

Distribution Report

Partner: MEO

Shipment ID: S25020

Testimony #2004

Testimony Type

Local community

Distribution Items

Included Items:

6101-MATTRESS

Why Were The Items Distributed Here? What Are The Greatest Needs In This Community?

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Reporting Numbers:

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Name

Petro Kosaryev

Age

78

Gender

male

Occupation

Retired

Family Size

Family of two, he lives with his wife

What Are Their Living Conditions?

They rent a small very modest house in Zaporizhzhia, which needs a lot of repairs. They live modestly among many items left by previous occupants and much of their furniture and belongings are worn out or broken.

Describe The Types Of Needs This Individual Has.

They have many needs, as they are internally displaced people, both food and things for their home. Although the previous tenants left many things behind, many of them are broken, old and not useful. They were specifically looking for a mattress for a while. In their words, "We've been looking for this mattress for a long time. The springs on the old one came out, and it was very uncomfortable to sleep on. This will really improve the quality of our lives, specifically our sleep as life is already hard with all the stress and daily challenges, caused by war, and when you don't get a good sleep you feel even worse. So thank you, again."

How Did This Donation Meet These Needs And Make A Lasting Impact?

The new mattress provides better comfort and significantly improves their sleep, contributing to their overall quality of life and sense of security.

Please Provide A Quote From The Individual About How They Feel After Receiving This Donation.

“Thank God! We have no words! With this kind of support, we feel safer. We are not alone.” The couple was very happy and deeply grateful for the help.

Testimony #2005

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5401-SCHL-DESKS

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Name

Martina Voloshyna

Age

9

Gender

female

Occupation

Attends School

Family Size

Lives with her parents

What Are Their Living Conditions?

The family resides in the frontline city of Zaporizhzhia, only 15 km from active combat zones. Their daily life is shaped by work responsibilities, air raid alerts, and periods of shelling in the city. Martina tries to take care of her studies from home. The family lives in a rented apartment.

Describe The Types Of Needs This Individual Has.

Martina needs a safe and secure space where she can learn and grow without fear. She also needed a good place that to support her education and personal development and the desk has been a perfect fit.

How Did This Donation Meet These Needs And Make A Lasting Impact?

The donated desk has become Martina's personal space, making it easier for her to focus on her studies. She loves learning new things, so this desk supports her academic success and improves her concentration during lessons, giving her a sense of stability and comfort in a very challenging environment.

Please Provide A Quote From The Individual About How They Feel After Receiving This Donation.

"Thanks to this desk, it's much easier for me to study now." Martina looked very happy and engaged with her new learning space.

Testimony #2007

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Distribution Items

Included Items:

5402-SCHL-CHAIRS

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Name

Lysenko Yana Oleksandrivna

Age

34

Gender

female

Occupation

Internally Displaced Person (IDP), works as a cashier in a store.

Family Size

Two family members: Yana and her husband.

What Are Their Living Conditions?

Yana and her husband live in rented housing in a large city. When they were forced to flee their home, they were unable to take any belongings with them and had to start from nothing. Their apartment is furnished with very old and worn-out furniture, especially in the kitchen. The chairs were in very poor condition and recently one of them broke.

Describe The Types Of Needs This Individual Has.

Although both Yana and her husband are working, they face significant financial hardship. As internally displaced people, they could only find very low-paying jobs due to the high number of displaced persons in the city and the shortage of available work. They are grateful to have employment at all, but their income barely covers essential expenses. Rent is expensive and difficult to find, and the cost of living in the city is high. Because of this, they were unable to afford even basic household items such as chairs and continued using old, unsafe furniture.

How Did This Donation Meet These Needs And Make A Lasting Impact?

The donation of chairs met a very real and immediate need for the family. It improved their daily comfort and safety and made their living space more functional and dignified. For Yana, this support gave her a sense of relief and emotional encouragement, reminding her that she and her family are not alone and that even if both of them work, they still have needs and they were met by kind people.

Please Provide A Quote From The Individual About How They Feel After Receiving This Donation.

“I want to say thank you once again for the help. May God grant you good health. I sincerely thank you for your support. This help is very important for our family and we’ll uses these chairs and think of you and your kindness towards us.”

Testimony #2009

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Included Items:

5425-SCHOOL-TABLE

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Semenova Oksana

Age

35

Gender

female

Occupation

Not employed; raising two children

Family Size

Family of four

What Are Their Living Conditions?

At the beginning of the war, the family lived in an apartment in the city. However, due to fear of shelling and concern for their children's safety, they moved relatively far outside the city. They are now living in a house belonging to friends. On the one hand, they have a quiet and relatively safe place; on the other hand, they are quite far from the city and have to organize their daily life among other people's belongings.

Describe The Types Of Needs This Individual Has.

There was a need to organize a proper space for the children so they could study, play, and develop in comfortable conditions. They had a table that belongs to their friends but it was very old, partially broken and not suitable for the children.

How Did This Donation Meet These Needs And Make A Lasting Impact?

Now the children have a table they can use for various activities as well as doing homework. This has addressed an urgent and important need.

Please Provide A Quote From The Individual About How They Feel After Receiving This Donation.

"I am so happy that my children finally have something of their own, something they can use for their everyday activities. Because we had to leave all our belongings behind, we have been using

whatever we had available. We really appreciate something that will be their own and very useful.”