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Subject: Heartfelt Thoughts and Support for Ukraine

Our hearts are with our colleagues of Ukrainian descent, those who have family and friends living in the region and all who are impacted by recent events. We stand together with you, both in support and as a caring community, sharing the anxiety and concern about the heartbreaking, unprovoked violence and aggression happening in Ukraine. We are deeply saddened and horrified by the lives being lost and the siege against freedom and sovereignty.

Our commitment to community-connected care and wellbeing recognizes the dignity of every person, their individual and collective freedom, rights and responsibilities—including living in a safe environment. In support of those principles and knowing that in times of crisis, our natural desire is to help, NorthShore – Edward-Elmhurst Health is taking the following actions to support the people of Ukraine:

- We will be making a financial donation through *Razom for Ukraine* which translates to *Together We Are Ukraine*. The organization provides medical supplies, humanitarian aid, and supporting volunteers on the ground.
- We are in the process of organizing donations of medical supplies for delivery to Ukraine.
- Many of you have expressed interest in offering personal support for the people of Ukraine. We have researched organizations that provide help in different ways. Attached is a list of relief organizations, including direct links for further information on how you can help.

We are also acutely aware of how real-time information, news reports, social media posts and visuals impact each of us and our families. We understand that as a nation and as a NorthShore – Edward-Elmhurst Health community we are still reeling from the toll COVID-19 has taken on all of us. During challenging times, we've always come together as one caring, connected community demonstrating compassion for each other. This time is no different.

Please take advantage of our inpatient chapels, our peace and relaxation areas and walking trails as places to reflect and pray for peace. We also encourage you to take advantage of various well-being resources to care for yourselves and those in your lives: [Edward-Elmhurst Health](#), [NorthShore and Swedish](#) and [Northwest Community Healthcare](#). Please look for future communications as we work with our well-being teams to develop additional resources tailored to the stressors brought by this crisis.

In closing, we would ask that you keep the people of Ukraine in your thoughts and hearts. Together, we add our voices to the call for world leaders to end war, violence and aggression and support the common good for all people.

Are you interested in helping the people of Ukraine? Here are links to some organizations and agencies providing relief and other essential services:

[Razom for Ukraine](#) – providing medical supplies, humanitarian aid, and supporting volunteers on the ground. The group is also partnering with other Ukrainian-targeted organizations.

[Voices of Children](#) – this Ukrainian foundation helps provide psychological and psychosocial support to children affected by the armed conflict.

[Nova Ukraine](#) – providing humanitarian aid to Ukraine.

[International Committee of the Red Cross](#) – helping people affected by the conflict and support the work of the Ukrainian Red Cross.

[Global Giving-Ukraine Crisis Relief Fund](#) – fund to provide shelter, food and water for 500,000 refugees and counting.

Local Ukrainian shipping company Meest-Karpaty is accepting humanitarian aid packages at Locations in Chicago and Palatine. More information can be found on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/karpatychicago/>

The [Ukrainian Medical Association of North America \(UMANA\)](#) - local organization accepting physical goods/medical supplies to transport to Ukraine. For further information: 773-278-6262 or umana@umana.org