

...With Gratitude, the Journey to Hope & Healing Continues...

A monthly e-newsletter from the UIT Capital Campaign ~ a partnership of International Mental Health Consulting, Inc. (IMHC), UIT, LLC & the UIT Charitable Fund

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#### **CAMPAIGN UPDATE:**

We have a promo video for our UIT Capital Campaign!
It's compelling, touching and perfectly captures how big our vision really is for UIT.

It will premiere on YouTube Friday, May 23

7:00PM in Kyiv; Noon in Washington, DC; 9:00A in Los Angeles.

We will have staff and volunteers able to answer your questions live! We will drop it on other online platforms over the **Memorial Day holiday weekend. Sign up here to join those waiting for the premiere:** <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=unRbuLJb7XA">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=unRbuLJb7XA</a>

☐ Can't wait until the 23rd and want a sneak peek? Anyone who commits to a **monthly recurring gift of \$20.25 or more**, *or* gives a **one time gift of \$250 or more** between <u>May 1-21</u> will receive a link to watch the video early.

Click on the screenshot of the ad's title card to make a donation:



On April 17, Dr. Olya Zaporozhets, Founder, and Carrie Ann Alford, US Project Manager, had a productive meeting with **Capital One** to secure a line of credit to begin building in 2025.

What they want from us - pledge forms. Pledge forms show the bank that we will have donations coming in to repay the credit. Gifts may be made by check, credit card, through a Donor Advised Fund (DAF), or IRA account. You may give a one-time gift, annually, semi-annually, quarterly or monthly.

Since you follow the news, you know how critically important it is to get this building built and start healing war trauma in soldiers, veterans and civilians - especially children.

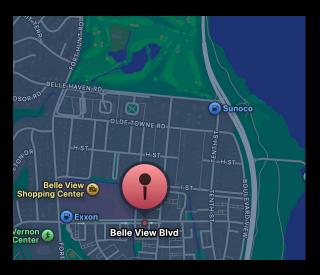
If you are ready to commit to investing at least

Our Fundraising Committee created a flyer to hand out to friends and neighbors, post to community bulletin boards and include in local church bulletins, and more. If you would like flyers to distribute please email Carrie Ann. Check out the flyer -front and back:

\$2,500 over 5 years please contact **Carrie Ann** at 572-259-0110 or imhcinc @gmail.com and she will send you a pledge form, or to set up a meeting to share more information and answer your questions before you commit.

Come get merch & support UIT Saturday, May 3 from 8:00a-2:00p, in Alexandria, VA. We will have a table at the Belle View Yard Sale - a big, annual neighborhood spring event. We'll have the Ukrainian items from the website shop and more - all sales go to the **UIT** Capital Campaign Fund.

Not in the Washington, D.C. area but have a similar event in your neighborhood, church, synagogue, or community center? Contact Carrie Ann at imhcinc @gmail .com for help organizing.



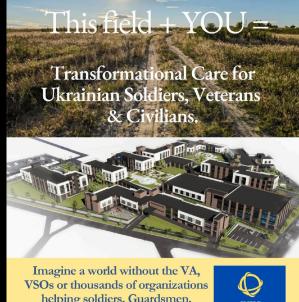
On April 28, we posted a new video of IMHC on our website and YouTube channel that gives an overview of what we do throughout the year in addition to the UIT Capital Campaign. It also launches our new Annual Partnership program for individuals and corporate donors able to support our IMHC, Inc. Annual Fund at \$5,000+.



Don't forget to visit and subscribe to our YouTube channel! Once we get to 500 or more subscribers, there are special perks for nonprofits!

In our April e-news we highlighted our partner Canada-Ukraine Foundation fundraising campaign "Even The Brave Struggle". The campaign raised \$2.6 million (CDN). \$1.6 million from the public and \$1.0 million from Myhal.

We are so grateful for CUF partnering with us for Open Doors Psychological Counseling Center, which is the IMHC partner currently operating the mental health programs that will become the Ukraine Institute Traumatherapy, once it is built.



helping soldiers, Guardsmen, veterans and their families heal from war trauma...



Read on to learn more & Join Us as we create a hopeful, healthier future for all in Ukraine: the **Ukraine Institute of Traumatherapy** 

#### The need is now. The time is now.

The Ukraine Institute of Traumatherapy is a partnership between IMHC, the UIT Charitable Fund and Ukraine Institute of Traumatherapy, LLC.

UIT will be a state-of-the-art, first of its kind, rehabilitation center for mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual healing, created to restore Ukrainian soldiers, veterans and civilians with special services for children & adolescents.

An innovative place where science, technology & humanity are combined to ensure every Ukrainian affected by war trauma has the opportunity to

heal and lead a resilient life.



UIT will also be a training and research center focused on best practices and educating the next generation of clinicians to provide world-class trauma care. UIT staff will train medical and mental health professionals, conduct research and test treatments & techniques



Our goal is to be a global leader in war related trauma therapy.

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We are so grateful for **DeLong Litho** in Lorton, VA for printing 500 flyers (& 500 thank you cards!) as an in-kind donation to support our work in Ukraine. We are grateful for this new partnership from a woman-owned small business in Virginia. If you live in the D.C. area please give DeLong Litho your business the next time you need something printed. You won't regret it!





April 20-26 was National Volunteer Week and we want to celebrate our incredible volunteers from across the U.S., Europe and Ukraine and give generously to our many programs with training and education work with our Ukrainian clinicians, students and clients. We simply could not do what we do without them!

**Pre-Build Phase Update:** We've raised \$5,000 of the \$42,000 needed but still have \$37,000 to go to make sure everything on our pre-build punch list is 100% paid for.

Consider giving an amount equal to: 1 WEEK = \$8,773\* 1 DAY = \$1,253\* 1 HOUR = \$52.25 1/2 HOUR = \$26 1/4 HOUR = \$13

\*Qualifies the donor for one of our annual giving levels and additional benefits



### **TEAM SPOTLIGHT:**



IMHC is a Virginia-based non-profit with staff and volunteers around the world. We are excited to use this newsletter to introduce our amazing, dedicated team!

This month, it's our Advisory Team Member and Army Veteran: **Dr. Joshua Kreimeyer** 

Dr. Joshua Kreimeyer is originally from Minnesota and served in the Army for six years. He and his family served in California, Texas, and Germany, with side excursions for Josh to Kosovo (1999) and Iraq (2003). After injuries prevented re-enlistment, Josh transitioned to civilian life and utilized VA's VOCREHAB program to train in Counseling.

Josh is passionate about helping military families deal with transition from war to civilian life, He is a licensed counselor and family therapist, and has a BA in Recreation. He works with clients on mitigating the impact of trauma by focusing on integrating wellness through recreation. He has over 20 years of experience, including community-based outpatient clinics, private practice, the US Bureau of Prisons and Dept. of Veterans Affairs, and international experience working with the UN International Office Migration in Ukraine and the Czech Republic. In July 2024, he helped train our Ukrainian psychologists by facilitating two experiential retreats for military families in Ukraine.

"Through my studies at Regent University, I participated in groundbreaking efforts to bring the field of trauma-informed counseling to mental health providers in Ukraine," Josh said. "I am honored to be a part of the team. My focus is on integrating families into the continuum of care with an emphasis on wellness through recreation."

In 2025, he and his wife Amy, who is also one of our volunteers, are moving to Malaga, Spain to take a new role with **Convoy of Hope** and will be frequently in Ukraine, helping to push back the influence and impact of war.

In his free time, Josh says "I try to practice what I preach and get out into the beautiful mountain trails of Colorado with my wife, three daughters, son-in-law and grandchildren Luna, Willow and Koa for skiing in the winter and hiking any time. One of my proudest accomplishments to date is hiking up and down Pikes Peak."

We are so grateful that he is putting

all of his military experience and knowledge gained as a veteran to good use with us here at IMHC and UIT. Please keep the Kreimeyer family in your thoughts and prayers.  $\Box$ 







#### ... In Other News ...



# OUR BONFIRE SHOP... JUST DO IT!

**Bonfire Shop** now has **NIKE** apparel products... so we do too! *Just Do It* and show your support of our UIT Capital Campaign!

We also have notebooks, hats, bags and more.

Click on the photo above to visit our shop.

All proceeds go to the UIT Capital Campaign.



#### HELP UP BECOME A SPAVE FAVE!

Imagine if every coffee, grocery run, or gas fill-up helped fund your dreams and causes you care about -- like UIT -- automatically!

You can with our friends at <u>Spave</u>!
Download Spave 7.0 in the <u>AppleStore</u> or <u>Google Play</u>. If <u>10</u> supporters download the Spave app and start giving, they will make us a "Spave Fave" which unlocks special benefits!



## NEW GIVING PLATFORM

We have a new donor platform - QGiv! We will be closing our GiveLively pages soon. If you set up a recurring gift before Feb. 10, 2025, please create a new recurring donation at one of the links below & cancel your previous recurring donation(s).

### UIT Capital Campaign:

https://secure.qgiv.com/for/ uitcapital campaign/

#### **IMHC Annual Fund:**

https://secure.qgiv. com/for/imhc



# GET SOCIAL WITH IMHC & UIT

Follow us and share our posts on social media to grow our community!

Website

**YouTube** 

**Facebook** 

<u>Instagram</u>

Please share our content with friends & family!



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Are you awesome at social media? Do you have some time to give?

We need YOU!

We are expanding our social media presence and need help creating posts, videos, memes and more.

Please contact Carrie Ann at 571-259-0110 or imhcinc @ gmail .com



## PARTNER WITH US

Have Olya or Oksana speak on EMDR, mental health, resiliency, or Ukraine & war trauma at your conference, church, synagogue or community group!

Please contact Carrie Ann Alford, UIT US Project Manager: imhcinc @ gmail .com

#### of the Month:

розмови (rozmovy) = conversations

співпраця (spivpratsya) = collaboration



In the month of April, the IMHC team had many wonderful **розмов**и (conversations) about potential **співпраця** (collaboration). **дякую** (thank you) for all the thoughts & prayers - keep them coming!

### STAY CONNECTED

Please send <u>all check donations</u> & correspondence regarding fundraising to our Alexandria office:

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