

# Milwaukee Alderman Khalif Rainey: Milwaukee's sister city Irpin, Ukraine is under siege, and can use some help

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Milwaukee's sister city **Irpin, Ukraine** has been under siege for weeks by invading Russian forces and agencies have been enlisted to facilitate aid to those affected by this crisis. Your donations to agencies will support Ukrainians in need, with a focus on the most vulnerable, including children, said **Alderman Khalif J. Rainey**, chair of the city's Sister Cities Committee.

"In times of humanitarian crisis like this, acts of compassion and generosity can make a huge difference. In recent years, we have been able to establish a closer relationship with our sister city of Irpin (a suburb of the capital city of Kyiv) and I feel a sense of duty to assist them at this time. As we watch from afar, I strongly encourage residents to help organizations in increasing their capacity to respond to the current crisis," Alderman Rainey said.

As Russia steps up attacks in eastern Ukraine, violence has only worsened and has left many to wonder how best to help Ukrainian citizens whose lives and homes are being destroyed. According to Alderman Rainey, to make sure donations get into the right hands, below are some agencies engaged in relief and recovery efforts in Ukraine and the surroundings areas.

The [United for Ukraine fund](#), where the money raised will provide refugees with food, shelter, medicine, and transportation, and critical child care supplies that infants need such as formula.

The [WHO foundation](#) has called on all people in helping them provide aid to Ukraine. The money will help Ukraine's neighboring countries deal with the overflow of patients in their hospitals, as well as anyone who needs immediate medical assistance. WHO will also help to support the mental health of anyone who has been affected by the crisis

The [Ukraine Crisis Relief Fund](#) by Global Giving sprang into action once Russia declared war on Ukraine. According to their website, donations will help affected communities in Ukraine, focusing on the most vulnerable, including children, who need access to food, medical services, and psychosocial support. The fund will also support humanitarian assistance in impacted communities in Ukraine and surrounding regions where Ukrainian refugees have fled from.

Also, Milwaukee's **St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church**, 1025 S. 11<sup>th</sup> St., is accepting donations to go toward humanitarian aid and medical supplies. Click [here](#) to make a donation.

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