



## March 11th – Update

Russia's indiscriminate war against Ukraine continues, and each day more and more innocent lives are lost. But our Ukrainian freedom fighters, including ordinary citizens in the territorial defense units are putting up a strong defense. We continue to assist from across the ocean, both with humanitarian assistance and advocacy.

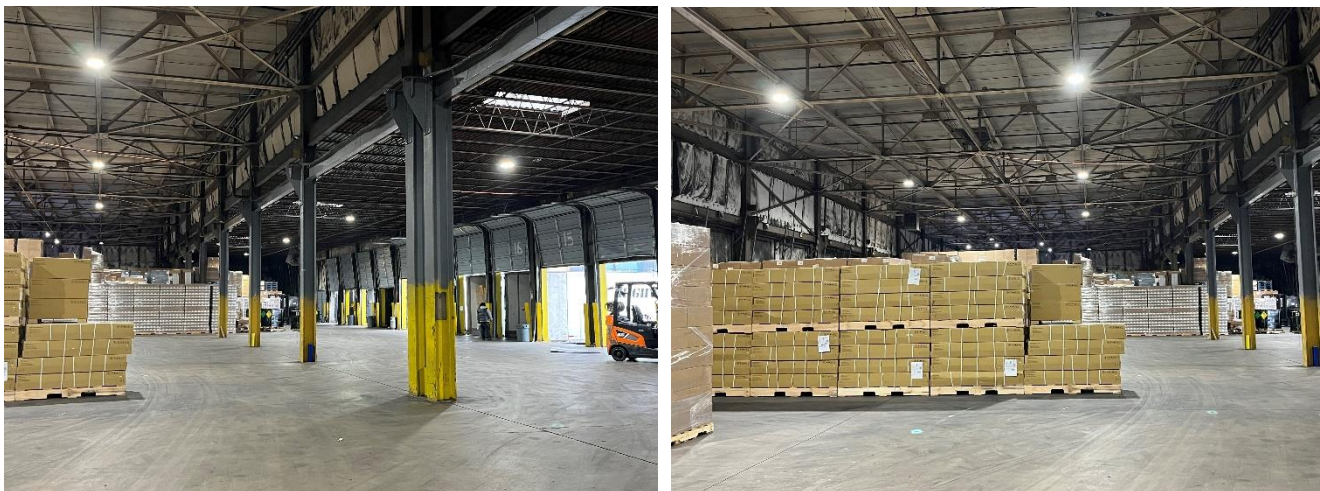
Given that our work has a lot of moving parts, I will try to provide a brief update on some highlights of our efforts since my last update.

Distribution of aid continues thanks to the generous donations from individuals and even a few corporate donors.

UCCA has wired another installment to AICM for the vital distribution of medical supplies to hospitals treating the victims of the war as well as on food for the evacuees. AICM informed us that they are moving part of their stock due to Russia's relentless targeting of cities. Today they will be trying to approach Sumy to deliver much needed humanitarian assistance.

The M-FAK kits (medical packs for frontline soldiers that contain first responders' most requested critical point-of-wounding medical equipment for treating penetrating, blast or other traumatic injuries in the line of duty) are in flight as I write this to Krakow, Poland. From there they will be brought into Ukraine and delivered to the front lines. We will update you on this project in a few days.

Thanks to Governor Murphy of New Jersey, we have procured a 10,000 sq ft. space in a fully-operational, fully equipped warehouse in Harrison, NJ – close to Newark's airport and harbor. I had the opportunity to visit the space (photos below) with Jerry Kuzemczak from our Whippany Branch along with the Defense Attache from our Ukrainian Mission to the United Nations. During our visit we met the team at the warehouse that will assist in our efforts and explored the space where our community will be able to gather our humanitarian aid. Attached to this email is a further explanation regarding the warehouse, the prioritization of needed aid and a form to request storage.



*Storage facility in Harrison, NJ*

On behalf of UCCA, I submitted a proposal to receive a grant from Philip Morris International that will help fund our humanitarian aid efforts. We should be apprised of their decision in the coming days, and of course I will keep you all informed.

I would like to thank a former UCCA Atlanta Branch President and her son for introducing us to Peter Michael Marino, a producer in NYC who put together a Comedy/Variety show to benefit UCCA's humanitarian aid efforts. In their own words:

“In response to the ongoing crisis in Ukraine, an outrageous lineup of NYC finest standups, clowns, and more come together in **“The Kraine for Ukraine Variety Comedy Benefit.”** Hosted by Carole Montgomery, creator of Showtime's “Funny Women of a Certain Age,” this in-person and streaming event happens on Tuesday, **March 15 at 7:30pm** at The Kraine, 85 E 4<sup>th</sup> St.

Proceeds from this one-night only event will go [Ukrainian Congress Committee of America \(UCCA\)](#)...”



For more information, please visit:

<https://www.broadwayworld.com/article/NYC-Comedy-Legends-To-Come-Together-For-THE-KRAINE-FOR-UKRAINE-VARIETY-COMEDY-BENEFIT-20220309>

<https://allarts.org/events/the-kraine-for-ukraine-variety-comedy-benefit/>

***UCCA's Council on Aid to Ukrainians is continuing its Fundraising Drive to support Ukraine in its fight to maintain its independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity!***

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**Please know that every penny donated will go directly to our humanitarian aid effort - NO money is being diverted at the top or dedicated for administrative overhead.**