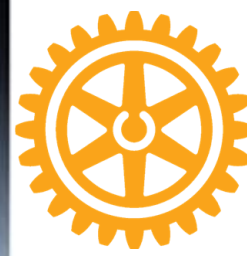


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Waves of Hope

Rehabilitation & Therapy Center for Children
Cherkasy, Ukraine - A Rotary Humanitarian Project 2025-2026

- ✓ In partnership with the State Medical Hospital & NGO
- ✓ Rotary Club Cherkasy Centre, Ukraine
- ✓ Funding Need: \$94,000
- ✓ Target Opening: Within 10 Months



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The Urgent Need: Ukraine's Children Are Living Through Trauma

The ongoing conflict in Ukraine has left an indelible mark on its youngest citizens. In the Cherkasy region alone, over 10,000 children have been profoundly impacted by war-related trauma or injuries. These are not just numbers; they are individual lives, dreams, and futures altered by circumstances beyond their control.

Many of these innocent victims suffer from:

- Physical disabilities due to explosions, burns, or displacement: Injuries that require extensive and ongoing physical rehabilitation to restore mobility and function.
- Profound emotional and mental distress, including PTSD, anxiety, and fear: Invisible wounds that, if left unaddressed, can cripple a child's development and ability to lead a fulfilling life.

Children aged 6 to 16 are in urgent need of rehabilitation and therapy services that are not only professional and effective but also delivered in a safe, consistent, and year-round environment. The "Waves of Hope" center aims to be that beacon of stability and healing.

The psychological toll of war on children is immense, often leading to long-term developmental challenges.



The Vision: A Place of Healing, Dignity, and Recovery

We are not just building a facility; we are cultivating a sanctuary. The "Waves of Hope" Rehabilitation & Therapy Center is envisioned as a comprehensive, year-round haven designed to help war-affected and disabled children in Cherkasy regain their health, restore their dignity, and renew their hope for a brighter future.



Strategic Location

The center is strategically located within the Cherkasy State Medical Hospital, ensuring seamless access to medical expertise and emergency care if needed. This integration provides a safe and professional environment.



Comprehensive Therapies

Our vision includes state-of-the-art facilities equipped for:

- Aquatic therapy in a newly reconstructed, dedicated pool, offering low-impact rehabilitation.
- Physical rehabilitation zones with specialized equipment for mobility and strength training.
- Dedicated rooms for psychological therapy, providing a safe space for emotional healing.
- Areas for both group and individual support sessions, fostering community and personal growth.



Dedicated Professionals

The center will be proudly staffed by a team of volunteer doctors and therapists from the local community, ensuring expert care driven by compassion and commitment. Their dedication is the heart of this project.

This integrated approach ensures that every child receives holistic care, addressing both their physical injuries and the profound emotional scars of conflict.

What's Done:

Over 60% of the Work Completed

Thanks to the incredible dedication of the Rotary Club Cherkasy Centre, our local partners, and early supporters, significant progress has already been made. We are thrilled to report that over 60% of the foundational work for the "Waves of Hope" center is already complete, demonstrating our unwavering commitment and efficient use of resources.

- A full facility has been secured in close cooperation with the Cherkasy State Medical Hospital, providing a secure and accessible location.
- The pool reconstruction is nearly complete, transforming a disused space into a modern aquatic therapy environment.
- Essential building renovations, including robust power and water systems, are firmly in place, laying the groundwork for a safe and functional center.
- All necessary permits and project documentation have been approved by relevant authorities, ensuring compliance and transparency.
- The project has garnered strong support from local administration, underscoring its importance to the community.
- Key medical professionals and NGO partners are already engaged and ready to lend their expertise, forming a robust network of care.

The aquatic therapy pool, a cornerstone of our rehabilitation program, nearing completion.



What's Needed: Funding Goal - \$94,000 USD

With the majority of the foundational work complete, we are now entering the crucial final phase of the "Waves of Hope" project. To fully equip and launch the center, making it a fully functional beacon of healing for thousands of children, we urgently need to raise the remaining **\$94,000 USD**.

Rehabilitation Equipment

This includes vital tools for physical recovery, such as hydrotherapy equipment for the pool, advanced mobility aids, specialized exercise machines, and adaptive equipment tailored for children with diverse physical disabilities.

Mental Therapy Rooms

Creating safe, calming spaces for psychological healing requires comfortable furnishings, sensory devices, therapeutic play materials, and soundproofing to ensure privacy and focus during individual and group sessions.

Child-Safety & Accessibility

Ensuring every child can access and utilize the center safely means investing in wheelchair ramps, accessible restrooms, non-slip flooring, child-proof fixtures, and age-appropriate safety measures throughout the facility.

Finishings & Infrastructure

This category covers critical elements like robust sanitation systems, efficient ventilation for air quality, and the final aesthetic and functional finishings that create a welcoming and hygienic therapeutic environment.

Your club or district can significantly contribute to this life-changing endeavor through direct donations, specific equipment support, or by partnering with us on a Global Grant. Every contribution, big or small, brings us closer to opening these vital doors.

Call to Action: Join Us to Make Healing Possible

The "Waves of Hope" project is a testament to the power of Rotary's global reach and unwavering commitment to service. We extend a heartfelt invitation to Rotary Clubs, Districts, Foundations, and Partners worldwide to join us in this profoundly impactful humanitarian initiative. Your support is not just financial; it's a statement of solidarity and a direct investment in the future of Ukraine's children.



Become a Global Grant Partner

Leverage the power of the Rotary Foundation by partnering with the Rotary Club Cherkasy Center on a Global Grant. This collaborative approach amplifies your impact and helps us secure the full funding needed for the center's completion.



Contribute Funding or Equipment

Direct financial contributions, no matter the size, are immediately actionable and critical. Alternatively, specific donations of rehabilitation equipment, sensory therapy devices, or child-safety features are equally valuable.



Share Our Story

Help us broaden our reach by sharing the compelling narrative of "Waves of Hope" within your Rotary network, with potential donors, and through your social media channels. Awareness is key to generating broader support.

Every contribution, every shared story, every partnership brings us closer to opening the doors of healing and hope for thousands of children who desperately need our collective support. Let's make waves of change together.

Why “Waves of Hope”? A Name with Meaning

The name "Waves of Hope" is more than just a catchy phrase; it encapsulates the essence of our mission and the profound journey of the children we aim to serve. It is a symbol rich with meaning, reflecting the multifaceted aspects of healing and resilience.

1

The Healing Power of Aquatic Therapy

At the heart of our physical rehabilitation program is the newly reconstructed pool, designed for aquatic therapy. The gentle buoyancy and resistance of water provide a unique environment for children to regain strength, mobility, and confidence with reduced pain, making waves a literal representation of their physical recovery.

2

The Emotional Waves Our Children Endure—and Overcome

The lives of these children have been marked by profound emotional turmoil, akin to powerful, overwhelming waves. "Waves of Hope" acknowledges the trauma, fear, and anxiety they've endured, while simultaneously symbolizing their incredible capacity to navigate, withstand, and ultimately overcome these emotional challenges through therapy and support.

3

The Ripple Effect of Kindness Through Rotary Service

Our project is a testament to the ripple effect of kindness. A single act of generosity, like a stone dropped into water, creates ever-widening circles of positive impact. Your contribution will extend far beyond the center's walls, touching families, communities, and inspiring further acts of humanitarian service.

With your help, the overwhelming waves of pain and despair become transformative waves of recovery, resilience, and renewed hope. It is a journey from darkness to light, one ripple at a time.



Contact & Gratitude

The Rotary Club Cherkasy Centre, Ukraine, is deeply grateful for your time, attention, and consideration of this vital humanitarian project. Your support can literally change the trajectory of thousands of young lives. We are ready to partner with you to bring the "Waves of Hope" Rehabilitation & Therapy Center to full fruition.

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