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## Summer Newsletter 2026

# Impact of Your Donations

What happens with your generosity? You are transforming lives.



You are providing our girls with hope for a future when they have faced heartbreaking challenges. Your support is impacting a generation.



NASHI is able, with your help, to provide seminars for youth on human trafficking in Canada. Our future generations deserve to be educated on this issue as it impacts them.



Workshops are also provided for adults wherever NASHI is invited throughout Canada.



**Maple Leaf House**  
*Left:* Original Purchase  
*Right:* The completed safehouse we built together



# Building a better world together!

# Update from Ukraine

IMAGINE YOUR LIFE...

IN A CONFLICT ZONE



*"Safe space" in house when the sirens alarm*

As Canadians we have real difficulty imagining what life would be like living in a conflict zone. What we currently are worried about is potholes in the pavement. We could hardly live with severe power and water shortages and constant air raid sirens. This is life for our girls who are now back in Ukraine.

Fortunately, our Maple Leaf House has generators and our own water supply. This is with help from you, our donors. **Our girls look to us for light in the dark.** The schools and colleges have been closed due to the sporadic power source, and the winter has been especially cold. Our 5 girls, who are in pre-post secondary courses (called college) are now taking their courses online and have moved back to the safehouse from the city of Lviv. Even the school in the village where we are located was closed during the winter.

They are anxious but are enveloped in a loving environment with Maria as their mother. She is giving stability and exuding resiliency. Maria and her staff have prepared a safe haven within the safehouse. As sirens blast out, the girls go to the 'safe space'.



## One of NASHI's Guest Speakers: Steve Thompson

Steve is a retired State Trooper with a doctorate in public safety and a master's in criminal justice, teaching at McNeese State University in St. Charles, Louisiana. **BUT MOST IMPORTANT: A SUPPORTER OF NASHI.** Steve has visited the NASHI safehouse in Ukraine 3 times. He has recently spent 3 months on the front line in Ukraine and shared his experiences.



*Above: Steve handing out humanitarian aid in conflict zone.*

*Left: Steve visiting Maple Leaf House in Ukraine.*

# What we need to know about Human Trafficking

Human Trafficking represents a complex reality of a crime that is still highly mystified and sometimes invisible. It involves the exploitation of people through force, fraud, or coercion to work or do things they don't want to do. Human trafficking is widespread within the youth of our community. Eliminating this scourge demands something from each of us. We urge you to become educated and spread awareness within your family and friends. Youth are especially vulnerable to this danger.

*"We think of the internet as an open welcoming place. It renders the world as a neighbourhood where you zip between distant skies in the blink of an eye. Its staggering size never intimidates us because we spend most of our time – shopping on Amazon, engaging in Facebook and reading and responding to email. But do we have a sense of how enormous the realm of cyberspace has grown and continues to grow. Most of us can get around but children are growing up with standard internet savvy. However the dangers have increased along with the conveniences and they have increased equally on the internet's hidden dark web and on sites easily accessible to any computer."* Taken from *Dark Traffic* by N. Thomas

## You need to know:

**\$200 billion**

Illegal profits per year made from human trafficking

**50 million**

People caught in modern day slavery

**12 million**

Children trapped in modern day slavery, some as young as 5 years old!

**2 million**

Children exploited in the global commercial sex trade.

**30,000**

Victims of sex trafficking die each year from abuse and torture

## Low risk – High Reward for Traffickers

**12-25**

typical ages of females trafficked for sexual exploitation by organized crime networks in Canada

**\$900**

average daily profit illicitly earned by organized crime networks from 1 female trafficked for sexual exploitation in Canada

**\$5,400**

average weekly profit illicitly earned by organized crime networks from 1 female trafficked for sexual exploitation in Canada

**\$280,000**

average annual profit illicitly earned by organized crime networks from 1 female trafficked for sexual exploitation in Canada

**\$3,276,000**

average annual profit illicitly earned by organized crime networks from 10 females trafficked for sexual exploitation in Canada

Criminal Intelligence Service Canada Strategic Brief, August 2008, Organized Crime and Domestic Trafficking in Persons in Canada, p. 5.

We must be educated, vigilant and attentive to how our children spend their time, online and after school. It's not always easy, but every safeguard is worth the effort. If they are lost, our tomorrow is lost. As you read these facts and grow more aware of what we are facing I hope we each take even small steps toward a solution.

# Snapshots of 2026 Perogy Paradise: Sports Day Theme

Auction: 13 Live & 193 Silent items

Perogies: Ate  $\approx$  7,000

Buffet Line: Completed in 21 minutes with 8 lines

Attendees: 425 plus 59 volunteers



A SUMO WRESTLER MAKES AN APPEARANCE AT PEROGY PARADISE

# Victor Malarek at Perogy Paradise

Victor writes: *"Another incredible fundraising event for a truly important cause.*

*Attending this year's Perogy Paradise in Saskatoon filled my heart with joy. It was so moving to see and meet so many people who took the time to show up, to care—and, of course, to enjoy heaping plates of delicious perogies, somehow still finding room to sample the incredible spread of desserts.*



*I'm fairly certain I gained at least a kilo... maybe two!*

*But for me, this annual event is about something much deeper. It's about the girls at Maple Leaf House in Ukraine—the girls Nashi has rescued from lives that were once headed down unimaginable paths.*

*Nashi has not only brought them to safety, but has created something truly special: a loving family of sisters.*

*I've always believed that if each of us made the effort to touch even one soul in need, extraordinary things could happen.*

*That's exactly what Nashi has done. And when we think back to where these girls began, and see who they've become today, living together in the home built by dedicated volunteers and donors, it's impossible not to feel a deep sense of gratitude and pride.*

*What an absolutely beautiful, heartwarming difference this has made."*

***How many volunteers does it take to organize  
Perogy Paradise? ...LOTS!!!***



*"Appreciate and love your team for all that you do. How blessed are the girls on whose behalf you all workin this endeavour." Vera H.*

**NASHI will be hosting an anti-trafficking workshop**

# **DANGERS LURK**

**The Elusive Crime of Human Trafficking**

**Saturday, October 24**

**St. Joseph's Hall – corner of 8<sup>th</sup> St. and Broadway Ave.**

## **SAVE THE DATE**

**MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW**

**Register by October 1**

**Registration Cost (includes light lunch)**

**Adults \$25.00, Students \$10.00**

**e-transfer: [admin@nashi.ca](mailto:admin@nashi.ca)**

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**Predators are setting out to recruit our children, then parents, grandparents, teachers, councillors, church groups and other good citizens must be recruited to fight back.**

**WE CAN ALL DO SOMETHING**

### **Words from our Donors:**

*To all who are providing a safe haven for the girls. This is such an important ministry, and I am happy to continue to support it in a small way. Rose K.*

*Enclosed is my donation as a contribution to the wonderful work you are doing in Ukraine. Irene L. (ON)*

*Good to hear the girls are back in Ukraine. I hope there will be Peace on Earth soon. Keep up the good work. Pauline L (AB)*

*Enclosed find a donation to your very worthy organization. We are so thankful for the wonderful and very real and practical work NASHI does.*

*Colette & Michael S.*

# Financial Report

2025 was another great year for NASHI resulting in stability as an organization. We were able to continue funding our safehouse in Ukraine and supported our 5 girls taking pre-post-secondary education in the city of Lviv. We also provided educational awareness of human trafficking issues in Canada. This travesty is global and local in its scope.

## INCOME ANALYSIS

This income source proves our donors are the lifeline of NASHI. Donations are our largest source of income and we could not do our work without you! With these funds, we are able to upkeep our safehouse in Ukraine. The safehouse provides girls with all their needs – housing, food, clothing, medical expenses and an education that will provide for them until they are employable. This is our commitment.

Another source of income is from our fundraising activities. Annually we have a spring fundraiser, called Perogy Paradise, and other activities such as our Auto Lotto and our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala and our online auctions. Our volunteers put in endless hours for these fundraisers as we supplement our income.

## EXPENSE ANALYSIS

NASHI'S largest expenditure of 61% are the transfers to Ukraine for the upkeep of our safehouse. Fundraising expenses are also a major cost. Our volunteers do all the tasks for the fundraising activities – no paid staff. The costs of 27% are solely for goods and materials used for these activities. When we do purchase items, it is done as economically as possible – keeping an eye on sale items.

Our office/administration costs are also monitored. This line item is only 8% whereas most other charities spend over 15% - 30%. We are extremely proud of how our donations and fundraising dollars are spent.

We would like to thank all the donors, volunteers and people who support our fundraisers for your continued belief in our mission that we can play, even a small part, in changing this world. Our girls at the safehouse are grateful for this support and they can only sum it up by saying: THANK YOU.



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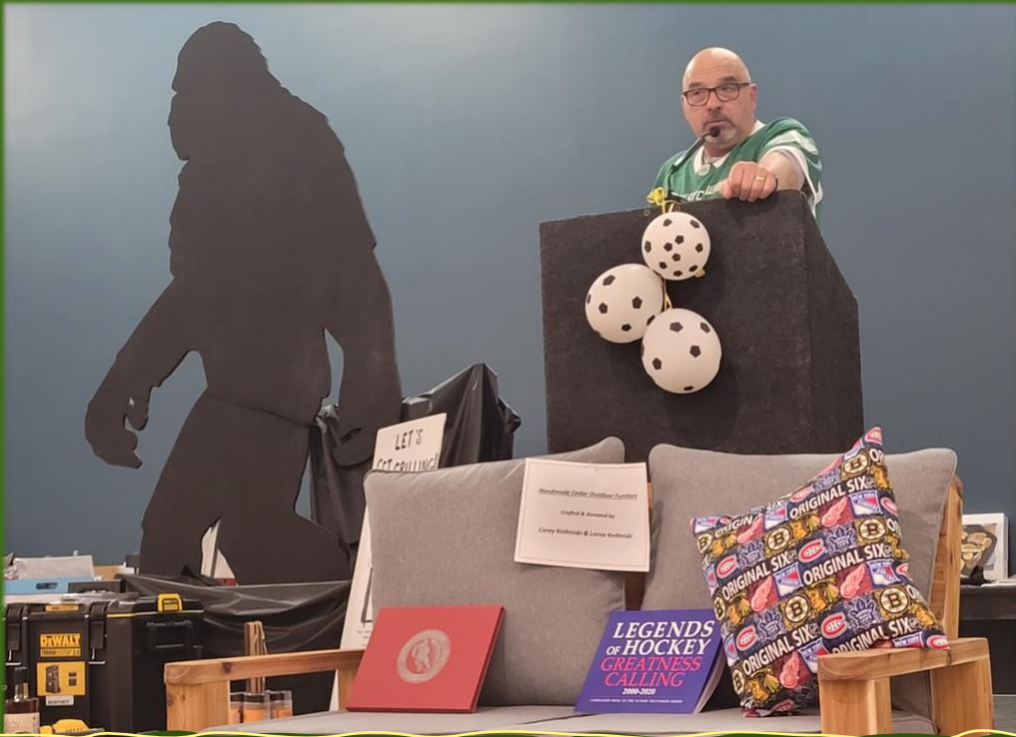
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# SASQUATCH SIGHTING AT PEROGY PARADISE 2026



When Carey, our MC, was not looking, Sasquatch was seen carrying perogies away in a suitcase.

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**NASHI is a totally volunteer-run organization addressing the issue of human trafficking. Our goal is to raise awareness about this travesty of the 21<sup>st</sup> century while maintaining our Maple Leaf House for at risk girls in Ukraine.**