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Dear Friends,

As you know, the Women Refugees Advocacy Project continues to work with Persons Against Non-State Torture in Nova Scotia to raise support for women and children struggling to survive inside war-torn Ukraine. The fundraisers have been a huge success because of people like you!

Our heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who has contributed their support; our friends, family, colleagues, and more. The women we support in Ukraine recently sent this letter of thanks to all of us.

(Translated)

Greetings, my dear Canadian friends!

Your Ukrainian friends are sending you their deep gratitude.

Unfortunately, every day the security situation is deteriorating. Every day Russian troops bomb our villages daily with all kinds of weapons. Every day peaceful people die from shell explosions and guided aerial bombs.

Roads are almost completely destroyed. Frequent rains and constant shelling make repairing them impossible. With our one off-road vehicle, we constantly take necessary hygiene products, food, medicines, clothes, and household items to remote villages.

Thank you for this opportunity, because with your funds we're buying fuel and spare parts for the car as the car has to be repaired often due to off-road conditions.

Almost 2,000 people nearby have no housing, personal belongings, and food left. We help them settle in shelters, find temporary housing, feed, and clothe them.

It is very difficult for children to bear all this. Schools and kindergartens are closed. Due to frequent alarms, most of their time has to be spent in adapted shelters that do not have internet or even lighting. That is why we bring toys, books, clothes, and food for them.

Some people return to their destroyed houses. They arrange housing in garages and adapted buildings. They have neither dishes, nor hygiene products, nor bedding, nor household appliances. Currently, we are able to help them.

On behalf of all these needy and affected people, we express our sincere gratitude. We hug you and wish you good health. May God grant his favour for a kind heart and sensitivity.

Low bow and respect,
Your Friends in Ukraine

Though it is not included in their letter to us, WRAP would also like you to know that some of the first items purchased with your donations were marine life vests used by Ukrainians as they assist people escaping Russian occupied territory at night by boat.

We'd like to share with you a link to the powerful Academy Award winning documentary, 20 DAYS IN MARIUPOL:

20 Days in Mariupol

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gvAyykRvPBo>

20 Days in Mariupol immediately draws you into the realities of the war and gives insight into the lies Russia tells to pretend the devastation is not taking place. The reporter/director narrating the film observes 'in war, good people get better, and bad people get worse'.

The women we assist in Ukraine are exemplary of 'good people get better'.

With love and solidarity,

Women Refugees Advocacy Project

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