

Durham Ukrainian Relief Project

**Durham Region
Ontario, Canada**

January 2023



Why Are We Here?

- Cross-denominational
- Cross-cultural effort
- Wider Durham community

Partner Organizations:



- Durham Region Unemployed Help Center
- St. John's UOC
- St. Georges UCC
- Grace Pentecostal
- Friends of Ukrainian Defence Forces
- Durham Region Ukrainian Assistance Group

To assist Ukrainian newcomers fleeing Ukraine as a result of the Russian invasion who are settling in Durham.

Our focus is to assist the newcomers in **integrating** and becoming **self-sufficient** quickly and safely.

Priority: Shelter and Food.

100% of funds donated to the project go to newcomers in Durham.
No overhead on the project.



Numbers and Estimates

- **763,094 visa applications submitted**
- **478,000 applications already approved**
- **140,000 already arrived in Canada (40% increase from Nov)**
- **80% projected to land in GTAA (80K ppl)**
- **40K ppl will stay in GTA**
- **Durham to receive estimated 10% = 4,000 people**

We need to prepare to accept 4,000-8,000 people in Durham

Team Structure

50+ volunteers

Team	Name
Chair of DURP	Anna Kobilaski annakobilaski@gmail.com
Intake Team	Natalia Tsenova
Immigration Assistance/Governance	Mariia Pitolai
Housing Team	Valerie PekarSKI
Welcome Team/Transportation	Svitlana Nimtsiv
Financial Aid	Mariya Bahan
Communication/Government Relations	Ievgenia Mangones
Fundraising Team (DURF)	Anna Kobilaski

- **Processes and Governance**
- **Terms or Reference**
- **Executive Team of DURP**
- **Charitable number for donations**
- **Database of newcomers and volunteers**

Projects

How you can help

- Partnering with local motels to cover costs of accommodations
- Partnered with Durham Ukrainian Humanitarian Response Project (coming to an end) –
- Partnering with Feed the Need
- Supplementing food with ethnic non-perishable food
- Cultural events
- Transportation/Translation
- Integration support and Mental health
- Collection and distribution of donations (goods and financial aid)
- 280 newcomers in the DURP database
- 54 families went through DUHRP (159 people)
- \$27K of aid distributed to 36 families
- Additional \$100K in the account as of January 2023 (generous Christmas donations)