



BlueCheck
Ukraine



The Last Mile

With BlueCheck's Support, **Local NGOs Go the Distance**

BlueCheck’s support means we can respond rapidly to emerging needs in Ukraine, bypassing lengthy bureaucratic processes to deliver critical assistance when and where it’s needed most.”

– Life Quality Fund, a BlueCheck partner

← Save Peace in UA delivered long-shelf-life meals to villages like Shakhove, making 60–90 days of survival possible amid shelling.

Life Quality Fund addressed food insecurity by distributing 67,000 hot meals to those in need through the Food Truck project. ↓



LIEV SCHREIBER | What BlueCheck Means to Me



When Russia launched its full-scale invasion, like so many of you, I watched the first images of ordinary Ukrainians facing unthinkable choices. It was impossible not to ask what any of us would do for our families, our communities, our future. When friends called and asked if I wanted to help, I said yes. With a small but mighty team, we built BlueCheck around a simple belief: **Ukrainians are best placed to help Ukrainians.** Today we continue to get resources to trusted local groups quickly and responsibly.

The need remains urgent. As international aid has receded and needs have grown, BlueCheck’s vetted local partners have kept showing up. In January, Life Quality Fund delivered 180 tons of heating briquettes to families trying to survive winter in Sviatohirsk, Donetsk. Starenki volunteers brought holiday meals and warmth to isolated seniors across 10 regions. Save Peace in UA drove into frontline villages like Shakhove with long-shelf-life food kits, sometimes sheltering from artillery as they worked because people still needed to eat the next day.

This fall, one story captured both the fragility and resilience we witness daily. Rescue Now evacuated five-year-old Yevhen from Donetsk with his two sisters, younger brother, and parents. Yevhen worried about the family’s puppy. His sisters told him the puppy would ride “on another bus.” A child young enough to believe in separate buses for puppies; sisters old enough to know better. Their family reached safety because local volunteers had the means to act.

In the spring, we approved over \$640,000 in new grants to nine partners providing medical care, food, water, trauma support, elder services, and shelter. Through the summer and fall, partners kept expanding what’s possible: Vovk Foundation opened a state-of-the-art STEM lab to give students a future; SpivDiia placed job seekers into work even as missiles fell; Voices of Children created a sanctuary where children could heal and, in many cases, reunite with families.

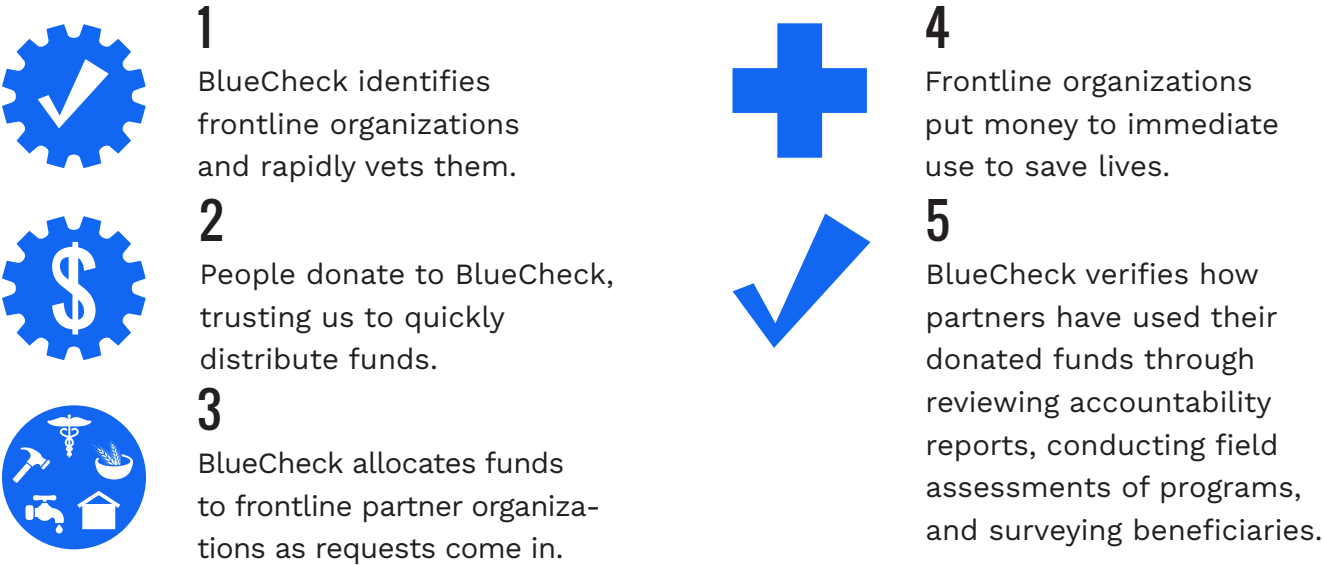
BlueCheck exists to connect your generosity to Ukrainians’ courage. One day this war will end. Until then, we will keep standing with our partners and the people they serve.

Thank you for standing with us.

In solidarity,

Liev Schreiber
Co-Founder, BlueCheck

THE BLUECHECK MODEL



For us, BlueCheck’s support means the ability to remain flexible and effective . . . and reach more people in need.”

– Happy Kids, a BlueCheck partner

Happy Kids provides psychosocial support and therapy — art, nature, and equine-assisted therapy — to help children and families cope with traumatic experiences and restore emotional resilience.

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Local Ukrainian Partner Organizations



Zaporouka’s Dacha Family Houses provide homes away from home, where children being treated for pediatric cancer can heal and laugh despite the war.

124

Ukrainian Projects Funded



402k

Beneficiaries of BlueCheck Support

Rebuild Our Ukraine unveiled two mobile water treatment stations in Mykolaiv.



Save Peace in UA supported people who can’t leave their homes – ensuring they received dignity, warmth, and protection.

\$6.78m

Money Distributed by BlueCheck *

* Combined total since the organization was founded



\$236k

Average Total Grant Funding Per Partner Organization

Project Victory delivered computers to children in frontline areas where it has grown too dangerous to go to school in person.

JASON CONE | Our Model Amid Funding Cutbacks



In 2016, the international aid community pledged to move a meaningful share of funding to local responders. Nearly a decade later, progress remains far too slow, just as needs in Ukraine have intensified and major institutional funding streams have contracted.

BlueCheck was built for this moment. With our pro bono partners Ropes & Gray and Integrity Risk International, we identify and vet Ukrainian-led organizations that demonstrate integrity, access, and impact; we move funds quickly; and we report clearly on results. In 2025, that meant underwriting mobile medical care in southern oblasts with UAO, evacuations and shelter with Save Peace in UA, elder support with Starenki, education and psychosocial care with Kidsave and Voices of Children, clean water and reconstruction with Rebuild Our Ukraine, and livelihoods and mental health with SpivDiia.

When donors ask what difference localizing aid makes, the answer is simple: speed, relevance, and value. Local groups know where the needs are, who is falling through the cracks, and how to reach them tomorrow morning. Your support ensures they can keep doing exactly that.

As we look ahead, our mandate is twofold: 1) sustain the vetted organizations that have been saving lives for nearly four years running; and 2) scale a model of funding that strengthens local capacity for the long term. With you, we'll continue to prove that effective humanitarian action can be both close to the community and transparent to the donor.

Sincerely,

Jason Cone
Co-Founder and President, BlueCheck

BLUECHECK PARTNERS PROVIDE

- Emergency medical care and medicine distribution
- Trauma and first aid training
- Food & relief supply distribution
- Emergency evacuation of trapped families
- Mental health services
- Cash assistance to internally displaced people
- Care for children with special needs
- Support for elderly people in besieged areas
- Shelter rehabilitation
- Unexploded ordnance removal

2025 OVERVIEW

BlueCheck is meeting urgent frontline needs while also building for tomorrow.

Winter 2025

Heating & Survival: Life Quality Fund’s Warm House—fuel briquettes to keep families safe.

Elder Care & Connection: Starenki’s 1,000+ winter packages, 17 tea gatherings, holiday outreach with local volunteers.

Frontline Food Security: Save Peace in UA delivered long-shelf-life meals to villages like Shakhove, making 60–90 day survival possible amid shelling.

Medical Access: UAO (right) sustained mobile clinics, hearing aids, and essential drugs in Odesa, Mykolaiv, and Kherson.



Spring 2025

Grants: \$640,000+ approved to nine partners across medical care, trauma counseling, evacuation, elder support, and clean water.

Water Infrastructure: Rebuild Our Ukraine unveiled two mobile water treatment stations in Mykolaiv—each capable of serving up to 30,000 people per day with clean drinking water.

Education Access: Project Victory delivered computers to students in frontline areas where in-person school is unsafe.

Summer 2025

Youth & Education: Vovk Foundation launched the Illume STEM Lab with in-person and hybrid learning options.

Livelihoods & Stability: SpivDiia (right) placed job seekers into new roles; expanded their integrated mental-health support.

Child Protection & Healing: Kidsave’s Miracles Center hosted 25 children at a camp featuring therapeutic activities. By summer’s end 60% were reunified with relatives or matched with families.

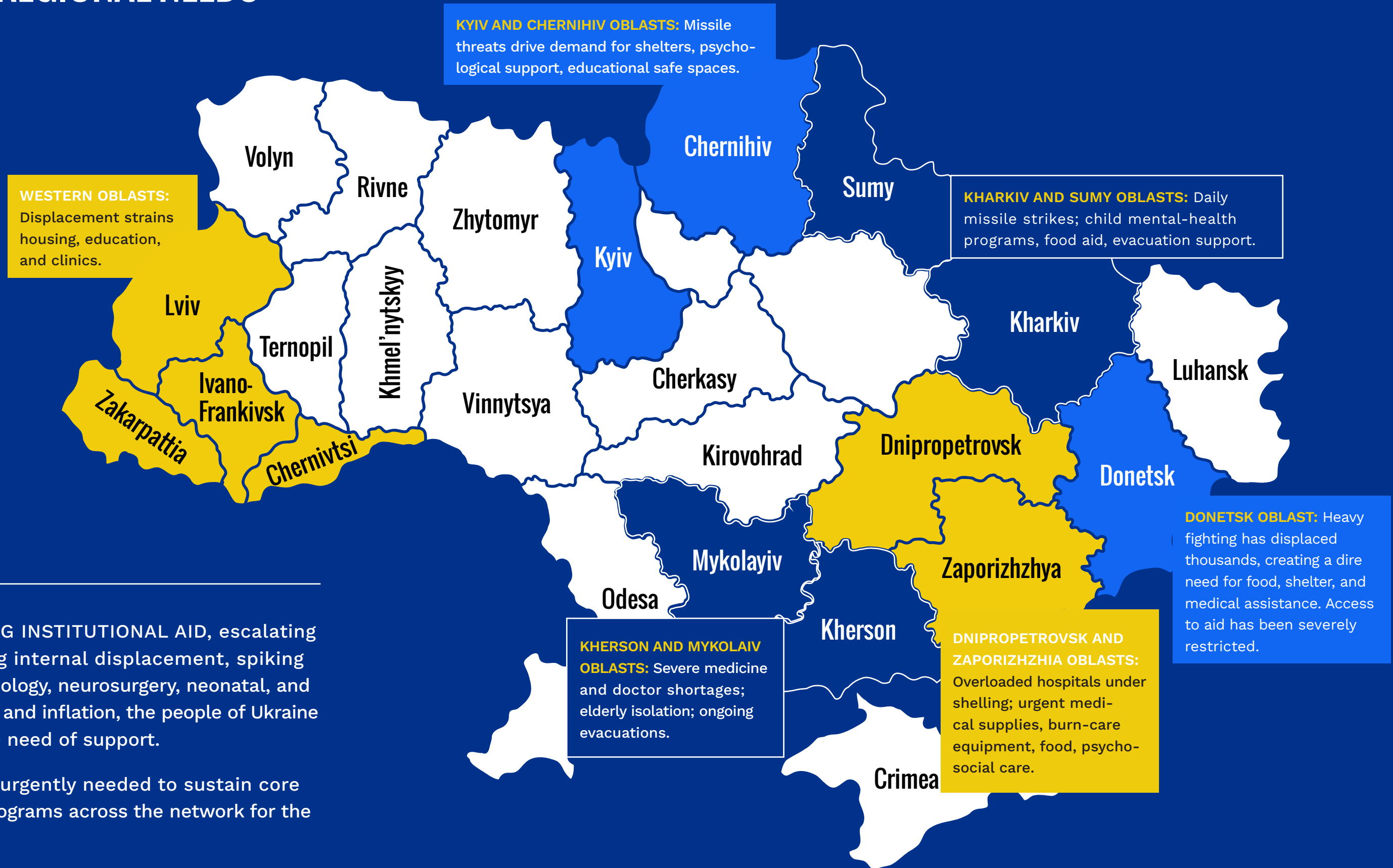


Fall 2025

Surges in attacks & energy-grid strikes: Save Peace in UA scaled evacuations and bed capacity in Dnipro; Rescue Now (right) evacuated 4,400 people from 130+ locations; UAO delivered medications to 1,206 patients in Mykolaiv (66% disabled), 602 in Kherson, and 272 in Odesa with disability-inclusive services.



MEETING REGIONAL NEEDS



AMID SHRINKING INSTITUTIONAL AID, escalating attacks, growing internal displacement, spiking demand for oncology, neurosurgery, neonatal, and trauma services, and inflation, the people of Ukraine are in desperate need of support.

\$6 million is urgently needed to sustain core humanitarian programs across the network for the next 6 months.



A CASE STUDY IN COMMITMENT



Investing in the Future During War

Vovk Foundation provides opportunities for students, entrepreneurs, engineers, and scientists to advance their scholarship and work.

In 2025, Vovk opened the Illume STEM Lab in Ternopil. Through this state-of-the-art space, students from kindergarten through 12th grade can access hands-on and virtual STEM learning. In addition, they installed five communal kitchens in war-affected areas, and offered support for Ukrainian innovators and entrepreneurs.



Q&A with Yuriy Wowczuk

Why did the Vovk Foundation decide to support the creation of the Illume STEM Lab at West Ukrainian National University in Ternopil?

In times when Ukraine is facing the most difficult trials in its modern history, true strength is born in places where it is not always expected—in classrooms, in the bright eyes of young researchers, in the quiet of laboratories where curiosity replaces fear. This is how the idea to create a STEM laboratory at West Ukrainian National University emerged, as a space of strength, science, and hope. Here, students aren't just studying academic disciplines; they are shaping the generation that will rebuild the country after the war—with intelligence, courage, and innovation.

How does the lab serve internally displaced people?

The design of the STEM lab was conceptualized with the intention of providing in-person, remote, and hybrid forms of instruction for students from kindergarten to high school so that children around the country can participate. In September, the STEM Lab will launch a specialized STEM school for gifted children. Priority will be given to those from internally displaced families who lost access to quality education due to the war. The school will combine advanced learning in mathematics, natural sciences, and computer science with the development of soft skills such as creative thinking, logic, psychological resilience, public speaking, and self-presentation. The educational program includes interactive sessions, mentorship support, and the use of VR technologies for both academic and therapeutic purposes.

What role do you believe the lab will play in Ukraine's future?

Ukraine is unfortunately behind in STEM education. This in addition to the overwhelming disruption to the educational process as a result of the unprovoked war will set back K-12 education significantly and for a very long time. Being able to design, test, document, and evaluate a STEM curriculum program that can be replicated throughout the country is critically important.



Standing with Ukraine's Seniors

Starenki reduces isolation and hardship for older Ukrainians through aid packages, warm kits, and community gatherings. In 2025, the organization won a national award for its “Warm and Light Kits” project, was welcomed into the International Federation of Petits Frères des Pauvres, and conducted consistent outreach across 10 regions with 26 partner organizations reaching approximately 11,000 seniors annually.

Ninel, 79, was one woman whose life Starenki touched. She lives alone in Kyiv, in a home filled with books, memories, and resilience. She worked as a librarian and helped people going through tough times in a hospital library for veterans receiving rehabilitation. For the past few years, Starenki has supplied Ninel with food packages. These lifelines ensure she does not have to choose between buying food or medicine or paying her utility bills.



*Clockwise from left:
Ninel at home;
an art workshop in Kyiv;
and an elderly woman in
Dnipro receiving supplies.*



A CASE STUDY IN CARING



A CASE STUDY IN CONNECTION



More Than Summer Camp: KidSave Offers a Pathway to Family

One of BlueCheck's most transformative programs is KidSave's summer camp for children from Ukraine's institutional care system. But for its leaders, Olena and Pavlo Shulha, the camp is only the beginning. Every day, they do the painstaking, deeply human work that changes children's futures: identifying potential foster families, training caregivers through parenting schools, navigating documentation, and supporting each child's adaptation process.

The results speak for themselves. In one recent camp session, 18 of the 30 participating children were matched with foster families—a remarkable achievement in a country where the war has overwhelmed social services and left thousands of children at risk of long-term institutionalization.

This isn't just a camp. It's a bridge to family, stability, and belonging. A pathway to a new life.



*Clockwise from left:
Playing at the KidSave Miracles Center;
Kids at Summer Camp; and
more than 1,400 children have participated in the
KidSave mentoring program, Pathway to Success.*



MURPHY POINDEXTER | Partners at the Center



BlueCheck’s operating premise is straightforward: **put trusted Ukrainian organizations at the center and remove obstacles that slow them down.** We do that by pairing rigorous vetting—thanks to pro-bono support from partners like Ropes & Gray and Integrity Risk International—with streamlined funding and reporting. The result is a network that delivers measurable outcomes with minimal bureaucracy.

In 2025, that network did extraordinary things:

- Life Quality Fund kept homes warm with 180 tons of fuel briquettes in war-scarred Donetsk.
- Starenki distributed 1,000+ winter aid packages and hosted tea gatherings that reduce isolation for seniors across Ukraine and earned national recognition at Charitable Ukraine 2024 for its “Warm and Light Kits.”
- UAO sustained mobile medical clinics across Kherson, Mykolaiv, and Odesa—over 300 delivery trips since the war began, serving an estimated 25,000–30,000 people, many elderly or with disabilities.
- Save Peace in UA evacuated families under bombardment and expanded bed capacity in Dnipro to meet sudden surges.
- Vovk Foundation opened the Illume STEM Lab at West Ukrainian National University to give displaced and local students hands-on access to science and tech.
- SpivDiia advanced job placement and mental health alongside emergency aid so people can move from crisis to stability.
- Kidsave operated the Miracles Center, where children processed trauma and, in many cases, were reunified or placed with families.

Every grant we make leads to numerous positive human outcomes. Thank you for investing in the people who stay and serve.

With gratitude,

Murphy Poindexter
Co-Founder and Executive Director, BlueCheck

LOOKING AHEAD

2026 and Beyond

- Sustain & Strengthen:** Provide reliable, flexible support so frontline Ukrainian organizations can plan, retain staff, and scale responsibly.
- Bridge the Gap:** Close the \$6M / 6-month funding gap identified in a partner survey to prevent shutdowns of critical services (oncology, neonatal, evacuations, elder care).
- Measure & Share:** Expand outcome tracking for clearer beneficiary counts and disaggregation (children, elderly, disability).
- Invest in Recovery:** Grow funding for education, livelihoods, and mental health while maintaining rapid-response capacity for emergencies.
- Scale the Model:** Continue refining a model of vetted, localized funding that can be adapted to other crises without losing rigor or speed.

THANK YOU

With deep gratitude to our donors, our advisors, and the courageous teams of our Ukrainian partner organizations (see below).

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Local Partners



BlueCheck's support is:

... not just funding — it is the ability to remain alongside people in the most dangerous areas.”

– Save Peace in UA, a BlueCheck Partner

... absolutely critical — no other donor supports this project in the same way.”

– UAO, a BlueCheck Partner

... providing help with dignity to hundreds of critically ill children and their families.”

– Zaporuka, a BlueCheck Partner



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