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# FOREWORD

As I reflect on the year behind us, I do so with deep gratitude, humility, and an unshakable sense of purpose. The work of Friends of Be an Angel has always been rooted in one simple conviction: that when people choose compassion over indifference, and action over hesitation, even the greatest challenges can be met with courage and hope.

What began as an urgent response to crisis has continued to grow into something far greater than emergency aid alone. Over the years, we have learned that meaningful humanitarian work must evolve with the needs of the people we serve. In 2024, that truth became clearer than ever. While the immediate emergency in Ukraine remains devastatingly present, the needs have become more complex: fewer evacuations, but deeper trauma; fewer headlines, but greater exhaustion; fewer simple answers, but an even stronger need for trust, dignity, and human connection.

Thanks to your support, Friends of Be an Angel has been able to respond to this changing reality with determination and care. This year, we continued to deliver aid to communities affected by war, while also investing in long-term resilience and recovery. We supported mentor programs for refugee women and children, strengthened youth resilience initiatives in Odesa, contributed to medical and prosthetics-related efforts in Kyiv, and remained present where help was needed most, both in Ukraine and in Germany.

This report is a reflection of what we have accomplished together, but it is also a tribute to all of you who make this work possible. To our donors, volunteers, partners, and friends: your belief in our mission gives life to every program, every delivery, every act of care. Because of you, we are able not only to respond quickly, but to remain present for the long journey of healing and rebuilding.

As we look ahead, we know that the road forward will not be easy. But we also know that real change is built through persistence, solidarity, and the refusal to look away. Together, we will continue to stand with those affected by war and displacement, to protect the dignity of the vulnerable, and to build pathways toward hope, recovery, and a more humane future.

With all my gratitude and hope for what lies ahead,

*Anya Verkhovskaya*



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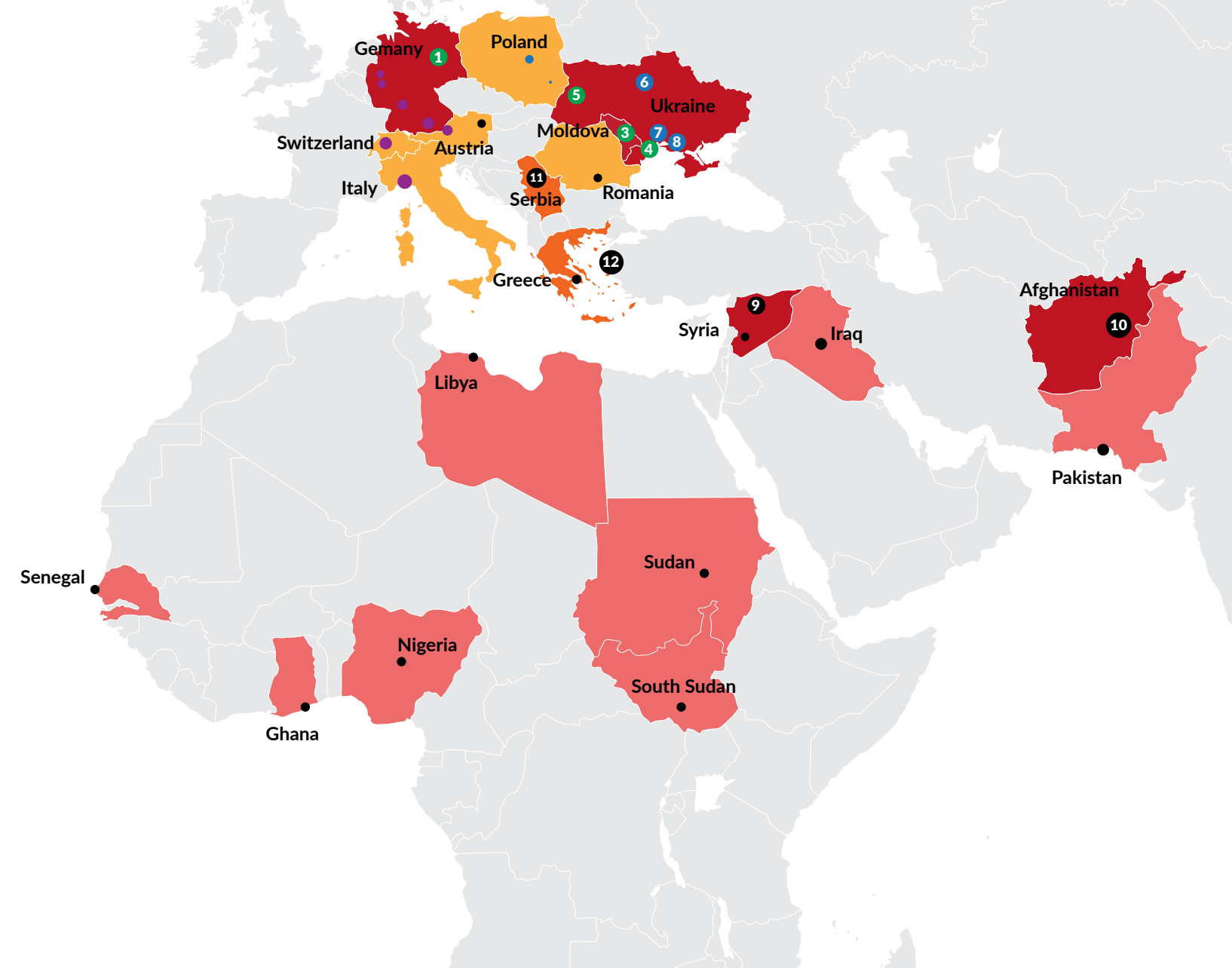
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**TEAM SIZE:  
45 MEMBERS**

**ACTIVE IN  
6 COUNTRIES**



United States of America



- Countries in which we are currently active in
- Countries in which we were active in before 2022
- We work with partners in these countries to support people who have experienced displacement
- In the years 2022-2024, we advised and supported refugees from these countries

**Our Team on-the-ground**

- 1 Headquarters Germany (Berlin)
- 2 Headquarters USA (Milwaukee)
- 3 Headquarters Moldova (Chişinău)
- 4 Headquarters Ukraine (Odesa)
- 5 Logistical Center (Lviv)

**Operative Partner**

- 6 Human Rights Office of Ukraine (Kyiv)
- 7 Center for Internally Displaced Persons (Kobleva)
- 8 Evacuation Center (Kherson)
- 9 UNHCR Moldova (Chişinău)

**Activities (Middle East)**

- 9 Aleppo, Syria
- 10 Kabul, Afghanistan

**Activities before 2022**

- 11 Refugee Camp Belgrade
- 12 Refugee Camp Lesbos

● Locations to which children with rare diseases have been evacuated to for treatment



# Friends of Be an Angel Impact 2022-2024

● **1.3M**  
people reached  
in countries affected by crisis

● **>1.900**  
consultations given  
to support refugees with their  
integration in Germany

● **12**  
refugees employed  
and receiving vocational  
training at our restaurant  
Kreuzberger Himmel

● **>1.800**  
IDP children  
active in our psychological  
support program in Odesa



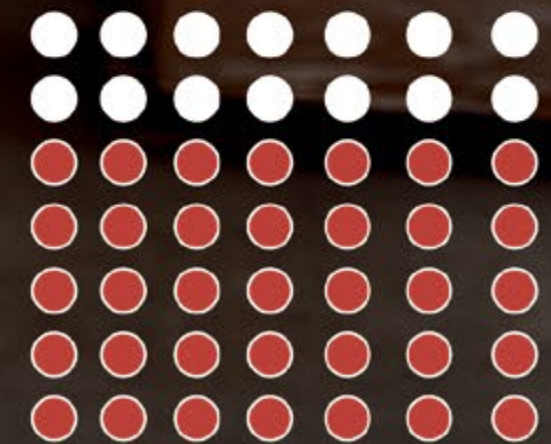
● **24.500**  
people evacuated  
from frontline regions

● **277**  
buses & ambulances  
of people evacuated  
to safety

● **54**  
children with rare diseases  
evacuated and provided treatment  
pathways to recovery

● **4.925**  
tons of humanitarian aid  
delivered to those in need

● **€ 63.5M**  
value of humanitarian aid  
delivered to crisis areas



● Medicine & Medical Supplies  
● Food & Basic Needs

# HUMANITARIAN AID

## OVER 2.8 MILLION UKRAINIANS IN ACUTE DISTRESS

In the third year of Russia's full-scale invasion, the need for humanitarian aid in Ukraine has remained critical. The Russian Armed Forces have continued their grinding push to capture Ukrainian cities. With each new city being attacked, a new humanitarian crisis is formed, and more civilians are internally displaced from their homes, resulting in a greater need for humanitarian aid. While the frontline has remained mostly localized to trench warfare, country-wide missile and drone attacks have increased significantly in 2024. In particular, the Russian Armed Forces have strongly increased their attacks on energy infrastructure, resulting in rolling blackouts during the second half of the year. It is estimated that currently, more than 2.8 million Ukrainians are in acute need for humanitarian assistance, and it is forecasted that more than 5 million people in Ukraine, or 15% of the population, will experience food shortages in the coming year.

Friends of Be an Angel continues to run two humanitarian hubs. Together with the organization "Women's Movement for the Future", we operate a hub in Lviv near the Polish border. This hub focuses on country-wide distribution of medicine, medical supplies, food and more. Our second hub is located in Odesa, where the Be an Angel Ukraine headquarters is located. This hub focuses on the humanitarian needs of the south-eastern regions along the coastline. Major cities in this region included Mykolaiv and the frontline city of Kherson.

Our work is defined by pragmatism and precision: from navigating mined roads and military blockades, to tailoring aid for hard-to-reach regions.



**IN 2024, THANKS TO OUR TEAM AND GLOBAL PARTNERS, WE DELIVERED MORE AID THAN EVER BEFORE.**

- **4,926 TONS OF HUMANITARIAN AID**
- **OVER 300 LOCATIONS**
- **WITH AN ESTIMATED TOTAL VALUE OF \$63,523,350 USD**

## 16.5 TONS OF LIFESAVING MEDICINE

In one of our largest and most challenging operations to date, three trucks carrying 16.5 tons of critical medicines made it through a newly established humanitarian corridor across the Polish border. The cargo totaled an estimated 15.6 million doses of urgently needed medication such as antibiotics, insulin, adrenaline, and pain relief.

Distribution began with the cystic fibrosis department at the Lviv Regional Children's Hospital, where over 100 children are currently treated. In the face of a Europe-wide shortage of antibiotics and reagents, these deliveries have helped bridge a life-threatening gap in supply.

Medical institutions in Uman, Lviv, and Kyiv's Oncology Institute were among the first recipients. Many more are receiving deliveries as our teams continue distributing this shipment across the country.

## PROVIDING AN ENTIRE CITY WITH WI-FI

Thanks to a donation of 805 Wi-Fi routers from Advanced Wireless, Inc., we helped establish free internet access across Irpin—one of Ukraine's most heavily damaged cities. In partnership with the City of Milwaukee, this project turned a symbolic Sister City agreement into concrete impact.

The routers are now installed in schools, hospitals, bomb shelters, and administrative buildings, ensuring that, even during air raids, children can keep learning, doctors can stay connected, and citizens can access critical information. This initiative is a model of how tech and logistics partnerships can empower recovery in war-affected cities.

## OUTFITTING FIREFIGHTERS ON THE FRONT

This year we distributed over 1,000 pieces of modern firefighting gear including jackets, pants, boots, gloves, helmets, and hoods to over 280 firefighters serving in Kherson, Poltava, Chernihiv, and other high-risk areas. These are the first responders rushing toward danger, often under the threat of drone and missile attacks.

One fire chief in Kherson wrote:

*"Yesterday, guys in your uniforms were extinguishing the forest near my house from a downed drone 150 meters away. All of your help is very helpful and lifesaving!!!! THANK YOU AGAIN!!!"*

This delivery was made possible by local partnerships and months of coordination. The gear enhances both safety and morale for teams operating under extreme pressure.

## EVACUATIONS

In 2024, the Be an Angel network continued to support life-saving evacuation efforts for people fleeing some of the most dangerous areas of Ukraine. While the mass displacement seen in earlier stages of the war has slowed, the need for carefully coordinated evacuations remained urgent for families, older adults, people with disabilities, and those with serious medical needs.

On January 10, 2024, the first evacuation bus of the year departed from eastern Ukraine via Moldova to Germany. By the end of 2023, Be an Angel had already helped evacuate more than 23,500 people from frontline regions, made possible entirely through donor support.

In 2024, those efforts continued under increasingly difficult and dangerous conditions.

### QUALITY STANDARDS OF EVACUATION

These evacuation missions are built on preparation, trust, and care. In 2024, 90 percent of all evacuations were personally accompanied by Andreas Tölke, helping ensure continuity, safety, and hands-on support throughout the journey.

Most international evacuation routes passed through Moldova. Because Ukrainian drivers are generally not permitted to leave the country, and many drivers operating inside Ukraine are Ukrainian nationals, cross-border transport required careful coordination and, in many cases, drivers of other nationalities to continue the route beyond the border.

Since March 2022, our evacuation work has followed a clear set of principles:

- trauma-sensitive accompaniment by trained personnel
- transport of pets whenever possible, so families are not forced to leave them behind
- support for people with disabilities and complex medical needs
- close coordination with trusted local partners in Ukraine
- transparent and responsible use of donor funds for their intended purpose

These standards help ensure that each evacuation is not only possible, but humane.



A major challenge: evacuating people in wheelchairs

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## EVACUEES



# EVACUATIONS

## REGION DONETSK - BURNING POINT POKROVSK

A major focus of this work in 2024 was the Donetsk region, especially the heavily contested city of Pokrovsk. The city remained under constant threat from artillery and airstrikes, with Ukrainian authorities reporting thousands of attacks across Donetsk Oblast each day.

On May 14, 2024, the first internal evacuation from Pokrovsk to Odesa was carried out.

The journey took eight hours. Because of the security situation, the team had to spend the night in a bus outside the city. Working closely with the local administration, we were granted access to the red zone and received evacuee registration data in advance, allowing for faster coordination and safer onward movement. Many of the passengers had significant medical needs and required specialized care.

Through our Ukrainian partner organization Gloria, we were able to arrange accommodation with medical support in Odesa. This kind of placement is extremely rare inside Ukraine and made a critical difference for those on board.

At the same time, the situation for internally displaced people inside Ukraine remains deeply challenging. Government support is limited in duration and often minimal in amount, leaving many vulnerable people without the resources they need to rebuild stability after evacuation.

A second evacuation from Pokrovsk followed on June 18, 2024, under even more severe conditions. By then, the Ukrainian military had already withdrawn from the city, a strong indication of how critical the situation had become.

## ADDITIONAL EFFORTS IN 2024

In 2024, evacuation support included both relocations within Ukraine and international

transfers to safety abroad. On May 26, one evacuation convoy reached Munich. The city continued to be an important and reliable destination for evacuees. The Munich District Administration Office stood out for its consistent, humane, and practical response, offering a level of cooperation that made safe reception and onward support possible.

## Emergency Support in Kherson

In January 2024, the team traveled to Kherson, where the humanitarian situation remained extremely dangerous. Since the city's liberation, residents have faced near-daily Russian shelling, and everyday movement often carries serious risk.

In cooperation with a U.S.-based partner organization, several families from Kherson were successfully relocated to a safer area near Kyiv. As in all evacuation efforts, honest and transparent communication about conditions, expectations, and available support was essential before families made the decision to leave.

## Why This Work Matters

2024 was a year of targeted, high-risk, and deeply necessary evacuation work. With donor support, operational experience, and trusted local partnerships, Friends of Be an Angel helped make it possible for vulnerable people to leave dangerous areas, reach safety, and begin again under more secure conditions.

Every evacuation required planning, coordination, and resources. Every safe arrival was made possible by people who chose to help.

We are deeply grateful to our donors, partners, and volunteers for making this work possible. Your support helped protect lives, restore dignity, and provide hope to people facing extraordinary danger.



## PROJECT KOBLEVO

### A SAFE HARBOR FOR THE INTERNALLY DISPLACED

The war continues to force thousands of people from their homes in southern Ukraine; families, children, entire communities seeking protection from violence and destruction. In the Mykolaiv region, places like Koblevo have become fragile refuges where people cling to hope despite the constant threat of airstrikes and drones. It is precisely here, where fear is ever-present, that the most vulnerable find a semblance of safety and security.

Since the beginning of 2023, Be an Angel has been standing by displaced families in Koblevo, supporting a shelter that is currently home to around 240 people, more than half of them children. In 2024, we focused our resources on ensuring daily supplies through regular food deliveries. Providing balanced, child-friendly meals was particularly important to us. Working closely with the dedicated team on site, we continuously assessed needs and adapted our support to the ever-changing circumstances.

Our local team and Friends of Be an Angel volunteers visit the shelter regularly. These encounters are more than check-ins, they are moments of listening, understanding, and mutual support. Although the shelter is far from a true home, we do everything we can to provide the people there with stability, dignity, and a sense of human warmth—especially in a place where uncertainty dominates daily life.



Home for Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) in Koblevo, Ukraine

# MEDICAL EVACUATIONS FOR CHILDREN

## SAVING LIVES WHERE NO ONE ELSE CAN

The last three years of war have pushed the Ukrainian healthcare system to its limits and beyond. Many hospitals lack doctors, medicine, and above all treatment capacity. Doctors are regularly sent to the front to care for the countless wounded, which in turn leads to a shortage of staff in the rest of the country. In some regions, medical care is limited to acute emergencies. For children with serious or chronic illnesses this means that their chances of survival decrease dramatically.

In July 2022, Iryna Suslova, the Commissioner for Children's Rights at the Ukrainian Ombudsman, reached out to us with a desperate appeal: help families with seriously ill children whose lives can no longer be saved

in Ukraine. This request became a mission close to our hearts. In the same month, we at Be an Angel created a dedicated team with a single goal: every child has the right to live.

Since then, we have been able to make it possible for 58 children to receive life saving treatments abroad, in Germany, Spain, Italy, the Netherlands, and other countries. Many of them suffer from rare diseases such as spinal muscular atrophy (SMA), severe epilepsy, complex forms of autism, respiratory diseases, heart defects, or cancer.

**Behind every case there is a child with hope and parents who are often on the verge of despair.** The situation is especially dramatic for children



Marta Sheremet, pediatrician in Lviv and colleague. Marta works closely with the child evacuation team of Friends of Be an Angel.

## CHILDREN WITH SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY (SMA)

with SMA. In Ukraine, the mortality rate for affected infants has now risen to over 80 percent, a tragic result of the lack of medicine and treatment options. Government programs do exist, but they do not operate consistently and are insufficiently funded. The medication must be administered daily and for life. It slows the progression but does not cure the disease. Many families live in the daily nightmare of uncertainty: Will we still be able to give the medication tomorrow? Will the supply last? Will my child receive the most suitable treatment option?

**Our principle: holistic, fast, humane.**

Friends of Be an Angel stands for flexibility and action, not for waiting. For humanity, not for bureaucracy. For hope, when others have already given up. We search for and find suitable

clinics abroad, prepare evacuations together with partners, arrange medically safe transport, and accompany each child together with a parent on the path to a new chance at survival.

But our support does not end at the hospital bed. We help families on site with registration, finding housing, accessing the healthcare system, and, when possible, also with integration and job searches. Because healing requires more than medicine. Healing requires stability, dignity, and a real perspective.

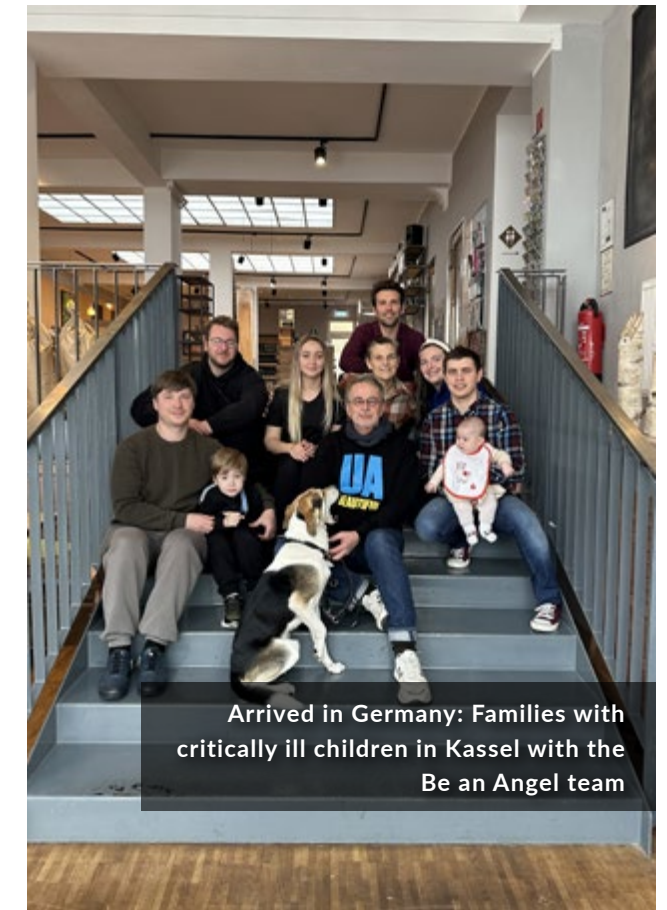
This work has already saved the lives of 58 children and allowed their families to breathe again. It is only possible thanks to a network of supporters, donors, and partners who believe together with us:

**NO CHILD SHOULD DIE BECAUSE OF WAR, POVERTY, OR BUREAUCRACY.**

**AND WE WILL CONTINUE WITH ALL OUR HEART.**

**FOR EVERY CHILD STILL WAITING FOR HELP.**

**FOR EVERY FAMILY STILL HOLDING ON TO HOPE.**



Arrived in Germany: Families with critically ill children in Kassel with the Be an Angel team

# UA-MED: UKRAINIAN ALLIANCE FOR MEDICAL EXCHANGE AND DEVELOPMENT

UA-MED is a coalition of academic institutions, hospitals, and NGOs working to strengthen Ukraine's healthcare system during wartime through international medical education and training. It connects Ukrainian clinicians and scientists with observerships, fellowships, and research exchanges at leading institutions including Harvard Medical School, Stanford University, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Yale University, and the University of Wisconsin.

Friends of Be an Angel is a core implementation partner of UA-MED.

In 2024, we supported the alliance by sponsoring medical conferences, building and maintaining the UA-MED website, and providing IT infrastructure to coordinate efforts across partners. Our goal is to ensure that these programs remain accessible, secure, and collaborative—helping Ukrainian healthcare professionals deliver care under extreme conditions and contribute to long-term system reform.



International Healthcare Summit 2024

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In October 2024, Friends of Be an Angel co-sponsored the third International Healthcare Summit in Kyiv, Ukraine's leading medical conference during wartime. Organized by August Mission as part of the UA-MED coalition, the summit gathered over 300 participants to focus on trauma care, rehabilitation, and mental health.

### Key Participants Included:

- Mykhailo Radutskyi, Chair of the Parliamentary Committee on Health
- Rector Viacheslav Kaminskyi, Shupyk National Healthcare University
- COL Kostyantyn Humeniuk, military trauma surgeon
- Drs. Dmytro Beshley, Andriy and Roman Sobko, and Dmytro Samofalov, on battlefield stabilization
- Dr. Mykola Ankin, on mine-blast injuries
- Oleksii Iaremenko, Deputy Health Minister, launching the Rehab4U program
- Tetyana Hrubeniuk, Revived Soldiers Ukraine, on national rehab needs
- Kseniia Voznitsyna, Lisova Polyana Centre, on PTSD and experimental therapies
- Aether Biomedical, sharing field-tested prosthetic solutions

## Women in Medicine Forum, Lviv 2024

In November 2024, Friends of Be an Angel supported the first national forum on "Women in Medicine: Professional Growth and Leadership" in Lviv, hosted by GMKA and RAZOM. Over 280 attendees and 42 speakers joined to discuss equity, leadership, and reform.

### Key Participants Included:

- Dr. Nelya Melnitchouk, GMKA Founder
- Dr. Ulana Suprun, former Minister of Health
- Inna Sovsun, Member of Parliament
- Pavlo Kovtonyuk and Matviy Khrenov, UHC co-founders
- Vasyl Strilka, Ministry of Health
- Dr. Mariia Kukushkina, oncologic surgeon
- Kseniia Voznitsyna, on trauma care and mental health
- Evelina Kurilets, Razom for Ukraine Executive Director

The forum addressed gender gaps in leadership, the role of women in rebuilding Ukraine's healthcare system, and the psychological toll of war. Our funding allowed regional healthcare workers to attend and present research. This forum



## PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

### „FREEING FREDDIE THE DREAM WEAVER“

Children are among the most severely affected victims of the war. In Ukraine, an entire generation is suffering from the psychological consequences of violence, displacement, and loss. Post-traumatic stress disorders, anxiety, and depression are increasing sharply.

According to UNHCR, more than 1.5 million Ukrainians are at risk of serious mental health problems. Many families live in poverty and have no access to basic services such as education and healthcare.

## OUR SOLUTION

Together with Free the Mind Co, we are bringing the program “Freeing Freddie the Dream Weaver” to Ukrainian schools. It promotes emotional and social learning through interactive online lessons, games, and reflections.

Children learn to cope with fear and stress and to develop inner strength, no matter where they are.

## PROGRESS

The Ukrainian Ministry of Education has officially accredited the program. The first two chapters have been translated into Ukrainian and recorded, with more in progress.

**A PILOT PROJECT IN THE ODESA REGION IS ALREADY REACHING AROUND 300 CHILDREN.**



Alternative school for children of internally displaced persons in Koblevo: Freeing Freddie is also intended for them.

# KHERSON

## CITY AND REGION IN PERMANENT CRISIS MODE

Be an Angel has maintained a strong and continuous presence in Kherson and the region since its liberation in 2022. In June 2023, the destruction of the Kakhovka Dam flooded more than 80,000 hectares, an area the size of Berlin, leaving devastating damage in its wake. In 2024, the situation has escalated further: incessant shelling, drone strikes targeting civilians and humanitarian organizations, destroyed hospitals, and the collapse of critical infrastructure have forced families into a state of permanent hardship.

Communities are struggling with chronic shortages of medical care, electricity, and essential goods.

In response, Be an Angel has doubled its efforts in Kherson, expanding support to local NGOs, and deepening cooperation with the local government to meet the growing needs of local people.

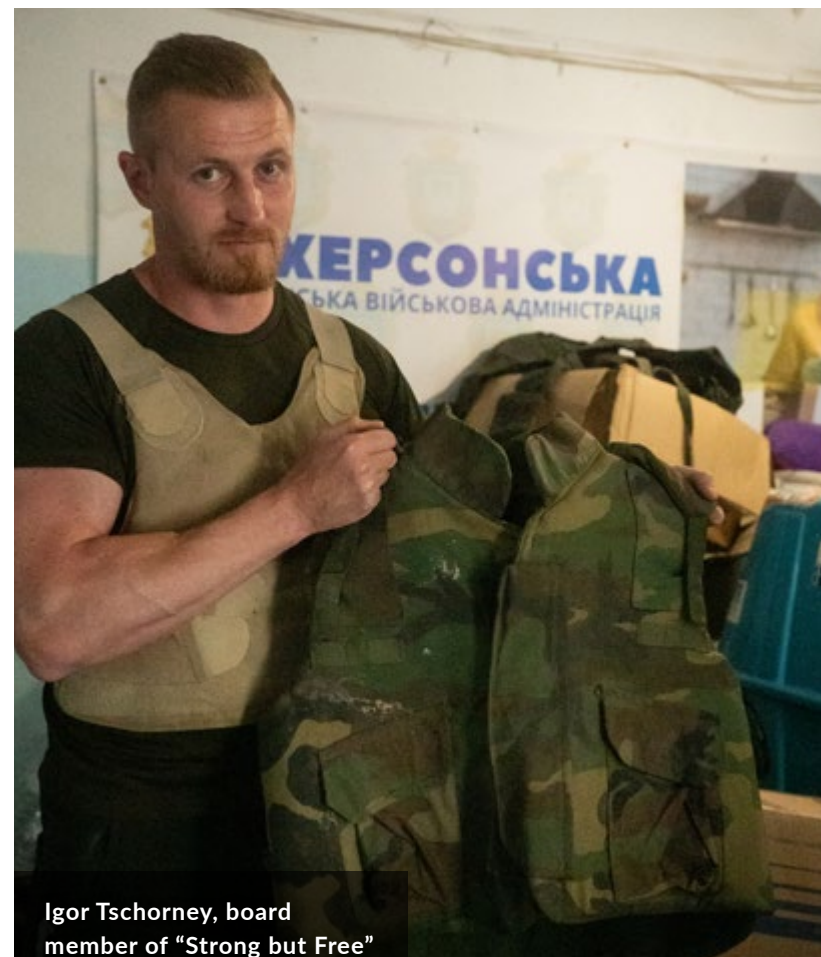
## FROM IMPLEMENTER TO ENABLER: LOCALIZATION AS A KEY STRATEGY

Be an Angel has made a name for itself in Ukraine through pragmatic, solution-oriented work and a strong network of trusted local partners.

In 2024, we undertook a decisive strategic realignment: we are evolving from being solely an implementer to becoming an enabler.

Our goal is to strengthen local NGOs on the frontlines and thereby not only provide short-term aid but also ensure long-term impact through sustainable structures.

Our analysis has shown that many of the small and medium-sized organizations we have been working with for years, and which are indispensable in acute crises, face recurring challenges that threaten their sustainability. These include limited financial resources, a lack of international contacts, and too little time for documentation and project planning. These constraints create uncertainty and make effective long-term planning more difficult.



Igor Tschorney, board member of "Strong but Free"



Kherson - Support for local NGOs



To address these challenges, Be an Angel is pursuing a localization approach based on three central pillars:

- financial security
- technical competence
- international networking

This strategy enables local NGOs to continue their indispensable work while at the same time building the resilience needed for sustainable and effective action under the most difficult conditions.

# KHERSON

## EXAMPLE: PARTNERSHIP WITH „STRONG BECAUSE FREE“

A striking example of our localization strategy is the partnership with Strong Because Free, a volunteer-led NGO from Kherson dedicated to supporting particularly vulnerable population groups. With the support of Be an Angel, the organization has been able to implement vital measures, including the evacuation of civilians and animals from frontline areas, targeted humanitarian aid for immobile and severely ill people, as well as social transport services for people with disabilities.

In February 2024, the partnership enabled the opening of the “Childhood” shelter in the Korabelny district of Kherson. This center provides children with psychosocial care and resilience support—a place of safety and healing in the midst of ongoing conflict.

**SO FAR, MORE THAN 300 CHILDREN HAVE TAKEN PART IN THE PROGRAMS.**

## TECHNICAL SUPPORT BY BE AN ANGEL

One of the greatest challenges for Strong Because Free was transparent reporting—essential both for their own work and for communication with international donors. Be an Angel developed digital applications that simplify and standardize documentation, closing this critical gap without placing an additional burden on local volunteers.

Evacuation teams now use a low-code app to document evacuations in real time. While transporting a family from a frontline village such as Antonivska to Mykolaiv, the helpers record the data directly in our secure intranet. The system generates not only a complete mission report but also an official liability document for the local military and civil authorities.

**This innovation has significantly reduced administrative workload, strengthened transparency and accountability, and increased donor confidence, while at the same time enabling the volunteers to focus on what matters most:**

**TO SAVE LIVES.**



Playground in the bunker, everyday life in Kherson

## STRENGTHENING FOR THE FUTURE WITHOUT ABANDONING THOSE IN NEED

Even though this case showed that localization is crucial for strengthening local organizations and will shape our future projects, immediate crisis relief remains an indispensable part of the DNA of Be an Angel. In 2024, this was brought dramatically to our attention: the evacuation vehicle we had provided to Strong Because Free was destroyed by shrapnel and metal fragments during drone attacks. Thanks to the swift support of our donors and partners, Be an Angel was able to provide a new fully armored vehicle in record time—a vital shield that enabled the team to continue its rescue missions under extremely dangerous conditions.

At the same time, we responded to another urgent need: ensuring access to education for children in frontline regions who, due to constant shelling, can only participate through remote learning. With the support of our partner PHINEO gAG, Be an Angel provided 50 new laptops for schools and learning centers, allowing children to safely take part in lessons from within shelters.

**This project not only guaranteed education under extreme conditions but also gave the youngest victims of the war a sense of normality and hope.**



Kherson, laptops for schools and learning centers

## SISTER CITY PARTNERSHIP

### MILWAUKEE - IRPIN

In 2024, the partnership between Milwaukee and Irpin continued to grow through cultural events, infrastructure support, and humanitarian collaboration. Friends of Be an Angel remained the driving force behind these efforts, ensuring a strong bridge between the two cities.

### CULTURAL AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

We supported another year of community exchange, including a Ukrainian Independence Day celebration in Milwaukee with the ceremonial raising of the Ukrainian flag. Mayor Cavalier Johnson sent a video message of solidarity to Irpin, underscoring Milwaukee's ongoing commitment. We also facilitated public participation through the Holiday Folk Fair and continued efforts on the collaborative mural for Milwaukee's international airport, created by children from Irpin.

### REBUILDING EDUCATION INFRASTRUCTURE

A major milestone in 2024 was the continued deployment of over 840 Wi-Fi access points donated by Advanced Wireless Inc. to Irpin's schools and bomb shelters. This technology helps children continue learning—even during air raids—ensuring educational access despite the war.

### MEDICAL SUPPORT AND EVACUATIONS

Through our partnership, we continued to coordinate medical evacuations for Ukrainian children with life-threatening conditions such as spinal muscular atrophy (SMA). In one case, 20-month-old Oleksandr ("Sasha") Kutarenko was successfully evacuated to Milwaukee, where he began life-saving treatment at Children's Wisconsin.

### COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION

Dozens of volunteers in Wisconsin came together again in 2024 to sort and ship medical supplies to Ukraine, working with Friends of Be an Angel, Wisconsin Ukrainians Inc., and the Ukrainian Medical Association of North America. These grassroots efforts remain vital in keeping Ukrainian hospitals stocked.

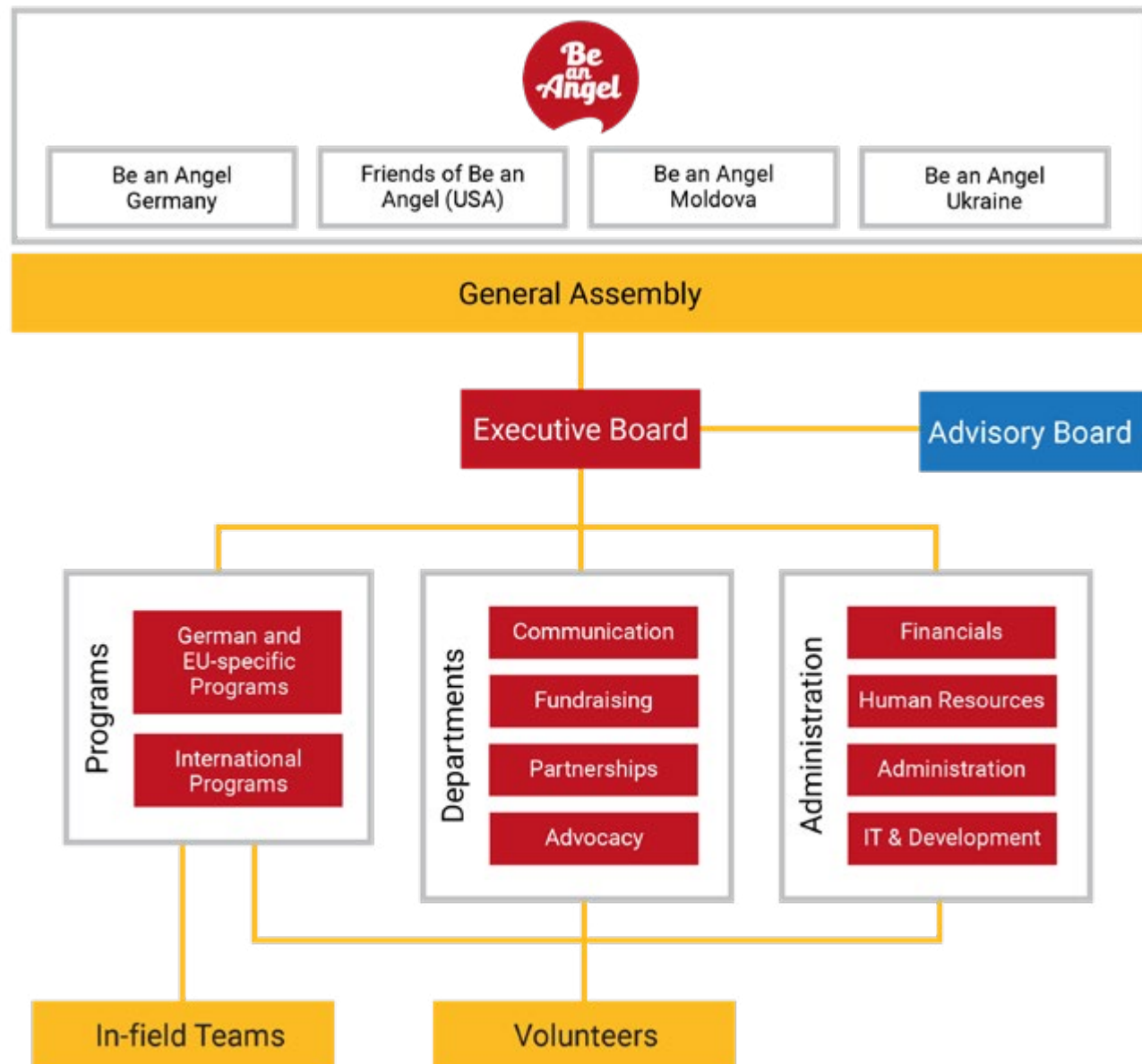


# GOVERNANCE

## STRUCTURE

Be an Angel e.V. was founded with the statute of organization dated 04.07.2007 (last amended by resolution dated 31.08.2016) and is a registered association. The association has its registered office in Stuttgart and is registered with the district court of Charlottenburg in the register of associations under the number VR28072B. The association's financial year is the calendar year. Andreas Tölke and Ulrike Lessig have been members of the Board of Directors since 2016 and, in addition to our organization in

Germany, we are also registered in the United States, Moldova and Ukraine. In the USA, we are registered as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization in the state of Wisconsin under the name Friends of Be an Angel (EIN: 88-2154500). In Ukraine, we are registered as a charity organization under the name БО БФ "БІ ЕН ЕНЖЕЛ-УКРАЇНА" (Be an Angel Ukraine) with the registration number 44796674.



# PRINCIPLES AND STANDARDS

## HUMANITARIAN PRINCIPLES

The purpose of the organization is to aid people subject to persecution for political, racial or religious reasons, refugees, displaced persons, migrants, and victims of war.

Our projects are based on international quality standards and codes. In emergency aid, we are committed to the principles of the Do No Harm approach, the Code of Conduct of the International Red Cross and the Core Humanitarian Standards, a set of rules for quality assurance in humanitarian aid. This requires the development, distribution and regular re-assessment of the Core Humanitarian Standards. We also follow the basic rules for project implementation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development and the project standards of the European Union.

We work in countries suffering from war, violence and protracted conflicts. We are committed to the humanitarian principles of the Geneva Conventions so that people in need in such regions can approach us safely. We use the following standards to work safely and consistently: impartiality, independence and neutrality.



### Impartiality

Assistance must be provided according to the needs of those affected, without discrimination. There must be no ethnic, political, economic or other forms of preferential treatment.

### Independence

Our work is independent of politically imposed guidelines, armed groups or state funding. Participants involved in the conflict may interpret any dependence as partisanship, therefore our clients' trust in our work is rooted on this independence. Our guidelines on accepting donations ensure that we do not accept donations from companies/industries and their respective foundations whose core activities are in direct conflict with the objectives of our humanitarian work or could in any way restrict our ability to provide humanitarian aid.

### Neutrality

In order to be accepted by all parties to the conflict, it is important that we are not perceived as part of any political faction and do not take sides publicly. We always strive to act in the spirit of impartiality and neutrality to offer help to all people in conflict areas. However, this is not always possible if individual parties to the conflict do not accept our help. Sometimes, for these reasons, we cannot help everywhere where people need help. The basic prerequisite for our humanitarian aid is always independence from the political aims of any party to the conflict.

# FINANCIALS

	Total
<b>Revenue</b>	
Contributed income	162,134
Investment Income	211
Other Revenue	90
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 162,435</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
Compensation of current officers	36,000
Advertising & Marketing	1,873
Awards & Grants to Others	66,229
Contract & Professional Fees	
Fundraising Fees	59,420
Legal Fees	54
Professional Fees	1,444
<b>Total Contract &amp; Professional Fees</b>	<b>60,918</b>
Occupancy	
Rent	4790
<b>Total Occupancy</b>	<b>4790</b>
Office	3,170
Travel	1,565
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	860
Bank Charges and Fees	64
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 175,479</b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>\$ -13,044</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 129,438</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 77</b>
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$129,271</b>

# IN-KIND DONORS 2022-2024

List of organizations that have provided us with in-kind donations.

Organization	Country	In-Kind Total
IDA Foundation	Netherlands	\$ 35,410,129
Others		\$ 8,164,129
Ukrainian Medical Association of North America	USA	\$ 3,815,273
Feed the Children	USA	\$ 3,774,729
MedGlobal	USA	\$ 2,846,523
Advanced Wireless Communications	USA	\$ 2,000,000
Cluster SOS Ucraina	Spain	\$ 1,887,509
LYV Life, Inc.	Germany	\$ 1,062,454
Police Commission of Los Angeles	USA	\$ 1,009,100
World of Connections Program	USA	\$ 583,292
Fundación Enfermería de Navarra	Spain	\$ 465,850
La Asociación Elvira por Ucrania	Spain	\$ 431,179
Fundacja HUB SOS-UA	Poland	\$ 414,850
Water Mission	USA	\$ 376,647
Ayuda Contenedores	Spain	\$ 351,104
Airlink	USA	\$ 350,000
Briggs & Stratton	USA	\$ 250,000
Asociación Unidos Con Ucrania	Spain	\$ 243,579
Operation White Stork	USA	\$ 228,616
Milwaukee Fire Department	USA	\$ 200,000
Google	USA	\$ 160,000
Spendenbrücke Ukraine	Germany	\$ 150,000
Class Experts Group, LLC	USA	\$ 150,000
Yale School of Medicine	USA	\$ 150,000
The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center	USA	\$ 150,000
Lions Germany	Germany	\$ 109,650
Rotary Club of Global Impact	USA	\$ 99,611
Roads of Success	USA	\$ 93,580
The UPS Foundation	USA	\$ 90,000
Istituto Dermopatico dell'Immacolata	Italy	\$ 86,961
Leleka Foundation	USA	\$ 85,500
Help Heroes of Ukraine	USA	\$ 80,000
Gift to the World	USA	\$ 60,000
Hope UA	Ukraine	\$ 57,705
Hello Fresh	Germany	\$ 50,000
B.E. International	USA	\$ 50,000
Help Free Ukraine	USA	\$ 33,000
Microsoft	USA	\$ 20,000
Einhorn Products GmbH	Germany	\$ 13,750
AspenAid Inc	USA	\$ 12,000
Casa di Cura Città di Parma SpA	Italy	\$ 3,699

**Total: \$ 65,570,4212**

## FUTURE OUTLOOK

In summary, it can be said that only thanks to the incredible commitment of the team members, often working on a voluntary basis, was it possible in 2022 in Berlin to provide intensive and successful support to individual cases, to evacuate people from Ukraine via Moldova to the USA, Austria, Italy, or Germany, and to support chronically ill children and babies in the EU with medical care. More than 4,900 tons of relief supplies were provided, including medical equipment and generators to supply private households with electricity.

For 2025, we will continue to support people with refugee experience in their integration in Germany. Migration forecasts speak a clear language. We firmly believe that migration can be a solution for the strained labor market if access to the labor market is made possible for those who are already in Germany. In our experience, this is only achievable through comprehensive support.

### WE HOPE FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

Regardless of this, we are developing sustainable projects in partnerships for the economic strengthening of the country. Among other things, we are working on a concept for the reconstruction of a formerly Russian-occupied village that is 75 percent destroyed. The residents are experienced farmers. The reconstruction is intended to be sustainable, energy efficient, and recognizably ecological in terms of agriculture.

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