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WINTER NEWSLETTER 2022 ACROSS THE GLOBE—HELPING GIRLS

“How wonderful it is that nobody needs to wait a single moment before starting to improve the world” – Anne Frank



**Thank you for all you do for our girls at the Maple Leaf House.
You are a part of their lives. You are rewriting their future.**

Yaroslav Visits the Maple Leaf House



Blessed Are They That Are Loved

It was my good fortune to visit and spend time in October at the Maple Leaf House in Stoyaniw, Ukraine. Not only did I have a chance to tour the physical building, but more importantly I had a chance to spend an extended period of time in conversation with the 'parents' of the House, Maria and her staff. I learned firsthand their vision for the home and the daily challenges they face in

providing a place for healing of the young souls and their growth into wholesome, healthy loving and caring individuals. I also spent time with the sixteen girls observing them in action and conversing with some of them.

This is truly an example of a wonderful human salvage operation. Each girl's life history is a story of abandonment and neglect. Each requires healing from the various traumas experienced.

As a parent I know the challenge of raising three children, but I can only imagine the challenge of being a parent to sixteen needy children. I am convinced that it is the love in the hearts of the parents to these girls at the Maple Leaf House that enables them to carry on the assignment they have taken on. I was refreshed by the love in action I witnessed between the parents and the girls. It was like watching the caring actions of a mother cat in response to the neediness of her kittens. One could virtually sense the caring-loving interaction between the members of a caring loving family.

My most profound gratitude goes to Maria and her staff for providing the healing and caring loving-family environment and to all members and supporters of NASHI for the realization of this island of love for these young souls. May God bless you richly for caring and contributing to bring healing and love to souls that were essentially abandoned.

Yaroslav Lozowchuk, Regina SK.

The piano donated by Andrew is a portable keyboard that actually folds in half for storage. Music can be a healing practice and a means for expression. A full size piano is required to have an almost permanent location for setup. This foldable unit can be taken to any table or even on the floor for the girls to enjoy. It was intended as a trial. If any of the girls show interest, we can get more of these as they are relatively inexpensive. Eventually a full size piano can be purchased if the interest is high enough.

Looking forward to videos of some of the first songs learned and played by the girls.

Yaroslav delivers a keyboard bought by Andrew. There was excitement and curiosity at the House.



NASHI IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT OUR FIRST GIRL IS OFF TO COLLEGE

Please take a moment to read Nastya's story.

Nastya arrived at the Maple Leaf House 5 years ago at the age of 10. Her mother was a drug addict and her stepfather was in and out of jail for various offences. Her home life was severely dysfunctional and when Maria, the director, heard of this adorable girl who attended only 50% of her classes due to her circumstances, she knew we had a place for her.

After coming to the Maple Leaf House, her life took a 180 degree turn. She learned what it meant to have a loving family and people who care for her. She had her own bed, 3 meals a day and even snacks, as well as being encouraged to attend school. She fell in love with school and at the age of 15 she wrote her college entrance exam. She not only passed the exam, but also received the 5th highest entrance marks! When she turned 16 this summer, she was excited to go to college but also knew she would be leaving her home. However, she comes back every weekend to her family at the Maple Leaf House.

Nastya is so grateful for this opportunity to have an education and live her dreams. She wishes all girls could deserve a chance.



FUNDRAISERS FOR NASHI ACROSS CANADA

What you can do ... and what some people did

Garage Sale

As an individual or organization you could host a garage sale. Teresa did.



Raffles, online Auctions, 50/50

NASHI organized 4 Raffles, 50/50 Draw and 4 on line auctions. Thanks to Freddie and her committee for organizing these successful fundraisers. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and bid on the auction items.



Wakaw Lions Club

Thank you to the Wakaw Lions Club for some of their bingo proceeds continuing to support NASHI.

Calgary Event—Oct 2nd

OUT of the CLOUDS

The event consisted of 2 musical events. One with a grand piano matinee and an evening concert featuring 3 musical groups. Also shown was the NASHI documentary ONE PEROGY AT A TIME: THE SEQUEL. It took place at The Village on Brentwood. In the words of the organizer, Sydney Fream, "It was absolutely incredible."



EDMONTON GLAS FUNDRAISER – JANUARY 16, 2022

GLAS (Green Light Awareness Society) is a registered society with the goals of working to end human trafficking by supporting organizations including NASHI. Together we can make a difference! Join us for Sunday afternoon, January 16th at our "Unmasking the Truth" GLAS Gala. Our keynote speaker will be Kathy King who is now collaborating on an anthology about commercial sexual exploitation. For tickets, Ph: Tymofiy 780-437-2116 or visit Eventbrite.ca

NASHI'S PEROGY PARADISE – March 19,2022

WE ARE BACK! Tickets available Jan. 30, 2022

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

When you see these smiling faces it is hard to imagine just how much they have been through. Life before the Maple Leaf House was stressful and bleak. Thanks to our incredible donors, like yourself, these girls are now on to healing and dreaming of a future. While the girls attend school in the village, there are so many activities in the home. WELCOME into their HOME!



**Short note of thanks from Maria,
director of the Maple Leaf House**

"Our family of girls cannot thank NASHI enough for the support you are providing. You help make things that feel impossible, possible. We are so grateful to our Canadian Family."



SEND OUR GIRLS TO CAMP

Buy a 2022 Calendar and a Victor Malarek Book

NASHI's calendar is a wonderful story of the Maple Leaf House and the precious lives of these beautiful girls.

The purchase of this calendar for only \$15.00 and the purchase of a Malarek book will go towards the girls camping experience in 2022

Victor Malarek, investigative journalist for CTV and author, has now written his 8th book. He is pictured in the calendar when he visited the Maple Leaf House. His remarks about NASHI and our project:

"NASHI is an amazing, salt-of-the earth group of dedicated women and men doing their little bit ... a HUGE bit ... for the sixteen orphan and destitute girls it is supporting at a house they built in a tiny farm village in Ukraine. This is featured in their documentary ONE PEROGY AT A TIME that can be viewed on YouTube.



I have been an ardent supporter of NASHI ever since its volunteers picked up a brick to start the project more than a decade ago. I've watched as the building took shape. And I've watched as the girls arrived. I've seen them blossom and grow to become a joyful family of loving sisters.

The girls see the volunteers of NASHI as their extended family in Canada, and I'm so proud to be part of that family. That is why I am donating ALL the royalties from my latest novel – Wheat\$haft – to NASHI. This gripping and fast-paced mystery thriller can be purchased online from the FriesenPress Bookstore or through Amazon, Indigo, NASHI and local bookstores. And if you haven't read my earlier novel – *Orphanage 41* – I will donate all future royalties to NASHI."

NASHI'S SPECIAL OFFER: See separate order form

- 1 calendar for \$15.00 – shipping included
- 2 calendars for \$25.00 -shipping included
- 2 calendars and 1 Malarek book - \$40.00 – shipping included
- 1 calendars and 2 Malarek books - \$50.00 – shipping included
- 1 calendar and 3 Malarek books - \$65.00 – shipping included



GIVING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Join the global movement that is dedicated to giving back.
Be part of the movement joining people around the world making a difference.

DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT!

Your donation made by Dec. 15th will be matched up to \$10,000.



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Search for NASHI Our Children



**When you need to run to the store for a few things,
but you have 16 girls to feed!**

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- NASHI opened the door of the Maple Leaf House in 2010
- We are preventing our girls from being sold into the sex trade or human trafficking
- Girls now are being healed
- of their childhood traumas
- 100% of your donation goes to our project
- All NASHI work in Canada is done by volunteers

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