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A THANK YOU NEWSLETTER DEDICATED TO OUR DONORS SUPPORTERS AND VOLUNTEERS



THE SUNFLOWER: A SYMBOL OF PEACE



THE REASONS YOU DONATED!

Greetings

From Maria, director of the Maple Leaf House



Greetings to all our NASHI family who are supporting us. We are thousands of kilometers from you but you are always in our hearts. Today, we are also hundreds of kilometers from our home in Ukraine. We made a difficult decision to leave our home, the Maple Leaf House, because of the war. We feared for the safety of our girls. In the first days of the crisis, they were afraid to go to sleep and were not eating. They have already experienced enough trauma in their short lives and we made a decision to go to Poland. Within a week they were enrolled in the village school meanwhile the girls are also taking long distance classes from their school in Ukraine. They are being kept busy, remain healthy, but eager to return to their home in Ukraine.

It is difficult to explain in words how happy we are to be part of the NASHI family. Hopefully someday you will be able to come and visit us in Ukraine. We will welcome you with hugs.

Maria Bilas

Translated by her daughter Olena



IT IS GENEROSITY LIKE YOURS THAT FUELS OUR WORK

NASHI is a small charity, entirely run by volunteers, who do incredible work in the lives of these girls (of course, I am completely unbiased)! I would like to express my thank you to the following:

- All the volunteers of NASHI and a welcome to the new volunteers
- Classmates of mine who graduated from Aden Bowman Collegiate in 1967
- People and businesses who donated to Mary Petrowski's 90th birthday
- All individuals, businesses, churches, organizations and unions who donated or had fundraisers throughout Canada, USA, Ireland and even the Cayman Islands
- Businesses and individuals who donated amazing items for our spring auction
- To the young people who took initiative to get help during this crisis

Looking forward to hearing from you again

Savelia Curniski

Victor Malarek – Guest Speaker at Perogy Paradise 15



For several weeks, NASHI volunteers in Saskatoon gathered to pinch perogies in anticipation of Perogy Paradise finally returning after a two-year absence due to strict Covid restrictions. They pinched 14,000 assorted perogies: potato and cheese (my favorite), cottage cheese, buckwheat and mushroom, and Mexican! Then when word got out that NASHI was given the green light to hold its annual Perogy Paradise, tickets for the event sold out in 5 days, and on a warm Spring evening on April 30th, 450 hungry men, women and children hit the food line, passing a sweet table of beautifully decorated cupcakes and enough pies to feed a battalion. Once everyone had eaten their fill, they sat back and listened to the update about what has been happening to NASHI'S girls. A hushed audience was told that two weeks after Russian soldiers invaded Ukraine, the decision was made to move the girls from the Maple Leaf House in the farm village of Stoyaniw to a safe haven in Poland.

A video of the girls was played in which thanked the NASHI volunteers and supporters. The girls said they had only one wish. They wanted to go home to the Maple Leaf House. They missed their home. It was touching and very emotional for many people in the audience.

I had the honor of being asked to speak at the event. Inspiration was the message I wanted to bring to the event. "Inspiration is what keeps the spirit alive. We should all be inspired by the men and women who have volunteered to defend Ukraine from the barbarous invading Russian army."

I also took the time to honor the amazing work of the volunteers of NASHI. "I see the incredible amount of good they have done with the construction of the Maple Leaf House. They created a safe haven for these 17 destitute girls. And they did this One Perogy at a Time. NASHI rescued these girls and have given them a chance at a happy and safe life."



After my presentation, Perogy Paradise took on a festive air with an auction led by Eric Schmaltz, an exuberate, energy filled auctioneer who had the place hopping with frenzied bidding wars for an amazing array of donated items. Perogy Paradise was a truly an uplifting and inspirational event. And now NASHI is back at work planning next year's Perogy Paradise. **Victor Malarek**

Victor, a former investigative journalist on CTV and author, is donating all the proceeds from his new book **WheatShaft** to NASHI.

He has visited the Maple Leaf House on numerous occasions and looks forward to seeing the girls again.



In the Spotlight

There were numerous fundraisers for NASHI throughout Canada, we'd like to highlight some examples

Flin Flon, MB. UCWL hosted a Tea and Bake Sale



Two sisters, Linda and Betty Rudachyk from Rosthern, SK. decided to DO SOMETHING.

Had a Facebook Auction and raised \$22,000.



Jude Kuzminski-Parry, from Victoria B.C. sprang into action by making bracelets to raise money for NASHI and our Maple Leaf House.



2 Reasons to say thank you

**One is your generosity
The other is your faith in
NASHI'S mission.**



Bedford United Church in Nova Scotia held a few fundraisers and got their youth involved.

Jan Reinhart put her skills and talent to create these hearts for Ukraine while Marlene Pratt created her lapel wreaths to help the crisis.



Thank You to all Organizations, Unions, Churches and Businesses who donated at this time.

Organizations, Unions, Businesses, Churches	Prov
40859 Yukon Inc. O/a Dave's Cleaning Service	YT
Affinity Credit Union	SK
Barveenok Ukrainian Dance Club	SK
Bedford United Church	NS
Benevity Community Impact Fund	AB
Beyond Measure Design Inc.	SK
Canada Helps	ON
Catholic Womens League	MB
Colour Me Cushions	SK
Culture Grooming Lounge	SK
Customs & Immigration Union National Women's Committee	ON
Dandelion Art Framing & Gallery	SK
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Golden West Hotel	SK
Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church	SK
Knights of Columbus Sheptytsky Council 4938	SK
Manitoba Federation of Labour	MB
McClure United Church	SK
Myhr Farms Ltd.	SK
Nagel Farms	SK
Northern Rainbows End	MB
Preeceville Long Term Care Auxiliary	SK
Rev Motorsports & Marine Ltd.	SK
Ross Industries Ltd.	SK
Rosthern Fundraiser	SK
Rosthern Ministerial Association	SK
She-Nanigans	SK
St. Dominic Catholic Women's League	ON
St. Josaphat Kunsevich Council 13129	SK
St. Martins United Church	SK
St. Stephen Protomartyr UCC	AB
Sunshine Ladies Circle	SK
TELUS Friendly Future Foundation	ON
Tula Yoga Inc.	AB
Tw-Lite Tire & Services	SK
Ukrainian Women's Organization of Canada Toronto Branch	ON
Unifor General Fund	ON
Unifor Local 21A Celanese Unit	AB
Union of Canadian Transportation Employees	ON
Union of Veterans Affairs Employees	ON
United Way of Saskatoon & Area	SK
Windsor Tomcat Hockey Club	ON

Some of our dedicated volunteers drove 4 hours to help at NASHI'S spring fundraiser – Perogy Paradise and they even brought donations from their community.



**The saying:
"Worth its weight in
gold"
was about volunteers.**

Feeding the 450

**Joy and Melody would say: "Volunteering
is the one addiction that is good for you!"**



**Pat always delights attendees with her
marvellous creations for our auction.**

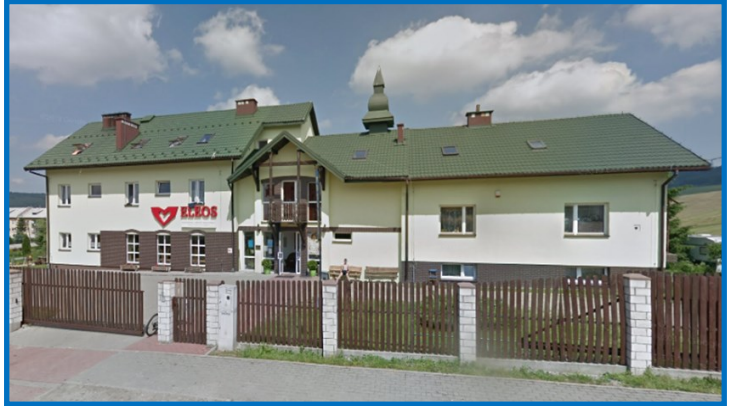


UPDATE FROM POLAND AND UKRAINE

The atrocities in Ukraine continue.

Our 17 NASHI girls from the Maple Leaf House are safe in Poland and are enrolled in the school in Gladyszow. This village is south-east of Krakow near the Slovakian border.

The people of this village have embraced our girls as their own. We have expanded the NASHI family to include all these Polish people who are assisting our girls to adjust to their new temporary home.



WHAT IS HAPPENING AT THE MAPLE LEAF HOUSE IN UKRAINE?

We have opened the doors of the Maple Leaf House to people from eastern Ukraine as they journey into Poland or another European country. NASHI is also supplying blankets, some limited medications, hygiene kits, diapers and food for those who need a safe place during their ongoing journey. Supplies are also being bought for men and women from Stoyaniv, the village of the Maple Leaf House, who are going to fight in other cities of Ukraine. You see here our van, that came into Poland to buy much needed supplies.



WHAT ARE NASHI'S FUTURE PLANS?

We will continue to purchase supplies, as long as they are needed and upkeep both our girls in Poland and the Maple Leaf House. We are in constant contact with Maria, our director, as we track events day by day. The safety and education of our girls are our primary focus.

DID YOU KNOW

- YOU CAN SIGN UP FOR MONTHLY GIVING
- 100% OF YOUR DONATION GOES TO OUR PROJECT
- EVERY BIG CHANGE IN THE WORLD STARTS WITH ONE PERSON

DONATE

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MONTHLY GIVING INFORMATION

I wish to make an automatic monthly contribution in the amount of:

___\$15 ___\$30 ___\$50 ___\$100 Other___ per month

To be withdrawn on the ___ 1st or ___ 15th of each month

___ I have enclosed a cheque marked "VOID"

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Credit Card # _____ Expiry ____/____ CVA _____

Signature _____

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WHO IS NASHI?

The NASHI charity, established in 2004, is focused on preventing young girls from being sex-trafficked and educating Canadians on human trafficking.

We bought a dilapidated building in 2008 and within a few years had an amazing home called the Maple Leaf House. Currently we have 17 girls and have a capacity for 20.

Girls as young as 5 years old are being sold into the sex trade globally. Being brought from corrupt orphanages, broken homes or off the street each of the girls has had a tragic beginning in their precious lives. The Maple Leaf House is now making it possible for the girls to change their lives forever. These girls will be with us on their journey to independence as they complete their education in whatever field they choose.

NASHI is an action-oriented charity with a motto:
DO SOMETHING
Thank you to the 100's of individuals who donated and
DID SOMETHING

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