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Hope for Ukraine



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Improving the quality of life for patients with a terminal
or life-limiting illness through hospice care

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Hospices of Hope - Who We Are

Hospices of Hope is the only USA 501c(3) and UK charity dedicated to the development of hospice care in South and East Europe. Our goal is to work with our country partner charities to increase access to palliative care services for children, adults and young people with terminal or life-limiting illnesses and support their family members. Hospice care, through its multi-disciplinary approach (medical, psychological, social and spiritual) aims to improve the quality of life for the patient and their family members.

There is currently very little specialist care available in this region, which means that patients often suffer unnecessary pain. We believe that everyone deserves to live and die with dignity and without pain. Our aim is for everyone to be able to receive free of charge, professional holistic care at the end of life. Many health care professionals do not learn about palliative care during their training. Through our country partners, we provide courses in palliative care techniques. This means that far more people receive good end of life care as more doctors, nurses and social workers have the knowledge and skills to look after them.

Our network: we currently work in 6 countries in the region; Romania, Serbia, Albania, Greece, Republic of Moldova and **Ukraine**.



King Charles visiting Hospice Casa Sperantei, Romania, in 2017

Introducing Hospices of Hope Ukraine and our current partner charities:

St Panteleymon Charity Fund, covering the Ivano-Frankivsk region and Charity Fund Svoyi, covering the Kyiv region

BACKGROUND

Following Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, we immediately reached out to a doctor we knew in Ivano-Frankivsk who had attended the European Palliative Care Academy training course at our Romanian country partner Hospice Casa-Sperantei in Brasov. We wanted to know how we could help. At that time she was working for a State-run palliative care unit. She identified 3 urgent priorities; an ambulance to be able to transport patients from the war-torn areas in the east to the relative safety of the west; a generator to keep the power on and some medicines that had run out. We were able to help with these requests, thanks to the generosity of our donors.

However, as time went by, we discovered there was a real need to develop palliative care in Ukraine. We decided to start by partnering with two local charities; St Panteleymon in Ivano-Frankivsk and Charity Fund Svoyi in Kyiv, in order to develop the first two charitable hospice services in Ukraine, licensed by the Ukrainian Ministry of Health. We also appointed a Country Manager and have since registered a charity in Ukraine - Hospices of Hope Ukraine.

OUR CURRENT SUPPORT

In March 2025, we officially opened a new palliative care centre in Kyiv, housing a day care and out-patient clinic and acting as a base for the home-care team and administration. Starting with one doctor and two nurses, the team now comprises two doctors, 3 nurses, a psychologist and a medical secretary. The home-care team is now able to care for over 100 patients and their family members at any one time. Patients who are still mobile attend the clinic.

In August 2025, we launched the second mobile team in Ivano-Frankivsk. The team comprises one doctor, two nurses and a medical secretary. They are currently able to look after over 40 patients and their family members.

Both teams care for patients with advanced cancer, Motor Neurone Disease and other debilitating illnesses. All the services are provided free of charge.

As well as funding services, we also fund educational activities, including training courses for health care professionals across Ukraine.

PALLIATIVE CARE IN A WAR-TORN COUNTRY

Palliative care in Ukraine is still relatively new and underdeveloped, with limited resources and a lack of trained professionals. The war has only exacerbated these challenges, with the destruction of healthcare facilities and infrastructure, as well as the displacement of healthcare workers. It has also resulted in significant psychological trauma for many individuals, including those in need of palliative care. This can make it difficult for them to cope with their illness and the associated symptoms, such as pain and anxiety. Palliative care providers must therefore be equipped to provide both physical and emotional support to their patients and their families.

In addition to patients with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses, there are also many severely injured veterans who require palliative care as a result of injuries sustained in the war, including those caused by landmines and other explosive devices. The availability of pain medications, such as morphine, is limited in Ukraine, and there are also concerns about the safety of healthcare workers providing palliative care in conflict-affected areas. In conclusion, the need for palliative care services in Ukraine during the war time is significant.

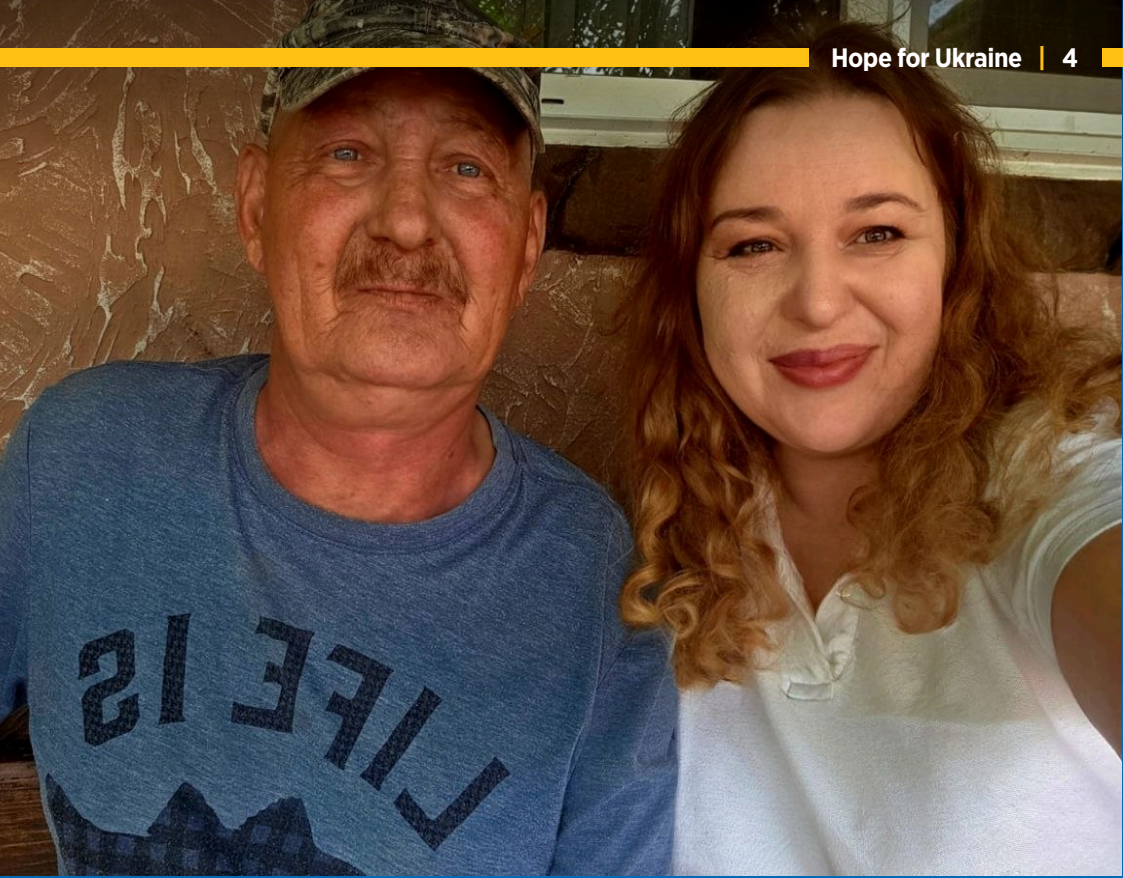
However, with increased awareness and support, there is hope that these challenges can be overcome and that individuals and their families can receive the care and support they need to manage their illness and improve their quality of life.

It is estimated that 500,000 people need palliative care in Ukraine

WHAT WE NEED HELP WITH

Our aim is to raise as much as possible to ensure that we can sustain our current palliative care services in Ivano-Frankivsk and Kyiv, and develop them further, in order to meet the growing demand from patients and families. Currently, there is no funding available for palliative care from government sources, as there are so many demands due to the ongoing conflict. We have two wonderful, committed teams who despite all the difficult circumstances, are providing the best possible care to more than 150 patients and their families at any one time. However, there are so many more that need their help. In addition to funding salary costs, we also need funds to provide pain relieving medicines, medical equipment and transport





PATIENT STORY – Vitaliy

He lives in Bortnychi, a residential suburb located in the southern part of Kyiv. Our mobile palliative care team travels a 50-kilometre round trip to visit him. And we are happy to do this.

Vitaliy is living with advanced lung cancer that has spread to his spine. There was once a chance for him to receive expensive immunotherapy treatment. His family was prepared to spend all their savings and even sell their property to pay for it. But Vitaliy refused. He did not want to leave his family without financial security. When our doctor Olena first visited him, the pain was so severe that he could not get out of bed.

Following her most recent visit, Dr Olena sent a message to Vitaliy's daughter:

"I visited your father today, delivered his medication, and spent some time photographing his pigeons. They were wonderful to see. Please send me some photos of the turtles next time. Your dad is doing brilliantly."

His daughter replied:

"You have no idea how much joy you brought him. He called me afterwards so happy. He said how kind and positive you are, and how much it meant to him that you praised him and encouraged him. Thank you. It means so much to him and to all of us. He says he will be waiting for you every week.

Sometimes, the most powerful medicine is a pain relieving drug but sometimes it is simply knowing that someone cares.