

CITY OF SANTA ROSA  
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
FROM: SCOTT ALONSO, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AND  
LEGISLATIVE OFFICER,  
SUBJECT: UPDATE ON EFFORTS TO SUPPORT SANTA ROSA'S SISTER  
CITY CHERKASY, UKRAINE  
AGENDA ACTION: STAFF BRIEFING

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Communications & Intergovernmental Relations Office that the Council, receive a staff briefing from the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa, the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa East West, the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa East Foundation regarding relief efforts with Santa Rosa's Sister City Cherkasy, Ukraine.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Cherkasy and Santa Rosa officially became sister cities in 1991. A US Aid for International Development grant helped develop a domestic violence reduction program and initiated a series of official exchanges and visits with officials from both cities. Several other programs have spinoff from these exchanges including the Ukrainian-American Women's Action Project, Ukrainian Diabetes Project and a joint venture with climber's for peace.

The recent invasion of Ukraine by Russian troops has created a tremendous need for international humanitarian aid and assistance. Rotary International has a long history of providing aid for disasters and human caused conflicts. The Rotary Club of Santa Rosa, The Rotary Club of Santa Rosa East West, the Rotary Club of Santa Rosa East Foundation and the Healdsburg Rotary Club are working together to provide financial aid for humanitarian relief efforts in Ukraine. Through direct club to club agreements with the Cherkasy Center Rotary Club and Rotary Club Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine funds have been sent to pay for first aid kits and medical care.

BACKGROUND

To date \$153,000 have been raised through individual contributions, Rotary District 5130 grants and art sales. Individual MOU's are developed for each project along with documentation of project costs, and distribution of supplies. Thus far Cherkasy has escaped the devastating impacts of sustained artillery fire experienced by cities in the Donbas Regions but is severely impacted by an influx of evacuees and civilians fleeing

from the impacts of war further to the East. However, they continue to experience shortages in vital supplies such as bandages, wound care dressing and tourniquets.

Local Rotary Clubs in Rotary District 5130 are working together to continue to send financial aid to our sister Rotary Clubs in Ukraine. But, we need more help and involvement by all of our residents. Our recent art show in Montgomery Village was a tremendous success, raising nearly \$25,000. And we can use more help to broaden participation in the relief efforts.

#### PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

Not applicable.

#### ANALYSIS

Not applicable.

#### FISCAL IMPACT

Not applicable.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Not applicable.

#### BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable

#### NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

#### ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Santa Rosa/Cherkasy Relief Project Timeline
- Attachment 2 – Spreadsheet of Funds Raised to date to the Cherkasy Center Rotary Club

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