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KHARKIV CHILDREN SEND THEIR PICTURES OF THANKS FOR NEW FOREST SUPPORT



New Forest for Ukraine was delighted to receive 70 pictures drawn by children from Kharkiv, drawn to say 'Thank You' for the support and the aid they have received.

Kharkiv is a city of over a million people and Ukraine's second largest city. It is only 19 miles from the border with Russia and has been under regular attack, resulting in constant air raids and damage to many residential, social and educational buildings and leaving something like 18,000 people displaced in the region.

Most schools now cannot teach face to face and so many children's lives are completely disrupted.

"These pictures are a way of saying thank you" said a volunteer who works distributing aid in Kharkiv. "The families want to show how grateful they are and when we were distributing aid we found children running up with their pictures they had made to show how much it means to them. These families live with huge danger and disruption and in some cases kids are having to live with friends or family members as they are separated from their own parents or have even lost them. We wanted to send the pictures to you so you can share with the NFFU volunteers in this and physically see how they have shown their thanks."

New Forest for Ukraine has shared the pictures among its volunteers, many of whom have put them up in their own homes as a reminder and as a link with people in Ukraine.

John Allison, Head of New Forest for Ukraine said:

"This has been very moving for all of us and it is a reminder of how these children live in an area that faces constant danger with bombings and air raid sirens blaring for them up to 16 hours a day. Much of the aid we send goes direct to families and some, such as the toys we send, is for children. We are committed to trying to make life for children in Ukraine a bit easier in what are appalling circumstances, and we really welcome any donations or support for children that people can give."





Notes to Editors:

1. New Forest for Ukraine is a registered charity in England and Wales No 1208709
2. Started in February 2022, became a charity in June 2024
3. Has sent over 500 tonnes of aid to Ukraine to identified partner NGOs
4. Over 40 articulated lorries and 170 vans sent
5. Staffed entirely by volunteers, it gathers donations from the South and across the UK and sends to Ukraine via selected transport and distribution partners
6. Website: <https://www.newforestforukraine.org>
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