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Lions Clubs International and Lions Clubs International Foundation Achieve Over \$1,200,000 in Fundraising in WINTER IS COMING TO UKRAINE 2 Project for Southeast Ukraine Wood Stoves

In an extraordinary demonstration of multinational joint venture, unity and humanitarian spirit, Lions Clubs International (LCI) and Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) have successfully raised over \$1,200,000 to support this year critical Project WINTER IS COMING TO UKRAINE 2 (WICTU2) aimed at providing wood stoves to households in Southeast Ukraine. This initiative, which originated in Finland, has rapidly gained momentum and support, culminating in an inspiring four-month fundraising campaign.

With the generous contributions from Lions members and supporters worldwide, the project has produced and distributed much-needed wood stoves to families in the region. These stoves not only offer a reliable source of heat during harsh winters but also ensure a safe and efficient means of cooking and heating for thousands of households affected by ongoing challenges.

The stove designed by the www.Konekansa.net community was chosen as the stove for the project.

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The inception of this life-changing project began in Finland, where Lions members recognized the pressing need for durable and efficient heating solutions in Southeast Ukraine, cities of Kharkiv, Pavlograd and Zaporizhia. Driven by a deep commitment to service and community, Lions clubs across the globe rallied together, launching a comprehensive fundraising campaign. In just four months, the project amassed over \$1,200,000, a testament to the power of collective effort and compassion.

Each wood stove, meticulously produced by the Lions, embodies the dedication of the organization. Beyond providing immediate relief, these stoves symbolize hope and resilience, reinforcing the message that even in the face of adversity, communities can come together to create meaningful change.

The success of this initiative highlights the remarkable synergy between local action and global support. From the production in Finland to the distribution networks in Ukraine, Lions members from 31 countries of 5 continents have worked tirelessly to ensure the efficient and effective implementation of the project. This collaborative effort underscores the core values of Lions Clubs International—serving communities and improving lives through unwavering commitment and action.

The \$1.200.000- and 8100-units stove milestones marks not an end, but a beginning—a foundation upon which future projects will be built. The Lions remain dedicated to harnessing the spirit of service, ensuring that no community is left behind.

Project Team - Finland, Switzerland, Romania, Ukraine

Participating Countries - Finland, Italy, Norway, Denmark, Germany, Belgium, Estonia, Iceland, Switzerland, Netherlands, France, British Isles, Canada, Sweden, Lithuania, South Korea, Croatia, Australia, USA, Ireland, Kenya, Luxembourg, Romania, Turkiye, San Marino, Ukraine.

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization, with 1.4 million members in more than 48,000 clubs serving communities in over 200 countries and geographic areas. The Lions Clubs International Foundation is the charitable arm of Lions Clubs International, providing grant funding for projects that improve health, support youth, provide disaster relief, and protect the environment.

For more information about this project or to get involved, please visit

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