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REPORT

JANUARY 2025

JANUARY: INVESTING IN RESILIENCE AND CREATING OPPORTUNITIES

The year started for our team with a significant event — a trip to Kharkiv, a hero city that, despite constant attacks, continues to live, work, and fight. We met with our partners, saw the scale of destruction firsthand, and heard directly from locals about the challenges they face every day.

This was yet another reminder of how the support from KSE Foundation's donors and partners has a direct impact on people's lives — thanks to you, we are able to help those who refuse to give up, who remain strong, and who continue to fight for Ukraine and the whole democratic world.

In January:

- **We assessed the needs of the defenders in Kharkiv to strengthen their defense capabilities.** Increasing the effectiveness of our aid requires a thorough understanding of the challenges on the ground, coordination with military units, and precise planning. That is why on-site visits are crucial. We spoke with the defenders about their top priorities for support, including essential gear, equipment, and other critical resources.



SVITLANA DENYSENKO

Director of the KSE Foundation



One of the key highlights was our visit to sniper sector training, where we observed the high level of expertise among fighters, achieved partly through effective training programs. We also visited the legendary Kharkiv School No. 134, where a fierce battle took place on February 27, 2022. Ukrainian special forces, including the Rapid Operational Response Unit (KORD), Omega, and Freikorps, captured five Russian GRU paratroopers who had barricaded themselves inside the school and continued firing until ultimately forced to surrender. Additionally, we met with representatives of The 13th Khartiiia Brigade; details of our collaboration with them will be announced in the coming months.



- **We wrapped up the results of the Christmas campaign, within which, since December 2024, you have made contributions totaling nearly USD 1,340,000!** This funding will help 268 students pursue their dream careers through educational grants.



A special contribution to the Christmas campaign came from the students of Kyiv School of Economics — their nativity performances raised hundreds of thousands of hryvnias, which will be converted directly into educational opportunities.



- **In January, two more of our partners made significant contributions to support KSE University students.** The company Nova Post donated approximately USD 48,000 to support the Kyiv School of Economics, and Monobank co-founder Mykhailo Rogalsky contributed around USD 24,000. These donations will enable 15 more talented students to pursue their dreams.

The continued support from our partners helps students who have been affected by the war and demonstrated exceptional academic achievement, creating opportunities for their personal growth and future success.

One such student in January was Daryna Dorskach, a volunteer and leader of the Lviv branch of "Plast", who received the Iryna Tsybukh Memorial Scholarship.



KEY NEWS

KSE Foundation's grantees have expanded their businesses, invested in personal growth, and supported veterans.

Each grant initiative launched and implemented by KSE Foundation is designed for long-term impact — and we see the results of the support every day.



Oksana Bortnyk, a winner of the CREATE! program, directed her grant towards acquiring new equipment, enabling her to boost production of paving stones and curbs by 40%. CREATE! winner Tetiana Kanska used her grant to expand her business reducing energy consumption by 30%. Tetiana Botcva, winner of Talents for Ukraine, invested her grant in developing the "RecoWARY. Concussion Recovery" project, creating informational materials to raise awareness about traumatic brain injuries among veterans, soldiers, medics, and psychologists.

These stories illustrate how today's support lays a strong foundation for future change, providing Ukrainians opportunities to grow, thrive, and contribute to strengthening their country.



Six New Winners Announced in Talents for Ukraine

Six more Ukrainians have received grants to further develop their talents through the Talents for Ukraine program. This month's winners include Vladyslav Krovnhauz, a history teacher and author of a program aimed at overcoming educational losses; entrepreneur and innovator Oleksandr Avvakumov; promoter of Ukrainian singing traditions Daryna Saliy, and Isaac Kushnir, a mathematics teacher with over 65 years of teaching experience.

[🔗 Learn more about the winners of Talents for Ukraine](#)

CONTRIBUTIONS

USD 1,580,075

USD 1,532,806



From businesses and charities

USD 47,269



From individuals

USD 1,000,000



The largest single contribution from a business/charity



MERCATUS CENTER

USD 6,876

The largest contribution from an individual



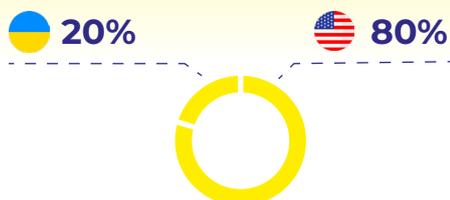
LYUSAK NADIIA

USD 90,165 

Average contribution from a business

USD 190 

Average contribution from an individual



USD 324,683



To the Ukrainian account

USD 1,317,492



To the American account

RECEIPTS BY DIRECTIONS

Humanitarian



USD 1,164,463

Institutional



USD 249,184

Defense



USD 166,428

EXPENDITURES

EDUCATIONAL AND HUMANITARIAN INITIATIVES

Khan Academy



USD 26,892

Talents for Ukraine



USD 19,211

Create Ukraine



USD 16,881

CREATE!
Grants for Ukrainian Women
to Develop Production



USD 9,673

ZAKHYSTOK:
Safe Education



USD 598

DRONE PROVISION

Reconnaissance drones



USD 38,713

Components



USD 3,538

EW SYSTEMS AND COMMUNICATION

Electronic warfare (EW) systems



USD 11,678

Communication tools



USD 2,097

ВІТРАТИ

VEHICLES FOR THE DEFENDERS AND RELATED SERVICES



USD 112,238

DEFENSE EQUIPMENT AND GEAR

Optical devices and night vision equipment



USD 31,018

INNOVATION DEVELOPMENT



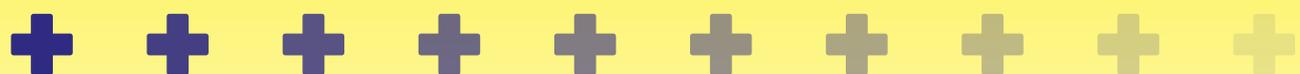
USD 15,532

COMPUTER EQUIPMENT



USD 4,800

Other

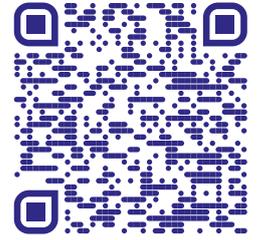


USD 66,042

CURRENT FUNDRAISERS

ZAKHYSTOK: Safe Education

A project focused on equipping shelters in educational institutions across Ukraine. Our goal is to return as many Ukrainian children to offline lessons as possible



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Donate to Educate

The project aims to fund scholarships for 400 new students: youth who have lost their homes due to war, veterans, and children of fallen Defenders



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Support for Defenders

This project is dedicated to providing targeted support to Ukrainian Defenders with everything they need — from winter footwear to reconnaissance drones for units



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Khan Academy for Ukraine

Our mission is to make STEM education accessible in Ukraine, creating a sustainable economic future. Support us by making a donation to help translate Khan Academy into Ukrainian and make it available to every student, teacher, and parent across the country



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