Lviv, Ukraine](#), December 16, 2024
- [UCAP's Joan Baez calls for action: support Ukraine's children now](#)
- [As War Rages, Ukraine's Youth Inspire Hope at Genius Olympiad](#) (Smerconish), Irwin Redlener and Karen Redlener, July 23, 2024
- [Amid War, Ukrainian Teenagers Travel to U.S. for Academic Competition](#) (MSNBC), June 12, 2024
- ['Alarming' Impact of Putin's Invasion on Ukraine's Children Revealed](#) (Newsweek), June 12, 2024

E) Raising Awareness about Ukraine - 2024 (2)



- [Crossfire! The Impact of Endless War on Ukraine's Children](#), UCAP Report, June 2024
- [US pediatrician aids Ukraine's traumatized children](#) (Voice of America), June 6, 2024
- [Culturally-Responsive Teacher Preparation Supports Ukrainian Students Amid War](#) (Columbia University), May 28, 2024
- [UCAP co-founder Dr. Irwin Redlener speaks with Michael Smerconish](#), March 14, 2024
- [CHAM Partners with Doctors from Ukrainian Children's Hospital to Share Expertise and Bolster Specialty Pediatric Services](#) (Albert Einstein College of Medicine), March 12, 2024
- [The Future of Ukraine, Columbia School of International and Public Affairs](#), February 7, 2024
- [After nearly two years of devastation, it's time to imagine rebuilding Ukraine](#) (The Hill), January 28, 2024

UCAP Finance Report

January – December 2024



Ukraine Children's Action Project Finance Report January - December 2024

	January - December '24
Balance from 2023	\$349,416
<u>Revenues 2024</u>	
- Online CC Donations	\$1,013,307
- Other Donations	\$1,077,288
Total Revenues	\$2,090,595
<u>Expenses 2024</u>	
- Grants	-\$1,567,215
- Direct Project Support	-\$48,350
- Other Program (staff, office, site visits, etc)	-\$346,844
Total Expenses	-\$1,962,409
Admin (EIF) & Credit Card Fees (12%)	-\$207,779
Estimated Fund Balance 12/31/24	\$269,822

2025 Goals: Raise and Distribute \$2,000,000

UCAP will continue, with your help, to expand and provide urgent support for Ukraine's next generation through:

- **Engagement of Ukrainian students in catch-up learning and cultural identity**
- **Repair of Damaged Schools and Infrastructure**
- **Recovery Camps and other ways to address trauma**
- **Expansion of access to urgent child health care**
- **Addressing urgent humanitarian needs**
- **Continued public outreach via media, events, advocacy and promotion**



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Board of Advisors

- UCAP takes the role of organizational advisement seriously. Those who agree to participate as an advisor will be looked to for advice and counsel. Simultaneously, their participation will reinforce the seriousness and credibility of UCAP's philanthropic intentions.
- Here are the current members of the advisory board:
 - **Joan Baez**, singer, portrait artist, social activist and philanthropist
 - **Edie Brickell**, singer/songwriter
 - **John Cusack**, actor, screen writer and social activist
 - **Michael Keaton**, actor
 - **Harold Koplewicz, MD, PhD**, founding president, the Child Mind Institute
 - **Tetiana (Tanya) Kotelnikova**, President and CEO, Brave Generation (new)
 - **Joel Lamstein**, Founder JSI International
 - **Oksana Matiash**, Recent CEO, Teach for Ukraine
 - **Brad Paisley**, singer/songwriter
 - **Paul Simon**, singer/songwriter
 - **Timothy Snyder**, author, social commentator & professor, Yale University
 - **Rafal Trzaskowski**, Mayor of Warsaw, Poland
 - **Nicolle Wallace**, anchor, MSNBC's Deadline White House
 - **Randi Weingarten**, president, the American Federation of Teachers,

UCAP Co-Founders and Staff

Irwin Redlener, M.D., co-founder

- Pediatrician, public health expert, program creator, president emeritus/ co-founder of the Children's Health Fund, founding director of Columbia University's National Center for Disaster Preparedness, lead designer and concept designer of the Children's Hospital at Montefiore Medical Center
- Irwinredlener.org

Karen Redlener, M.S., co-founder

- Co-founder & former executive director of Children's Health Fund and executive director of Community Pediatrics of Montefiore Medical Center, with expertise in child health and development, as well as significant experience in program management and financial administration. Former member, NYC Board of Health

Yuliia Kardash, M.S. Regional Director

- Based in Lviv, Ukraine, Yuliia oversees UCAP programs, their implementation and their outcomes. Experienced teacher, Ukraine expertise, and volunteer during the Ukraine war
- Yuliia received her Master's degree in Non-profit Management from Ukrainian Catholic University in January 2025

Kevin McCabe, Communications Director

- Based in Warsaw, Poland, Kevin provides media and awareness support as well as technical operations.

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