

YEAR IN REVIEW  
**2022 - 2023**



**UKRAINIAN  
HOCKEY  
DREAM**  
foundation

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## OUR MISSION

We are the **Ukrainian Hockey Dream** (UHD), an official charitable foundation with the Ice Hockey Federation of Ukraine. Our mission is to support and sustain Ukrainian hockey players and the entire industry during the war and beyond.

We strive to save a generation of young hockey players and to create conditions in Ukraine that would help the recovery of both children and adults from the effects of war through the sport of hockey.

## OUR GOALS

**Sustain the Industry in the Time of War**  
**Rebuild and Restore the Sports Infrastructure**  
**Reintegrate the Community Back to the Peaceful Life**



# THE HARDEST YEAR

Dear friends,

This marks the first year of the Ukrainian Hockey Dream, an organization born from the darkest moments in our country's history. In 2022, hockey was more than just a sport in Ukraine - it was a way of life for over 7,000 people. Every day, they took to the ice, pushing their limits, training intensely, and nurturing dreams of a brighter hockey future.

But everything changed at 3:40 a.m. on February 24, 2022. As the first Russian bombs fell on our land, life as we knew it came to a standstill. In that heart-wrenching moment, it felt as if our world had crumbled. Hockey became irrelevant, a distant memory in the face of an existential threat to our nation.

We were faced with hard decisions - whether to continue with the sport we loved or to prioritize the safety and survival of our people. But then we realized that we could make a difference. We could use hockey to save lives, impact the future, and bring hope and light to a world that had been plunged into darkness.



We reached out to our friends and colleagues across the world, and we were overwhelmed by the response. The international hockey community rallied to our side, offering support, resources, and expertise. Together, we evacuated children from hockey schools along with their mothers who were in the hottest and most dangerous zones. One group was evacuated initially, followed by another, and then another, until all the children and their mothers were safely relocated. We ended up finding safety, cover, and new homes for almost 1000 families. We made an impact in the lives of thousands of people, showing them that even in the midst of chaos, there is still hope.

That is when the idea of the Ukrainian Hockey Dream was born - a dream of a future where hockey is not just a sport, but a symbol of hope, resilience, and strength. Hockey is life, and we are committed to using it to make a positive impact on the lives of our people, our nation, and our world.

Thank you for your support, and for joining us on this incredible journey.

Together, we can make Ukrainian Hockey Dream a reality!

**GEORGII ZUBKO**  
DIRECTOR





# GORDON MILLER FIRST HONORARY MEMBER OF THE BOARD

I was honoured to join the Board of Ukraine Hockey Dream, to assist with the work of maintaining and rebuilding the sport of hockey in Ukraine, while at the same time ensuring that young Ukrainian boys and girls have the opportunity to play the sport at home and abroad.

As the Hockey Can't Stop Tour through Canada showed in early 2023, support for the country of Ukraine and the Ukrainian people is strong. It's important that this support strengthens and grows as we face the challenges ahead.

**GORDON MILLER**  
BOARD MEMBER



# UKRAINIAN HOCKEY SAVING THE DREAM

Before the war, Ukraine's hockey industry was growing and developing at a record pace. Confirmed plans and secured funding were in place for the construction of 25 new ice arenas throughout Ukraine. The national teams were enjoying success in the international championships. New hockey schools were being opened, and more kids were taking up the game.

Today, the Ukrainian Hockey Dream Foundation, in collaboration with the Ice Hockey Federation of Ukraine, is doing everything possible to keep the dreams alive and supports all participants in the hockey industry.

## **Pre-war Ukrainian Hockey:**

**29** Ice Arenas

**103** Amateur and Pro Teams

**22** Hockey Schools

**4** National Teams

**4000** Kids Players, ages 5-18

**1600** Amateur and Pro Players

**200** Coaches and Staff Members



## ROAD TO SAFETY

In February-March 2022, following the Russian attack, around 1000 Ukrainian hockey youths aged 6-17, along with their mothers, were evacuated. This act was a significant demonstration of international unity and compassion. Teams, organizations, and individuals who participated in assisting and hosting these families deserve high commendation, showing that humanity can endure even during wartime.

We are grateful to **Luc Tardif**, President of the International Ice Hockey Federation, for his support of the initiative and his dedication to ensuring the best possible conditions for evacuated children on the ground. The solidarity demonstrated by the **leaders of international federations** has been commendable. Our sincere thanks to everyone who played a part in this effort.

International federations helped in settling children in the Communities including: **Asiago, Bolzano**; in **Latvia's Daugavpils, Jekabpils, Rēzekne, and Riga**; **Germany's Munich**; the **Czech Republic's Zlín, Kurim, and Chomutov**; **Poland's Sanok**; **Romania's Braşov and Galaţi**; **Slovakia's Dolný Kubín, Michalovce, and Zilina**; **Hungary's Dunaujváros, Debrecen, Miskolc, Szeged, and Satoraljaújhely**; **France's Courchevel and Chamonix**. Their support offered both a safe haven and an opportunity for these young athletes to continue their hockey training.

"The hosting side provided us with separate double and triple rooms, fed us three times a day, swiftly organized humanitarian aid, medications, and provided a coach for training sessions", said **Natalia Dediuk**, the mother of 11-year-old **Glib Dediuk** from the "Kryzhynka" school.

UHD managed the evacuation process, ensuring that children and their guardians reached welcoming communities safely. We thank everybody who helped with the children's evacuation, especially to each of the parents who showed remarkable courage—**Oleksandra Slatvytska, Sergiy Hlushchenko, Sergiy Babynets, Oleksandr Batezatov, Tymur Chermashentsev**, and everybody, who demonstrated the strength of the hockey family.



## 1000 KIDS WITH THEIR MOTHERS HAVE BEEN EVACUATED

## SUCCESS ABROAD



During their time abroad in Europe and North America, Ukrainian players have achieved significant success.

**Glib Artsatbanov** became the champion of the Czech Extraliga U20 and was recognized as the best goalie of the tournament.

Ukrainians **Oleksiy Yevtekhov, Rodion Kolda, Oleksandr Skorokhod, and Mykyta Bodnar** contributed to Czech HC Poruba U17's promotion to the play-offs for the first time in the club's history.

**Danylo Korzhyletsky** and **Mykhailo Simchuk** won the AJHL with the Brooks Bandits and went on to become the best Junior A team in Canada.

**Kharkiv SDYUSHOR U16 team** secured a championship title in their age category in Norway.

Many young Ukrainian hockey players have become key players in their new clubs in top junior leagues across Europe, such as Czechia, Germany, Slovakia, Switzerland, France, Italy, and others.



OUR IMPACT

TRAINING SUPPORT FOR  
HOCKEY SCHOOLS

## PLAYING THROUGH



**Supporting the hockey schools remains a top priority for our foundation. Their reopening in spring 2022 was a big step, giving hope for the 2022/23 season.**

To ensure a complete training season for the children, several steps were required. These included enhancing safety measures, equipping ice arenas with reliable generators, establishing shelters in line with regulations, and devising clear protocols for emergencies like air alarms or power outages.

All of this was done, including setting up the arena in the Kyiv Palace of Sports. In an unprecedented measure, the 6,000-seat Palace of Sports was launched as a permanent ice arena in early October 2022, thanks to the joint efforts of the Ice Hockey Federation of Ukraine and the **Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine**. The arena was modernized and equipped with both essential sports facilities and modern safety features. The revamped Palace of Sports enabled hockey activities in Kyiv for up to 15 hours daily.

Subsequently, voluntary training resumed in other cities. The UHD Foundation introduced a series of youth hockey tournaments for various age groups. Initially, due to its preparedness and safety features, the Palace of Sports was the primary venue for these events. This allowed hundreds of children to experience playing in the nation's premier sports arena for the first time.

## 1000 KIDS

CONTINUED THEIR TRAINING

**60% OF OUR YOUNG PLAYERS HAD TO ABANDON THEIR HOMES AND RELOCATE. MANY HOCKEY SCHOOLS WERE FORCED TO CLOSE. OUR FOCUS IS TO HELP SUPPORT THEIR TRAINING AT HOME AND ABROAD WITH EQUIPMENT, ICE TIME, COACHING, AND INFRASTRUCTURE**



In 2022, a lot of children and schools from eastern Ukraine were relocated to the Central and Western Ukraine cities and hockey schools. The cities that took in the children showed great hospitality towards them. We thank the regions, and the **Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine** for their initiative and cooperation.

**Kramatorsk - to Kyiv, SOYUSHOR Kharkiv - to Vinnytsya and Kremenchuk, Kherson - to Kyiv, Kryviy Rig - to Kyiv.**

The story of coach **Oleksandr Ponomar**, whose experience sheds light on the challenging training process for children amidst the ongoing war. Oleksandr and his team had to make the difficult decision to relocate from Kramatorsk to Kyiv due to the war.

He recounts, "Prior to the full-scale invasion, I was coaching a group of talented children in the Donetsk region, specifically those born in 2009-2010. Our sports class comprised boys and girls from Konstantinovka and Donetsk, who had already experienced the trauma of occupation before and were all too familiar with the influence of the Russian regime. Thanks to the generous support of Kyiv's Sokil Sports School, some of the children were fortunate enough to find refuge in Kyiv. However, it breaks my heart to acknowledge that many others have been scattered across the world, some seeking shelter in the west of Ukraine, while others have sought solace in various European countries. The process of adaptation in Kyiv has not been without its challenges. Parents had to navigate the complexities of finding work and securing schools for their children, all while grappling with the emotional toll of displacement."

Living in Kyiv, the city faced constant attacks, which necessitated an unwavering commitment to the safety of everyone involved. Oleksandr emphasizes, "Whenever the air raid alarms sounded, our primary concern was the well-being of the children. We immediately suspended training sessions and sought refuge in the designated bomb shelters. The safety and security of these young athletes were paramount in our minds." Despite the adversities, Oleksandr expresses gratitude for the opportunities that have arisen. He explains: "For the children who remained in Kramatorsk, we've embraced online platforms to ensure their continued engagement and growth in the sport they love."

# SAVE UKRAINIAN HOCKEY DREAM



UKRAINIAN  
HOCKEY  
DREAM  
Foundation

4000 kids in Ukraine right now are hoping to save their 2022/2023 training season.

Ukrainian Hockey Dream Fund provides safety, training and support to youth and pre-training, arena rescue and restoration all across Ukraine.

Hockey can't stop. Help them to get back on the ice!



DONATE



## AGATA GERYA, THE BRAVE GIRL FROM THE POSTER

On August 6th, Agata turned five years old, but to those who look at her photo, she appears to be at least 7 or 8 years old. War has forced all children to grow up faster, and Agata is no exception.

Her sincere face, full of childish joy, becomes mature and serious beyond her years when she hears the sirens. The questions she asks after the invasion sometimes have no answers.

During the first two months of the war, our family moved in with relatives in the Khmelnytskyi district. Agata's father immediately joined the local defense and often did not spend the night at home. Despite the warm welcome from our relatives, it was very difficult for Agata. She didn't understand what was going on. "Why doesn't Daddy sleep with us?" She missed the ice, her house, and Kyiv. She had too much energy and couldn't stay at home. Luckily, her parents brought her a stick and a puck, and she played with them every day.

When the opportunity to skate at VONH appeared, we immediately returned to Kyiv, and no photo can convey her emotions when she stepped on it.

At the moment, Agata is involved in both hockey and figure skating. When asked which she prefers, she replies, "I haven't decided yet. I love the ice, and I like both kinds of skates."

Her father instilled a love for hockey in her from childhood, and I, as her mother, fully support it, despite being a figure skater myself. "I became interested in this sport through my husband, and after working with hockey players, I fell in love with it."

"Before the war, our entire family attended hockey games, and I will never forget the emotions of my daughter during the Champions League matches at the Palace of Sports featuring Donetsk Donbas. Games of the native Kyiv Sokol in the Continental Cup... At that time, my daughter asked, 'When will I play like that? I want to play too.' Agata's biggest passion is hockey."



## INFRONT SPORTS HELPS TO KEEP UKRAINAIN KIDS ON THE ICE

The logo for Infront, featuring the word "infr•nt" in a stylized, lowercase, red font. The dot in "infr" is a solid circle, and the "nt" is slightly separated from the "infr".

Infront Sports is a global leader in sports marketing that shapes the future of many of our favorite sports. It's changing the way sports are followed, recognized, and distributed. The company unites people across the globe through sports, transcending barriers and borders, inspiring millions to live their passions and dreams.

It was no surprise that Infront Sports, through **Philip Blatter, Thomas Dehninger and Joerg Polzer** was one of the first companies to reach out to the Ukrainian Hockey Dream Foundation, offering help and support. In December 2022, the partnership launched with Infront making its 2022 annual charity donation to the UHD.

Hockey remains one of Ukraine's favorite sports, and it's a way of life for many. Although the war has hindered progress, some of the country's future stars have still been given the opportunity to take to the ice. Infront has funded the operations of seven youth hockey schools across Western and Central Ukraine to enable their work through the season and keep young hockey players on the ice, contributing both to their sporting success and their health.

On January 24, which is Ukraine's Day of Unity, 110 players from eight clubs and schools competed in an Under 13s hockey competition at the Kyiv Sports Palace organized by the UHD. Athletes from Kramatorsk, Kalush, Kharkiv, Kremenchuk, Novoyavorivsk, Lutsk, Kyiv's Sokil Secondary School, and Kryzhynka Secondary School were divided into six teams, with each team participating in four matches. With no air alarms or blackouts, the players were free to compete with no disruption. The games were also streamed live on YouTube for parents, friends, and loved ones to watch.

# €53,640

## DONATED FOR HOCKEY SCHOOLS SUPPORT



## NATIONAL YOUTH COMPETITIONS

The first competition took place in mid-October among athletes born in 2009-2010. The UHD Foundation participated in covering the main expenses, including:

- Rental of sports facilities
- Arrangement of shelter zones
- Broadcast of matches
- Refereeing
- Prizes and awards
- Hiring staff for organizing and conducting the events

Taking into account the circumstances, the organizers took several unprecedented steps in conducting the competitions:

Matches were played according to the rules of the game but without recording the results. This reduced the pressure and responsibility on the athletes and coaches for their performance in the tournament.

Team formation took place online. Any player from any city could come to the tournament and join an existing team or form their own team with other players. This allowed maximum participation of all young hockey players who remained in Ukraine, regardless of whether they had a team or not.

Considering that spectators were prohibited from attending matches by legislation, direct broadcasts of all matches were organized.

At the end of the tournaments, participants received sweet gifts and sometimes even hockey equipment, which was provided by Ukrainian Hockey Dream Foundation or the Ukrainian Ice Hockey Federation through collaborations with foreign partners. The provision of playing equipment was particularly important due to the lack of supply to hockey stores during the war period.

Starting from November 2022, other cities such as Boguslav, Kremenchuk, Vinnytsia, Novoyavorivsk, and others were also involved in hosting the competitions.

### The competitions were held in the following age categories:

**U17** born in 2006-2008

**U14** born in 2009-2010

**U12** born in 2011-2012

**U9** born in 2013-2014

**U7** born in 2015-2016



## NATIONAL YOUTH COMPETITIONS



A total of **16 tournaments** were organized by Ukrainian Hockey Dream Foundation and the Ice Hockey Federation of Ukraine. Additionally, Ukrainian Hockey Dream Foundation co-organized **over 10 tournaments**, covering a portion of the event expenses.

The regular conduct of these tournaments encouraged the revival of several youth sports schools and the establishment of structured training programs.

Overall, **about 1000 children** from various cities participated in the competitions, including:

KYIV  
NOVOYAVORIVSK  
LUTSK  
KALUSH  
VINNYTSIA  
BROVARY  
BILA TSEPKA  
CHERKASY  
BOGUSLAV  
ODESSA  
KHERSON  
DNIPRO  
KRYVYI RIH  
KHARKIV  
KREMENCHUK  
ZAPORIZHZHIA  
KRAMATORSK  
DRUZHKIVKA AND OTHERS

IN APRIL, 2023 THE OFFICIAL FINAL STAGES OF THE COMPETITIONS TOOK PLACE IN THREE OF THE OLDEST AGE CATEGORIES. THESE FINAL MATCHES DETERMINED THE WINNERS AND MEDALISTS. IN TOTAL, **28 TEAMS AND 512 ATHLETES** PARTICIPATED IN THE FINAL TOURNAMENTS HELD IN KYIV, BOGUSLAV, AND KREMENCHUK.

## HOCKEY UNITES CHILDRENS HEARTS

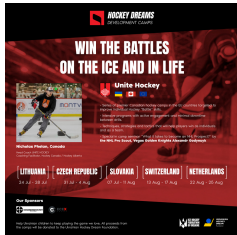
In a heartwarming moment a Pee wee hockey team from Sherwood Park Minor Hockey League in Alberta, Canada, has reached out to help. After learning about the Ukrainian Hockey Dream Foundation, the team, led by coach **Nicholas Phelan**, decided to lend a hand to kids affected by the war.

The Alberta team paired up with the Kharkiv Berserks, a displaced kids' hockey team now based in Kyiv, and launched their own fundraiser. They sold stickers to friends and family, raising **CAD 700**, which they donated directly to the Kharkiv Berserks.

Thanks to the efforts of these young hockey players, the Kharkiv Berserks were able to continue their sports journey in Kyiv, and the children on both teams learned valuable lessons about compassion and the power of sports to unite people from different parts of the world.



# HOCKEY DREAMS DEVELOPMENT CAMPS



**HOCKEY DREAMS**  
DEVELOPMENT CAMPS

## WIN THE BATTLES ON THE ICE AND IN LIFE

**Unite Hockey**

- Series of Summer Canadian Hockey camps in the EU countries targeted to inspire Ukrainian Hockey "Buddy" skills.
- Intensive programs with active engagement and technical discipline training skills.
- Techniques, strategies and tactical tips with elite players with 20 individuals and 60+ in team.
- Specialty camp seminar "What it takes to become an NHL Prospect?" by the NHL Pro Scout, Vegas Golden Knights **Aleksandr Godynuyk**.

**Nicholas Phelan, Canada**  
Head Coach UNITE HOCKEY  
Country of Ireland, Russia, Canada Hockey player

LITHUANIA	CZECH REPUBLIC	SLOVAKIA	SWITZERLAND	NETHERLANDS
3-4 Jul - 28 Jul	31 Jul - 4 Aug	07 Jul - 11 Aug	12 Aug - 17 Aug	22 Aug - 26 Aug

**Our Sponsors**

Help Ukrainian children to have playing the game we love. All proceeds from the camps will be donated to the Ukrainian Hockey Dream Foundation.

A very special project, Hockey Dreams Development Camps was launched in the EU, with the help of the Canadian coaching crew Unite Hockey Development, led by experienced and decorated Head coach and Coaching facilitator **Nicholas Phelan**. The camps aim to assist, support, and develop young children who were evacuated abroad due to the war.

This project is also a great integrative platform for Ukrainian Hockey, where kids from Ukraine of all ages can participate in the training camps together with kids from EU countries. Among the coaching crew, is Ukrainian hockey legend **Aleksander Godynuyk**, an ex-NHL player of Ukrainian descent and active NHL scout with the Vegas Golden Knights. All proceeds from the camps will be donated to the Ukrainian Hockey Dream Foundation.

The camps were held in Lithuania, Switzerland, and the Netherlands. This is a unique collaborative training experience for Ukrainian and EU children alike, which will help them to learn, grow, and become better players and people.

## NICHOLAS PHELAN

HEAD COACH UNITE HOCKEY

UNITE HOCKEY IS DEDICATED TO WORKING COLLABORATIVELY WITH THE ICE HOCKEY FEDERATION OF UKRAINE TO FURTHER DEVELOP COACHES AND PLAYERS ALL ACROSS EUROPE. OUR NETWORK CONTINUES TO GROW WITH THE GOAL IN MIND TO OFFER ELITE HOCKEY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMING FOR FAMILIES AROUND THE WORLD.

WE ARE EXTREMELY PROUD TO GIVE BACK TO UKRAINE IN THE ONLY WAY WE KNOW BEST, THROUGH THE SPORT WE LOVE.



UKRAINIAN HOCKEY DREAM FOUNDATION

## OLENA MYZYCHENKO

MOTHER OF THE PARTICIPANT

BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE ORGANIZERS AND CAMP COACHES. EVERY DAY, IVAN LITERALLY "FLEW" TO TRAINING, IT WAS THAT EXCITING AND INFORMATIVE. THANK YOU TO THE PARENTS OF OTHER PARTICIPANTS AND THEIR CHILDREN FOR THE WONDERFUL COMPANY. I HOPE TO MEET EVERYONE AGAIN IN THE FUTURE.



One cannot overlook the exceptional professionalism of the coaching staff responsible for the training and preparation of participants. The dedicated mentors included:

**Nicholas Phelan** - Project co-founder, Chief Coach at Unite Hockey Development, and a coaching facilitator with Hockey Canada/Hockey Alberta.

**Aleksander Godynuyk** - An ex-NHL player and presently a professional scout for the "Vegas Golden Knights" NHL team.

**Eduard Zakharchenko** - Goalie for the Ukrainian national team and awarded best goaltender in the Ukrainian championship for the 2022/23 season.

**Edgaras Rybakovas** - Former player for both the OHL and USHL, and represented the Lithuanian national team.

**Danylo Ignatiev** - Specialist in skating coaching.

Special thanks to **ECEX group, CCM, Střída Sport, EdgeBoss Hockey, ISZENTRUM LUZERN ARENA, HC Geleziinis Vilkas, HC Luzern, Silverdome Arena, Terrys Twig Wax and SinBin Sports** for their significant role in the successful execution of the event.

**190 KIDS**  
PARTICIPATED IN CAMPS

## CCM SUPPORTS YOUTH'S HOCKEY

Strida Sport, as the official distributor of CCM, has made a generous contribution to the Hockey Dreams Development Camps by providing branded jerseys.

Additionally, Strida Sport donated equipment, which will be directed to children's hockey schools that need it the most.

The company has expressed a desire to establish a long-term partnership with the Ice Hockey Federation of Ukraine, for which we are immensely grateful.

Special thanks to **Jiří Besser**, the Owner of Strida Sport and **Martin Štída**, the General Director for their invaluable support and dedication.

**\$48,868**

EQUIPMENT DONATION





## PRIORITIES FOR THE FUTURE IN TRAINING SUPPORT

As part of our commitment to the future of Ukrainian hockey, we will continue to support training opportunities for kids in hockey schools across the country. Investing in the development of young players is crucial to building a strong and sustainable future for the game of hockey. A separate recruitment project is being launched, to ensure that we do not lose an entire generation of hockey players.

This initiative aims to reach out to young people who may not have had access to the sport in the past and provide them with the necessary resources to get involved in hockey. By expanding our reach and supporting a diverse range of players, we can build a stronger and more inclusive hockey community in Ukraine. We are excited to embark on this new chapter and look forward to seeing the positive impact it will have on the future of Ukrainian hockey.





OUR FOCUS

INFRASTRUCTURE  
RESTORATION

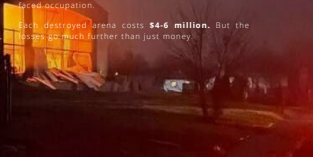
# HOCKEY INFRASTRUCTURE UNDER FIRE

On the second day of 2023, Druzhkivka, a town far from the frontlines, was hit by three strikes. The Druzhkivka Ice Arena was destroyed. One person was injured in the attack.

The Altair, which had been the home arena of the Donbas hockey club since 2014, was hit by an X-55 missile. The Druzhkivka arena housed the most extensive children's and youth sports school for hockey and figure skating in Ukraine, and it hosted national championships, international competitions, and cultural events. It was a favorite recreation spot for the town's residents and visitors. The Donbas Hockey Club has lost three homes to Russian occupiers, including the Palace of Sports "Druzhba" in Donetsk, the Mariupol Ice Center, and now the Altair. This incident is yet another blow to the town and the Ukrainian people's spirit, who have been fighting for their freedom and sovereignty for years.

"Altair" became the fifth ice arena destroyed during the war between Russia and Ukraine. The arenas "Druzhba" in Donetsk, the arena in Mariupol, "Saltivsky Lid" in Kharkiv, and the Severodonetsk Palace of Sports have also suffered significant damage. The newest ice arena in Ukraine has also fallen under occupation. In December 2021, this arena in Melitopol, constructed as part of President Volodymyr Zelensky's "Great Construction" program, celebrated its grand opening. The city had envisioned plans for a hockey school. Tragically, less than two months after its inauguration, Melitopol faced occupation.

Each destroyed arena costs **\$4-6 million**. But the losses go much further than just money.



## BEFORE



## NOW



### **40% OF ALL ICE ARENAS IN UKRAINE WERE SEIZED OR DESTROYED.**

UHD IS WORKING ON RESCUING AND MOVING THE POTENTIALLY MOBILE INFRASTRUCTURE AND CREATING POSSIBILITIES AND ROADMAP FOR REBUILDING AND RESTORATION OF THE INDUSTRY

The loss of an ice arena affects a city in more ways than just the physical structure. These arenas served as the vibrant heart of their communities, offering employment opportunities for hundreds of individuals and serving as a nurturing home for aspiring athletes. The impact on the sport of hockey is particularly significant, given the already limited number of arenas available.

Looking ahead to the years 2022-2023, ambitious plans were in place for the extensive construction of ice arenas throughout Ukraine. The "Great Construction" program by President Volodymyr Zelensky, aimed to build 25 new ice arenas across the country. Unfortunately, the war disrupted and put a halt to this visionary plan. However, we believe, that one day, we will be able to turn this dream into a reality.

A portrait of Volodymyr Zelensky, President of Ukraine, sitting in a chair. He is wearing a dark olive green zip-up jacket over a dark t-shirt. He has short dark hair and a beard. The background is dark and out of focus, with a hint of a Ukrainian flag (blue and yellow) on the right side.

## VOLODYMYR ZELENSKY

### PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE

RUSSIAN TERRORISTS DESTROYED THE ICE ARENA IN DRUZHKIVKA, DONETSK REGION, WITH A MISSILE. THIS ICE ARENA, CALLED "ALTAIR", STARTED OPERATING BEFORE THE WAR, WHEN DONBAS HAD A NORMAL LIFE BEFORE THE ARRIVAL OF RUSSIA. CHILDREN TRAINED THERE. A CHILDREN'S SPORTS SCHOOL WORKED THERE. HOCKEY COMPETITIONS TOOK PLACE THERE. PEOPLE DID SPORTS, CELEBRATED AND SIMPLY ENJOYED LIFE THERE...

LAST YEAR, IT WAS USED FOR COLLECTING AND DISTRIBUTING HUMANITARIAN AID. THE RUSSIAN MISSILE AGAINST "ALTAIR" IN DRUZHKIVKA IS ANOTHER CONFESSION OF A TERRORIST STATE. CONFESSION OF WHAT IT BROUGHT TO DONBAS AND WHAT WE WILL DEFINITELY DRIVE OUT FROM THERE. DEATH WILL NOT CONQUER DONBAS, AND WE MUST DO EVERYTHING TO REMOVE ITS TRICOLOR FROM DONBAS AND OTHER UKRAINIAN LANDS.



## 3 NEW ICE ARENAS PLANS

To make up for the loss of the destroyed ice arena in Druzhkivka, along with others, three new indoor ice rinks can be built in Zakarpattia region. The project will be implemented as part of the hockey development program in Zakarpattia in collaboration with the Ukrainian Ice Hockey Federation.

The location for one of the training arenas has been allocated in Uzhhorod, while other cities are still being explored. One of the main criteria is the infrastructure that will allow for the quick implementation of the projects. The goal of the project is to cover the rinks with domes, extending the training period from the current three to four months to nine months. This will enable young hockey players to engage in the sport more extensively.

"Terrorists may destroy our sports facilities, but they will never destroy the spirit of victory that lives in the hearts of our athletes," says **Viktor Mykyta**, the head of the Zakarpattia Regional Military Administration.

A hockey branch has already been opened in Uzhhorod, with two coaches training around 100 children aged 6 to 14. They currently practice on an open-air rink at the Avangard Stadium in Uzhhorod, which has all the necessary facilities for competitions.

"Many people have come to Zakarpattia from other regions of Ukraine. Children and teenagers who were previously engaged in hockey in Kharkiv, Druzhkivka, or Kramatorsk have also moved here with their families. Many of these children have joined hockey training as well," says **Vasyl Yabryk**, the President of the Zakarpattia Ice Hockey Federation.



OUR PARTNERSHIPS

INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS  
AND PROFESSIONAL COMPETITION



## FINNS WERE FIRST TO CONTRIBUTE

During the 2022 Ice Hockey World Championship, **the Finnish Hockey Association**, represented by **Heikki Hietanen**, an IIHF Council Member, launched an initiative to support UHD Foundation.

In April 2022, 5 euros from each ticket sold for the final match were donated to UHD Foundation. The initiative was supported by the city of Tampere and personally by the Mayor of Tampere, **Kalervo Kummola**.

The received donation enabled the launch of the season and provided an invaluable kickstart to children's development projects while also continuing the construction of long-term partnerships.

# €147,840

## DONATED







## NHLPA GOALS & DREAMS AND NHL HAVE SUPPORTED



For more than 20 years, NHLPA members have been donating equipment to programs in their NHL cities and hometowns around the world. More the 80,000 children have been provided the opportunity to play the game of hockey in 34 countries. Over that time, the NHLPA Goals & Dreams fund has donated more than \$25 million to help grow the game of hockey.

This year, the NHLPA made a donation of 50 sets of equipment in support of the Ukrainian Hockey Dream Foundation. The announcement about the donation was made during the 2022 NHL Global Series match in Prague. 20 Ukrainian young hockey players opened this match, and for them their NHL dreams came true, as they played in scrimmage game in front of the biggest audience of their lives.

The NHLPA later made a donation of **80 equipment** sets through partnering organizations.

We thank **Matthew Langen, Devin Smith, Chris Campoli**, and everyone involved for organizing the process.

Schools that received hockey equipment: **SDYUSHOR Kharkiv, Verzhyna Kyiv, Dnipro, Kramatorsk, Sokil Kyiv, Vinnytsya, Morski Vovky Odesa, Shershni Bohuslav, young game-officials.**

## 50 SETS OF HOCKEY EQUIPMENT



## ALEKSANDRA SLATVYTSKA

VP, ICE HOCKEY FEDERATION OF UKRAINE

THE DONATION OF HOCKEY EQUIPMENT WILL HELP THE CHILDREN WHO REMAINED IN UKRAINE CONTINUE TO PLAY HOCKEY OR START TO DO THAT. IT'S A HUGE CONTRIBUTION TO SAVE THEIR DREAMS AND TO HELP OTHERS TO FIND THEM.

## TOMAS HERTL

NHLPA MEMBER AND SHARKS FORWARD

"THIS IS AN EXCITING WEEK RETURNING HOME TO PLAY IN FRONT OF FAMILY, FRIENDS AND THE GREAT HOCKEY FANS IN CZECHIA. AS A PART OF THE EVENTS, WE ARE PROUD TO PROVIDE NEW HOCKEY EQUIPMENT THROUGH NHLPA GOALS & DREAMS TO HELP MORE YOUTH PLAY HOCKEY."

## MEDIA SUPPORT FROM NHL



The NHL, the largest hockey league in the world could not stand aside in the face of the difficulties experienced by Ukrainian hockey players.

A powerful media campaign was carried out across all NHL-owned media channels, attracting attention and raising awareness about the Ukrainian Hockey Dream Foundation. The campaign was instrumental in bringing the foundation's mission to a global audience, helping to shed light on the plight of a Ukrainian hockey players and garnering support from fans and media outlets worldwide.

The NHL outreach to their audience was a powerful gesture of solidarity and support for the Ukrainian hockey community.



## 12 MILLION VIEWS

### IN AN UNPRECEDENTED CAMPAIGN

## NHLPA GOALS & DREAMS WITH SUPPORT OF IIHF DONATED TRAINING EQUIPMENT FOR YOUTH HOCKEY SCHOOLS

The first round of these equipment donations from NHLPA Goals & Dreams were delivered to Poland. From there, it was distributed to Ukrainian youth between 6 to 16 years old who are now living in Czechia, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Poland, Romania and Switzerland.

The equipment donation included almost **80 sets of Bauer hockey helmets, gloves and sticks, as well as 200 pairs of skates**. Each youth also received NHLPA tracksuits and hockey sweaters. The equipment and apparel have all been sized accordingly for each recipient. **Bauer Hockey** played an important role in this donation by contributing extra equipment and covering the shipping costs to help this donation move forward.

# \$100,000

## OF HOCKEY EQUIPMENT



## LUC TARDIF

IIHF PRESIDENT

I WOULD LIKE TO SINCERELY THANK THE NHLPA AND BAUER FOR THIS GENEROUS DONATION TO UKRAINIAN YOUTH HOCKEY. THIS IS AN AMAZING CONTRIBUTION TO THE ALREADY OVERWHELMING SHOW OF SUPPORT SHOWN BY THE INTERNATIONAL ICE HOCKEY FAMILY FOR UKRAINE'S YOUNG PLAYERS.

## MARSEILLES - THE THREE NATIONS CUP

Upon the invitation of the French Ice Hockey Federation, the Ukrainian national team participated in the Three Nations Tournament, not only for the game but also to show solidarity.

The tournament marked the end of the 2022 calendar year for the Ukrainian team. Although they finished with three losses (1-2 and 0-3 to France, and 3-4 to Poland), they displayed a commendable level of play.

The games garnered a remarkable turnout of fans, filling the stands with a lot of energy. Among the attendees, there was a significant presence of Ukrainian refugees who eagerly gathered to show their support for Ukraine and foster a sense of unity with their fellow compatriots.

### PIERRE-YVES GERBEAU

WE ARE VERY PROUD OF WHAT WE HAVE DONE, OF THE FRENCH ICE HOCKEY FAMILY.

**\$5,280**

DONATED



## NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE TIME OF WAR

Despite the ongoing war, the decision was made to hold the tournament, with 6 teams participating, four of which had contested the previous season's championship until the invasion by Russia on 24 February.

### Competing teams:

**SOKIL, KYIV**  
**KREMENCHUK**  
**DNIPRO, KHERSON**  
**KHARKIV BERSERKS**  
**HC KYIV, KYIV**  
**LEGION, KALUSH**

The format of the tournament was the same as previous years, with each team playing 30 regular season games, ending on 5 March. The playoffs then run from 12 to 31 March, with the semi-finals and final played as best-of-three series however, due to the ongoing military situation, games were played without spectators. Fans were able to follow the action on national TV, and the federation's YouTube channel broadcasted the games to a worldwide audience.

The absence of fans was a scary detail, but the decision to hold the tournament breathed life into the industry. Even with some teams unable to enter due to their location in or near the occupied areas, the championship persevered, **with games played at three arenas in:**

**KYIV**  
**KREMENCHUK, POLTAVA REGION**  
**KALUSH, IVANO-FRANKIVSK REGION**

Sokil and HC Kyiv played home games in their native city, while Kharkiv joined Kremenchuk at the Iceberg Arena. Dnipro Kherson shared their home games with Legion Kalush in the western Ivano-Frankivsk region.



The championship amended its rules on imports players due to the war, banning players from Russia and Belarus and limiting teams to no more than five foreigners. The rosters for this season were entirely comprised of Ukrainian players, a notable change from the previous season where almost 40% of the total player pool consisted of Russian and Belarusian players.

Despite the challenging circumstances, the tournament gave hope and a sense of normalcy to the Ukrainian people. When Dnipro resumed training last month, the club noted that it was the first time in over 200 days its players had been able to get on the ice. In international competition, Kremenchuk represented Ukraine in the Continental Cup.

In light of the war and the subsequent loss of numerous sponsors, the majority of teams encountered substantial funding challenges. However, the Foundation offered financial assistance to the clubs throughout the season. Thanks to the collaborative efforts of our partners, we were able to ensure the continuity of the sport, safeguarding the athletes' qualifications and preserving hundreds of jobs.

## VITALII SAMOILENKO

A SOKIL FAN NOW FIGHTING WITH A SPECIAL FORCES SQUADRON THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE DEFENCE OF KYIV EARLIER THIS YEAR, SUMMED UP THE THOUGHTS OF MANY. HE WAS INVITED TO PERFORM THE CEREMONIAL PUCK DROP AHEAD OF THE GAME BETWEEN SOKIL AND KREMENCHUK, AND LATER SAID:

PEOPLE SHOULD BE ABLE TO LIVE NORMAL LIVES. IF WE FOCUS ENTIRELY ON THE WAR, IF WE CANCEL ALL SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT, THE COUNTRY WILL PLUNGE INTO DEEP TRAUMA. OF COURSE, HOWEVER, WE CANNOT FORGET THE COST OF A PEACEFUL LIFE. WE MUST ALWAYS REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE THERE, ON THE FRONT LINES, AND THOSE WHO WERE TAKEN CAPTIVE, ESPECIALLY THE GUYS WHO HEROICALLY FACED THE ENEMY AT AZOVSTAL.

The hockey teams "Kremenchuk" and "Sokil" played the **"Memorial Match"** in honor of the fallen warriors for Ukraine's freedom, paying tribute to the heroes by wearing hockey jerseys with the call signs of the soldiers. The charitable match was organized by the **"Gorobchuk" Charitable Foundation**, led by **Sergiy Kryvenko**, and "Kremenchuk" team captain **Vitaliy Lyalka**. Later, the jerseys were put up for auction.



## SOKIL CLAIMS 14TH UKRAINIAN TITLE

The Kyiv-based hockey club "Sokil" has won the national championship of Ukraine for the second consecutive year and a total of 14 times overall.

According to the results of the regular season, the teams that made it to the playoffs were Kremenchuk, Dnipro from Kherson, Kyiv's Sokil, and Legion from Kalush. The finals featured the teams from Kremenchuk and Sokil.

According to the tournament rules, the winner was determined after three victorious matches. This duel extended to the maximum, with Kremenchuk and Sokil playing a total of 5 games over the last eight days.





## SEASON 2021/22

The Hungarian Ice Hockey Federation provided considerable support to the national team. Our team spent two months preparing in the neighboring country. As a result, after thorough preparation, the team, under the guidance of **Vadym Shakhryaychuk**, had a decent performance at the World Championship in Division 1B.

For the first time in a long while, our team wasn't fighting for survival but secured the third place. Except for one utterly disastrous match against the Japanese (2:8), in all other games, our hockey players looked quite impressive. Our players thrashed the Serbs and Estonians with substantial scores of 7:0 and 8:0. The Ukrainians had every chance to beat the future winners of the tournament, the Poles, but lost to their neighbors following the post-match shootout series.

Deciding to participate in the World Championship was very difficult for all involved. **Dmytro Nimenko and Andriy Mikhnov**, two of our most experienced hockey players, decided to join the territorial defense of their native Kyiv from the very first days of the Russian invasion and stood up to defend Ukraine with arms in their hands. Some of the hockey players actively engaged in volunteer activities, while those players who were in the east of our country at the beginning of the war spent several weeks in bomb shelters.

## NATIONAL TEAM

DIVISION I GROUP B

WON BRONZE



## SEASON 2022/23

The Ukrainian national team, under the leadership of **Vadym Shakhraichuk**, secured a second-place finish at the 2023 World Championship in Tallinn, making progress after last year's bronze medal. Additionally, our team left a positive impression with their performance in Tallinn and showcased the highest level of productivity at the tournament, scoring 35 goals in five matches.



## NATIONAL TEAM

DIVISION I GROUP B

PLACED SECOND



SEASON 2022/23

U20

DIVISION I GROUP B

WON THE SILVER

THE U20 LOST ONLY ONCE BUT  
WAS UNABLE TO MOVE UP TO A  
HIGHER DIVISION

The U20 World Championship took place in Bytom, Poland. The team conducted their training camp in Kosice, Slovakia at the local "Arena Šeráši" and in Opole, Poland.

Olexander Bobkin, the head coach, said, "Thanks to the efforts of the Ice Hockey Federation of Ukraine, led by Georgii Zubko, the Ukrainian youth team had a good platform for preparation. We had a training camp in Slovakia in November, followed by another camp before the World Championship in Poland. However, we were unable to jump higher than second place. Unfortunately, we started the camp in Opole with only 8 players, and the team gathered from all over the world just one day before the first friendly game, which significantly complicated our preparation plans. Of course, our entire hockey family was eager to achieve the goal - to show the best possible result."

## SEASON 2021/22

The U18 team, with the support of Czech and Swiss benefactors, had the opportunity to prepare for the World Championship in these highly hockey-oriented countries for two months. As a result, led by **Oleksandr Bobkin**, the team secured the second place in Division 1B of the World Championship and advanced to Division 1A.



## U18

DIVISION I GROUP A

## UP TO DIVISION 1A

When the war broke out, nobody thought about the participation of the Ukrainian national teams in the World Championships. Considering the feasibility of athletes' performances in top-level competitions and slightly recovering from the initial shock of rocket attacks on Ukrainian cities, President Volodymyr Zelensky himself took a personal interest. However, it was evident that going to the world championship unprepared and participating for the sake of participation made no sense. Therefore, the Ukrainian Ice Hockey Federation initiated negotiations with European friends, trying to organize extended training camps for the teams under limited financial resources.

The juniors settled in the small Czech town of Brumov-Bylnice in the Zlín District of the Zlín Region. All the expenses of the Ukrainian national team in the Czech Republic were covered by the new sponsor, the company "EasyFlyers," represented by **Tomáš Draštil** and his friends.

Our hockey players trained for three weeks in perfect conditions provided by the owner of the sports complex in Brumov-Bylnice, **Jaroslav Vanek**. Within one building, the boys had the opportunity to stay in a hotel, dine at a restaurant, conduct ice training, work in the gym, practice in the throwing area, and improve their skating skills on the training equipment. Additionally, comprehensive support was provided to the Ukrainian team by **Marco Valentič**, a member of the IIHF Development Committee who also holds the position of Sports Director of the Czech hockey club "Slavý" and heads the national teams department of the Croatian Ice Hockey Federation.

U18

DIVISION I GROUP A

## SEASON 2021/22



On April 14, the Ukrainians moved to Lugano, Switzerland. Olexander Bobkin's team was personally welcomed by a member of the IIHF Council, the Sports Director of the Swiss Ice Hockey Federation, and the Sports Director of HC Bern, **Mr. Raeto Raffainer**. Thanks to his efforts, our team received excellent training and recovery facilities at the main arena of the Lugano club. It is important to note that the organization of this training camp in the canton of Ticino was actively supported by the IIHF President, **Luc Tardif**.

Summarizing this World Championship, it would be worth highlighting not only the result but also the quality of work done by all the branches involved in the functioning of the Ukrainian Junior National Team. This includes competent and comprehensive selection processes, providing suitable conditions for work, implementing effective training programs, and the professionalism of the young players. It was a case where all these necessary components came together and produced an effect. Perhaps not the highest possible result, but under these circumstances, a very respectable one.



## SEASON 2022/23

As a result of the championship held in Angers, France, we were able to maintain our presence there. Led by Oleksandr Bobkin, the team won two matches (in shootouts against the French and the Hungarians), earned a point by losing in overtime to the Japanese, and was defeated by the favorites, the national teams of Denmark and Kazakhstan. The Ukrainians did not look like underdogs and demonstrated that our hockey has potential.

Our team finished the tournament in fifth place. The position may not be impressive, but it will be difficult to find fault with Oleksandr Bobkin, his coaching staff, and the players. In the second-tier division of world hockey, our compatriots made a very successful restart.

The boys sincerely believe that they did not disappoint Bobkin and deserve the honor of being called up to the youth national team, which will play in the World Championship Division 1B in December, or the junior national team, which will approach their second consecutive season in Division 1A with much more experience.

U18

DIVISION I GROUP A

STAYED IN DIVISION 1A



## SEASON 2022/23

The Ukrainian Women's National team began its long-awaited training camp in Kosice, Slovakia, ahead of the 2023 World Championship in Division IIIA. The girls trained under the guidance of coach **Yevgen Alipov** and assistant coaches **Oleksandr Nikulichev** and **Oleksandr Fedorov**.

"Due to the war, the Ukrainian national team couldn't gather in the spring to compete in the World Championship, so everyone was very pleased that there was finally an opportunity to 'switch gears' and meet on the ice - for the first time since the full-scale invasion of the occupiers into Ukraine," says Ukrainian national team coach **Oleksandr Nikulichev**."

In its final match at the World Championship in Romania, the Ukrainian women's national team delivered a shocking first defeat to the Lithuanian favorites and ultimately finished with silver medals in second place.

The title of the best player of the Ukrainian team based on the tournament results was awarded to defender **Tetyana Kyrychenko**, who recorded a total of 5 (1+4) points in Romania.

It's worth noting that at the 2023 World Championship in Brasov, the Ukrainian team conceded the fewest goals of the tournament - 6 in 5 matches.

## WOMEN

DIVISION III GROUP A

## WON THE SILVER





## HOCKEY CAN'T STOP CANADA TOUR

The "Hockey Can't Stop Tour" was organized rapidly, attracting attention from hockey fans in Ukraine and Canada. **Gordon Miller**, a Canadian sportscaster for TSN, led the initiative and promptly provided support to the UHDF foundation. The tour aimed to show the leading hockey nations that Ukraine remained resilient, independent, and passionate about hockey.

Through this event, the Ice Hockey Federation of Ukraine sought to promote the sport's growth in Ukraine amidst ongoing war.

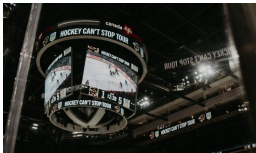
The tour also aimed to strengthen the hockey bond between Ukraine and Canada, marking the start of various programs and exchanges. This involved sending Ukrainian youth teams to Canadian camps and welcoming Canadian experts to Ukraine for knowledge exchange.

For many Ukrainian team members, it was their first trip to Canada. Vadym Shakhraichuk, the head coach, highlighted the significance of competing in Canada. Additionally, the tour aimed to raise funds for refugees, humanitarian efforts, and the restoration of war-affected arenas.



The Ukrainian national team U25 played four exhibition matches against the following universities:

**University of Saskatchewan**  
**University of Calgary**  
**University of Alberta**  
**University of Manitoba**



The Tour served as the final stage of preparation before the team's participation in the 2023 FISU World University Games in Lake Placid, USA.

The Ukrainian student team returned from the Universiade, finishing in a commendable sixth place out of 12 participants, surpassing hockey nations such as the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Latvia, and Sweden.

It is worth noting that similar tours were previously undertaken by Ukraine's leading hockey clubs, namely Kyiv Sokil and later Kharkiv Dynamo, during the 1980s. However, this experience marked the first of its kind for Ukrainian hockey at the national team level since Ukraine gained independence.

The success of this Tour was made possible by the support of sponsors and partners such as **Canada West, Tim Hortons, Sobey's, True North Sports and Entertainment, Sporting Life, Heritage Frozen Foods Ltd. (CHEEMO), Ticketmaster, and Visa Inc.**

The Ukrainian national team U25 during the "Hockey Can't Stop Tour" managed to draw huge crowds, and what's interesting is that eager fans would still arrive to watch the matches even after the opening puck drop. They were able to purchase so-called "standing" tickets.

The ceremonial puck drop before the match against the "Calgary Dinos" was done by the Consul General of Ukraine in Edmonton, Olexander Danyleyko.

In the first three matches, the Ukrainian student team fell behind in the score, but in the fourth friendly match against the local university team from the state of Manitoba, they managed to secure a victory. This game took place at the 15,000-seat arena of the NHL club "Winnipeg Jets," known as the "Canada Life Centre." Over ten thousand spectators gathered at the arena.



## THE EDMONTON OILERS STANDS WITH UKRAINE

The Oilers demonstrated unwavering support during their NHL regular-season game against the New York Islanders on Thursday, January 5. The game was held under the slogan "Stand With Ukraine." Several Ukrainian cultural elements were incorporated into the match festivities at Rogers Place Arena, including a puck drop ceremony with Ukrainian families, the singing of the Ukrainian national anthem by the Ukrainian Men's Choir of Edmonton in both English and Ukrainian.



In addition to the game, there was a **50/50 raffle** by the Edmonton Oilers in support of the "Ukrainian Hockey Dream" to contribute to the ongoing humanitarian efforts of UCC-CUF, including providing food, medicine, and ongoing assistance projects aimed at helping Canadians in Ukraine.

**\$1,536,575**  
**DURING THE EDMONTON OILERS'**  
**50/50 RAFFLE**

# HOCKEY CAN'T STOP CANADA TOUR

Additionally, other NHL clubs also organized similar 50/50 raffles in support of Ukrainian hockey and the humanitarian needs of Ukrainians.

**THE CALGARY FLAMES COLLECTED \$297,280**

**THE WINNIPEG JETS COLLECTED \$32,965**

We are grateful to **Canada Friends of Hockey in Ukraine** for their assistance in organizing the tour. We also extend our thanks to the **Canada-Ukraine Foundation**, which served as the financial partner for fundraising during the Hockey Can't Stop Tour.

As of August 1, 2023, the UHD Foundation received:

**\$59,462**  
DONATIONS



# HOCKEY CAN'T STOP CONTINUES IN BELFAST

From April 15th to 19th, a solemn commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the signing of the Belfast Good Friday Agreement took place in Belfast. The agreement, signed on April 10th, 1998, was a significant achievement and brought an end to the 30-year war in Northern Ireland, known as "The Troubles". Over the past 25 years, Northern Ireland has made significant progress towards greater prosperity and security and has become a more inclusive society, with the creation of a decentralized government and the protection of citizens' rights. The agreement has been the foundation for an impressive transformation of Northern Ireland over the last 25 years.

Many politicians and prominent figures from the United Kingdom and the United States attended the Event, as the US government played a significant role in resolving the war.

The local ice hockey team, Belfast Giants, multiple winners of the UK Championship, is a symbol of how sports can unite and help society reintegrate into a peaceful life. Life in the city revolves around the Giants and the local Odyssey Arena in many ways. This year, to emphasize the historical importance of the event and show solidarity with Ukraine, Belfast, in partnership with the Ukrainian Ice Hockey Federation under the leadership of Georgiy Zubko, invited a team from Ukraine to a special exhibition game. The young and talented team from the city of Kherson, "Dnipro", played in a very special and inspirational atmosphere in the SSE Arena. This was also very symbolic, as the victory in the battle for Kherson was one of the most important in the war with Russia when the city returned to Ukraine. Now the goal is to return the city to normal life and bring back the ice hockey team that is very loved there.

The game has been the centerpiece of the anniversary celebration, among other events, and provided an incredible opportunity to strengthen ties between Northern Ireland and Ukraine.



## ROBERT FITZPATRICK

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE ODYSSEY TRUST

SPORT HAS THE POWER TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER - ESPECIALLY DURING CHALLENGING TIMES. UKRAINE IS A PROMINENT SPORTING NATION, EPITOMIZED BY A PROUD ICE HOCKEY HISTORY, AND WE FEEL INCREDIBLY PRIVILEGED TO BE ABLE TO PLAY A PART IN SUPPORTING UKRAINIAN HOCKEY DREAM'S CHARITABLE AMBITIONS THROUGH THIS ONE-OF-A-KIND GAME RIGHT HERE IN BELFAST.



## DNIPRO KHERSON IN BELAFAST

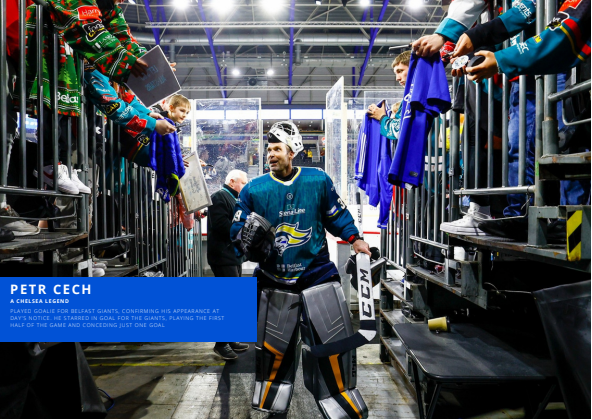
The Belfast Giants All Stars team featured appearances from past and present Giants' players such as fan favourite JJ Piccinich, Giants' current head coach **Adam Keefe** and his former teammate Darryl Lloyd, as well as the iconic former Premier League goalkeeper and current Chelmsford Chieftains netminder, **Petr Cech**.

All-in-all, the game was not only a display of skill and sportsmanship between two competitive sides, but also a testament to the power of community and the willingness of individuals and organizations to come together in support of a worthy cause. The local artist **Ryan McMullan** kicked off proceedings with a rendition of his song Belfast City. The game was also attended by **Joe Kennedy III** - Special Envoy to Northern Ireland for Economic Affairs and **Steve Baker**, Minister of State for Northern Ireland.

We express our heartfelt gratitude to **Steve Thornton** for his exceptional organizational skills and unwavering support, **Martin McDowell**, Chairman of The Odyssey Trust, and **Robert Fitzpatrick**, Chief Executive of The Odyssey Trust, for their visionary leadership and inspirational example. Thank you to the entire team of The Odyssey Trust for your unwavering commitment and dedication. Together, we will continue to strive towards a brighter future for all.

**\$78,447**  
DONATED





## PETR CECH

A CHELSEA LEGEND

PLAYED GOALIE FOR BELFAST GIANTS, CONFIRMING HIS APPEARANCE AT DAY'S NOTICE. HE STARRED IN GOAL FOR THE GIANTS, PLAYING THE FIRST HALF OF THE GAME AND CONCEDED JUST ONE GOAL

## BUILDING THE FUTURE

As we close the chapter on this challenging year, we can't help but acknowledge the many losses we've experienced along the way. Yet, in the face of adversity, we've also gained a lot.

We've forged new friendships, developed new skills, and adopted new approaches that have helped us to get through these difficult times. But most importantly, we've gained a renewed sense of trust and hope that we can overcome anything as a community.

As we reflect on the power of hockey, we're reminded that it's not just a sport. It's a bridge that unites us, helps us heal, and enables us to come back stronger than ever before.

Thank you for standing with us through it all, and we look forward to the bright days ahead!

Our Ukrainian Hockey Dream continues to inspire us every day. We dream a future where we can produce the next Wayne Gretzky and proudly host the NHL Global Challenge Game in the city of Kyiv. We dream of a day when there will be 100 ice arenas across the country, 15 professional teams representing our nation, and over 40,000 kids playing hockey every single day.

These may seem like ambitious goals, but we believe that with hard work, dedication, and support from our international hockey family, we can turn our dreams into reality.





# PARTNERS AND FRIENDS OF THE UKRAINIAN HOCKEY DREAM



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# UNAUDITED PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

APRIL 2022 - AUGUST 2023

## CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS, 2022-2023

FINLANDS I VETURITIE	147 840
INFRONT SPORTS + MEDIA AG	53 640
UKRAINE ATHLETIC SPORTS	3 923
TRUE NORTH	28 803
MARSEILLE HOCKEY CLUB	5 280
ODYSSEY TRUST COMPANY LTD	78 447
LOWER CASE MERCHANDISE LTD	26 736
HOCKEY DREAMS DEVELOPMENT CAMPS	11 521
PRIVATE ACCOUNTS	18 832
REVOLVING LOAN	62 750
<b>TOTAL, \$</b>	<b>437 772</b>

# UNAUDITED PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

APRIL 2022 - AUGUST 2023

## EXPENDITURES, 2022-2023

ICE RENTAL	12 390
ICE ARENA OPERATION	11 260
YOUTH'S COMPETITION	26 770
TRAINING SUPPORT	297 266
HOCKEY DREAMS DEVELOPMENT CAMPS	9 468

## EXPENDITURES

ADVERTISING AND MARKETING	21 589
FORMAL TRAVEL ASSIGNMENTS	6 368
OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES	44 170

<b>TOTAL, \$</b>	<b>429 281</b>
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2022-2023