



Ukraine Children's Action Project

2025 Report

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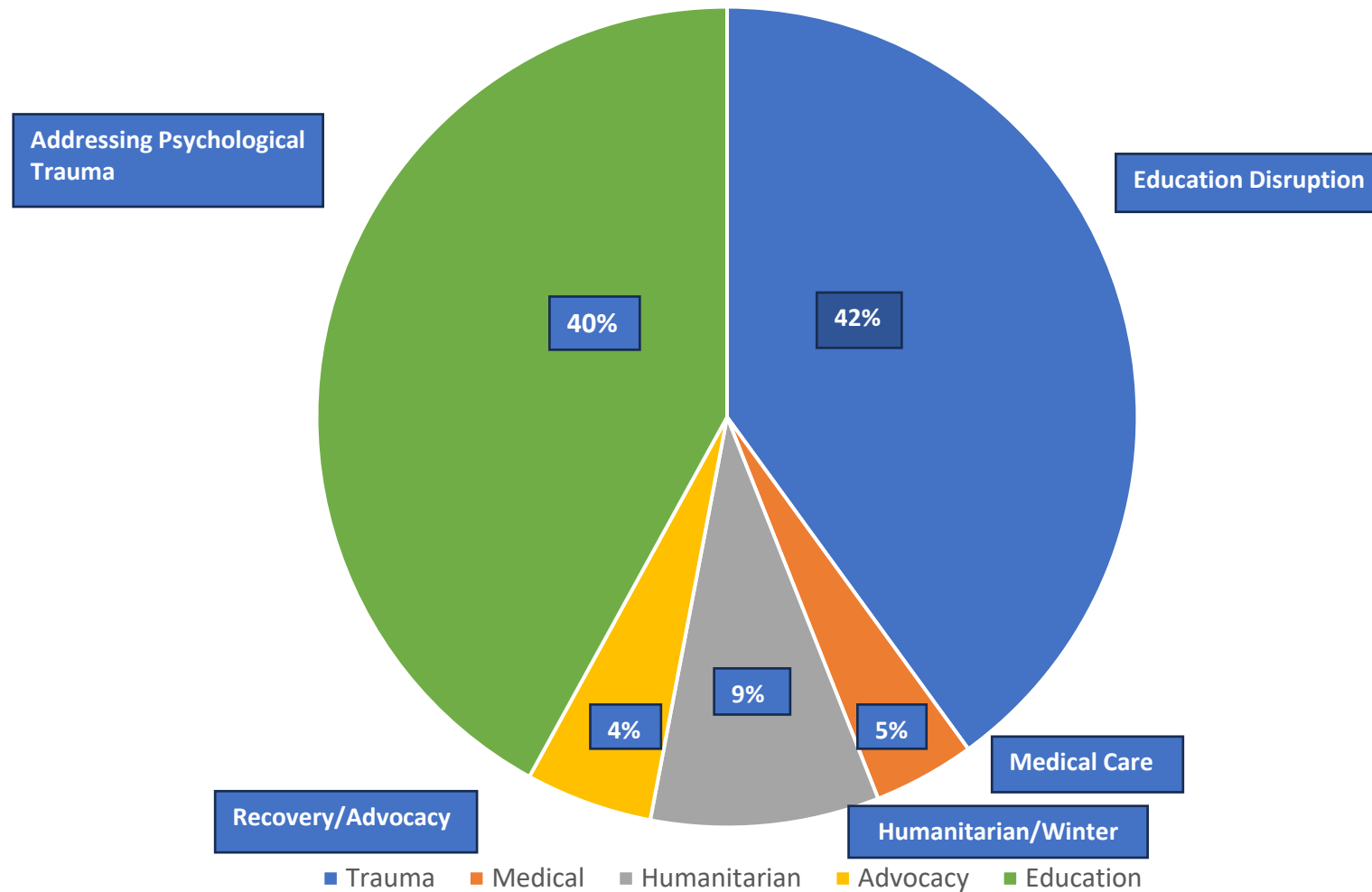
With thanks to the thousands of UCAP supporters who joined us over the last four years to provide life-changing programs, services and essential humanitarian goods and equipment to Ukraine's displaced and refugee children and families. We have prepared this report highlighting what you made possible during 2025 and what our goals are going forward.



UCAP 2025: Overview

- **Over the past four 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 2025, UCAP raised \$2,109,940, worked with 28 local partners, and provided 35 grants to help over 76,000 children, youth, teachers and family members. Over 84% of funds were spent on grants and other program expenses.**
- **From 2022 through 2025, UCAP worked with 44 partners and provided 118 grants, which helped an estimated 146,000 children, teachers and family members. A total of \$8,209,791 was raised through December 2025.**
- **The above projects include investment in 8 major capital projects that have resulted in thousands of additional children receiving ongoing health and educational services over the last few years.**
- **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.**

2025 – Grant and Program Support





UCAP's Impact Across Ukraine



★ UCAP also supports programs for refugee children in Budapest, Warsaw, Prague, and New York City

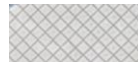
UCAP Program Locations



Children's home regions



Occupied or contested areas



Online courses available nationwide





UCAP Major Capital Projects through 2025

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

- **Dormitory and Program for Orphaned Youth – Lviv, Ukraine**
- **New Kids Club (preschool and children’s center) – Lviv, Ukraine**
- **Delivered 6 refurbished school buses to Chernihiv, Ukraine**
- **Establishing Ukrainian School - Budapest, Hungary**
- **New Online course on Trauma for Teachers – national, ongoing impact ***
- **6 Pediatric Operating Rooms – St. Nicholas Children’s Hospital – Lviv, Ukraine***
- **Pediatric Telehealth Network with Dnipro Children’s Hospital – Frontline***
- **Uculture – Online Ukrainian culture and history courses for youth***

*** projects completed in 2025**



A) Wartime Education Disruption

Teacher and Student Support in Ukraine

- **Opened 3 After School Digital Learning Centers – Frontline Odessa Region**
- **Catch-up Learning for students – multiple rural communities**
- **New Kids Club Enrichment Center – ongoing support – Lviv – children**
- **Computer Tablets for Displaced Children (IDPs) – Lviv region**
- **Computer Tablets for Children of Fallen Military – Multiple regions**
- **UCulture - Development of Ministry of Education's Ukrainian History and Culture Online Courses - Teenagers**



A) Wartime Education Disruption (2)

Teacher and Student Support in Ukraine

- **Spilnota Tutoring Program – Vulnerable/IDP Teens – College and Vocational prep – Ivano Frankivsk and Kryvyi Rih**
- **NMT Prep and Catch-up Tutoring HS students – College Prep – Donetsk students**
- **Teacher Training – Modern Science Curriculum – Lviv**
- **Continued Global Classroom collaboration between Ukraine and US Schools**



A) Education Disruption and Cultural Identity (3)

Educational Support for Ukrainian Students outside Ukraine

- **Ukrainian Weekend School for Elementary Students**
Warsaw, Poland
- **Ukrainian “Plast” (Scout) Camps**
Kraków and Warsaw, Poland
- **Educational Support for Ukrainian College-Bound Students**
USA and Europe



B) Addressing Child Psychological 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 2025, UCAP supported 14 6-day camps for 902 kids and moms
 - From 2022 to 2025, a total of 73 camps were supported, serving 6967 children and parents
 - Data and evaluation implemented – article published in [JAMA OPEN](#) in March 2025
- **Established Recovery Camp Academy – Training Program for over 200 professionals interested in a model and protocols for a children/family Recovery Camp.**



B) Addressing Child Psychological Trauma (2)

- **Development of a New National Online Interactive Course for Ukrainian Educators on Addressing Student Trauma**
 - Hosted on a national platform for teacher education in Ukraine
 - Complements the original regional course and expands reach nationwide
- **Support for Spilnota (Community) Program for Orphaned Youth**
 - Continued Support for 3rd year of new comprehensive program for education, psychological support, social skills development and job opportunities - Lviv
 - Expansion of online support for vulnerable young people in Kryvyi Rih and Ivano Frankivsk
 - Summer Camp for Orphans/Vulnerable Children – Lviv



C) Child Health Programs

- **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
 - Over 1,100 patients seen safely via telehealth from May – December 2025
 - Journal article being prepared to share program model and impact
- **“Stop the Bleed” training of battlefield emergency response techniques to over 750 teens and teachers in frontline communities**

C) Child Health Programs (2)

- 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 occurred in October 2025*



D) Urgent Winter & Humanitarian Needs

Addressing severe winter conditions and lack of electricity in frontline communities

Over 2900 children and family members received humanitarian assistance:

- **Appliances, generators and warm supplies to foster families and family-style orphanages in eastern communities**
- **Humanitarian support for families of fallen soldiers**
- **Winter packages of batteries and blankets to families in Kherson, a community near the frontline**
- **Winter clothing and boots to families throughout the frontline communities**
- **Clothing, toys and other supplies to vulnerable children while they awaited foster family placement near the frontlines**



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
- **Survey of college bound Ukrainian students relocated in Europe – future plans**
 - Journal article being prepared with results and recovery recommendations
- **National media outreach (see following slides)**

E) Raising Awareness about Ukraine - 2025



- [Irwinredlener.org](https://www.irwinredlener.org)
- [What Three Years of War Has Meant for Ukraine's Children](#) February 24, 2025
 - Irwinredlener.org
- [Intervention for Psychological Trauma in Children Impacted by War in Ukraine](#) March 14, 2025
 - JAMA Network
- "[Dr. Irwin Redlener & Caring for Ukraine's Future with the Children of Today](#)" March 17, 2025
 - On the Edge Podcast (Phil Ittner)
- [President Putin Must Return Ukraine's Children](#) August 21, 2025 Newsweek
- [Caring for Children in War-torn Ukraine](#) November 10, 2025 Public Health On Call (Podcast)
- [Don't Push Russia's Bad Deal on Ukraine](#) November 21, 2025 Letter, NY Times

E) Raising Awareness about Ukraine - 2025 (2)

- [Dr. Redlener speaks with Nicolle Wallace on MSNBC from Ukraine Recovery Conference in Rome, Italy](#) July 2025
- [Dr. Redlener speaks on One America News Network on Impact of War on Children](#) August 2025
- [Dr. Redlener speaks with MSNBC's Chris Jansing on War's Impact on Mental Health of Children](#) October 2025
- [How the Trump-Putin peace plan puts more than 1 million Ukrainian children at risk](#) December 2025 - MS NOW article



UCAP Finance Report

January – December 2025

(Total revenues: \$2.1 million)



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Finance Report	
January - December 2025	
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Available Balance from 2024	\$269,822
Revenues 2025	
- Online CC Donations	\$922,111
- Other Donations	\$1,187,829
Total Revenues	\$2,109,940
Program Expenses 2025	
UCAP Grants	-\$1,491,555
Other Program Expenses (staff,office,site visits, etc)	-\$277,941
Total Expenses	-\$1,769,496
Admin Fees & Expenses (16%)	-\$328,090
Estimated Available Fund Balance 12/31/25	\$282,177

2026 Goals: Raise and Distribute \$2.5 million

- For UCAP, our focus has been – and remains – on how years of trauma has impacted Ukraine’s children. In 2026, UCAP intends to redouble our efforts to help children get through this war by protecting their well-being, continuing their education, and supporting their inspiring , indomitable spirit. Here are our 6 key areas:

I. Psychological Trauma in Children

Goal: \$825,000

- Expand Recovery Camp programs and impact
- Support Children’s Mental Health Centers in 4 regions
- Facilitate replication and best practices of Recovery Camp model
- Partner for Project Homecoming – returning abducted children
- Address needs of Ukrainian orphans impacted by war
- Expand distribution of UCAP’s specialized teacher training on children and trauma

II. War-time Education Initiatives

Goal: \$600,000

- Expand Digital Learning Centers in frontline communities
- Expand Catch-up Learning initiatives
 - Curriculum development, teacher training, tutoring
- Fund repair of damaged schools
- Expand provision of tablets and laptops for distance learning and on-line access to curriculum
- Weekend Ukrainian education for externally displaced children in Poland

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2026 Goals: Raise and Distribute \$2.5 million (con)

III. Ukraine's Beautiful Future of Hope

Goal: \$ 275,000

- Help fund Ukrainian Genius Olympiads
- Support US and European college education and leadership training for Ukrainian students from frontline communities
- Continue Global Classroom
- Expand Lviv's Children and Youth Enrichment Center

IV. Enhance Pediatric Medical Care

Goal: \$ 200,000

- Expand access to subspecialty care in Dnipro
- Pediatric referral and surgical services in Lviv
- Pediatric expert exchange program – UA/US

V. Cold Winter Rx 2026 – Providing essential survival supplies

Goal: \$ 250,000

- Backup generators and storage batteries for families, schools and medical facilities
- Wood-burning stoves for homes and community centers
- Blankets and warm winter clothing for children
- Solar panels, where feasible, to provide sustainable off-grid energy

VI. Peace and Recovery (Awareness/Advocacy)

Goal: \$ 350,000

- Build an advocacy community of donors, program partners and professionals
- Expand The Ukraine Recovery Initiative – Columbia University
- Support Ukraine through American media awareness
- Establish International Medical Committee for Ukraine (IMCU)



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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) Kotelnykova**, Founder and Executive Director, Brave Generation (new)
 - **Joel Lamstein**, Founder JSI International
 - **Oksana Matiash**, Director, EdTech Center, Ukraine
 - **Brad Paisley**, singer/songwriter
 - **Caralynn Sandorf**, philanthropy advisor (new)
 - **Paul Simon**, singer/songwriter
 - **Timothy Snyder**, author, social commentator & professor, Yale University
 - **Rafal Trzaskowski**, Mayor of Warsaw, Poland
 - **Nicolle Wallace**, anchor, MS NOW'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, president emeritus/ co-founder of the Children's Health Fund, founding director of Columbia University's National Center for Disaster Preparedness & Senior Advisor, Institute for Global Politics/ School of International and Public Affairs, Ukraine Initiative, Columbia University
- Irwinredlener.org

Karen Redlener, M.S., co-founder

- Co-founder & former executive director of Children's Health Fund and former 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 humanitarian volunteer during the Ukraine war
- Yuliia received her Master's degree in Non-profit Management from Ukrainian Catholic University in January 2025

Kevin McCabe, MBA (Trinity College, Ireland) Communications Director

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

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