

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

A monthly e-newsletter from International Mental Health Consulting, Inc. (IMHC) and the Ukraine Institute of Traumatherapy (UIT)

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Welcome to the official launch of our new monthly newsletter!

We will send an e-newsletter each month with updates on the UIT Capital Campaign, Upcoming Events, Spotlights on our Staff, Board & Volunteers and other useful information to you \sim our IMHC & UIT family.

 \Box Thank you for your continued support. \Box





WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE!

http://imhcinc.org

We have migrated from our .com to a .org website.

Please check out our new website... And then bookmark it & share it with friends & family!



OUR BONFIRE SHOP

Check out our newly stocked up **Bonfire Shop** for t-shirts, sweats, note-books and more in a variety of sizes & colors.
All proceeds go to the UIT Capital Campaign.

PARTNER WITH US

Interested in partnering with UIT, or having Dr. Z speak at your conference, event, church, synagogue or community group? Please contact Carrie Ann Alford, UIT Project Manager: imhcinc @ gmail .com

New Way to Give! Join our \$20.25 in 2025 Giving Campaign

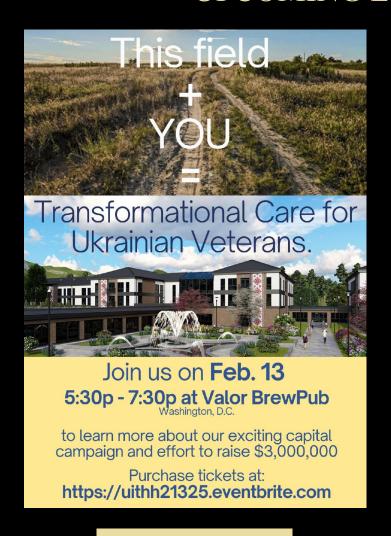
- ✓ Our Goal: 100 donors giving \$20.25 monthly for at least 1 year.
- ✓ All donations go to our Capital Campaign for a Better Ukraine to build the Ukraine Institute of Traumatherapy
- ✓ The first 25 donors who sign up for this monthly giving level will receive a t-shirt as a thank you.

Subject to size availability. Must provide address & phone number at checkout.



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

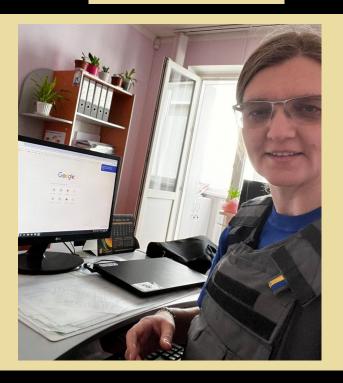


We will have a special Pop Up Merch store on the 13th with items not available for purchase through our website! Don't mission out - get your tickets today!

Unable to attend, but know someone in the Washington, D.C. area who might be interested? Please forward this email to them!

Valor Brewpub is a restaurant & brewery, located across the street from the Marine Barracks on Barracks Row in Southeast DC. Valor employs Veterans, uses Veteran-owned products and support Veteran causes.

Purchase Tickets



International Mental Health Consulting, Inc. [IMHC] is a Virginia-based non-profit and we are excited to use this newsletter to introduce our supporters and friends to our amazing, dedicated team!

This month, it's our **Founder & President Dr. Olya Zaporozhets**. This photo is her providing services on one of her many trips to Ukraine. (Can you imagine providing mental health care in a flak jacket?!?)

Olya is a Licensed Professional Counselor in Virginia and Ohio. She's taught in Ukraine since 2005, and at Regent University in Virginia Beach for over a decade. She splits her time between the U.S., Ukraine, and traveling throughout Europe and the Middle East promoting awareness of

mental health needs in Ukraine, supporting the EMDR therapy community, consulting with mental health professionals, and conducting fundraising for her nonprofit organization. She currently works as a Professor in the School of Psychology and Counseling at Regent University, and directs two institutes: The Ukraine Institute for Education in Psychology and Counseling; and The Institute for the Study of Sexual Identity.

In addition to all of that, she founded, along with Dr. Oksana Syvak, The Center of Psychological Counseling and Trauma Therapy "Open Doors," and created the International Institute of Postgraduate Education [IIPE], an accredited postgraduate degree program, both of which are in Ukraine. Her mission is ensuring Ukrainians receive the best trauma-informed trained therapists to help them navigate their mental health needs. Olya and Oksana also created a professional umbrella organization: The Association of Psychological Counseling & Trauma Therapy – Ukraine [APCTT], founded in Kyiv in 2020, dedicated to training future professionals in the use of advanced approaches and standards of trauma therapy. Along with Open Doors and IIPE, partners of APCTT include: Borys Grinchenko University of Kyiv; Razom, a nonprofit dedicated to fostering a secure, prosperous, and democratic Ukraine, Regent University, and the Association of Play Therapy. [APCTT website] Olya and the APCTT members developed the professional Code of Ethics for Ukraine that regulates clinical services for mental health professionals.

In her free time she likes to go to the movies, take long motorcycle rides, and visit Biltmore down in Asheville, NC. - her "happy place". Olya is traveling to Ukraine on **February 15** after spending a few days in Washington, D.C. In 2025, she will also travel to Israel, the Czech Republic and Ukraine a few more times. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. \Box

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