

Dear prof. dr hab. Anna Wypych-Gawrońska!

Dear colleagues, partners, friends!

A week ago, no one could have imagined such correspondence. Everything, which seemed like a nightmare yesterday, became a reality 7 days ago – on the night of February 24, on Putin's orders, the Russian army launched a full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

Heavy fighting is going on all over Ukraine – a missile strike was launched on Kharkiv, Zhytomyr, Kyiv, Bila Tserkva, and other cities. Fighting continues around Sumy, Chernihiv, Kherson. Russia is deliberately firing rockets at cities and neighborhoods. The aggressor does not stop at anything – damaged kindergartens, maternity hospitals, museums, city infrastructure. The victims of Russia's attack are already more than 2,000 civilians, 16 children died.

Our hometown of Chernivtsi, thank God, remains inaccessible to the Russian aggressor as of now. Our main task is to be an outpost of international aid and to provide maximum support to Ukrainians in the hot spots of Ukraine and internally displaced persons, which currently amount to more than 11 thousand people. Some cities are on the verge of a humanitarian catastrophe since the supply of food, first-necessity goods, and medicine is completely stopped due to hostilities. Therefore, your offer to assist is extremely timely and important for us. Most of the necessity goods can no longer be bought in Ukraine, and we were sincerely grateful to you for the opportunity to supply them from your country. We attach to the letter a list of things necessary in today's military reality of Ukraine. We will be grateful to you for providing any assistance to Ukraine.

We express sincere gratitude to you for the solidarity and immense support that Ukraine feels today from your country and the world. Together we are writing a new history of Europe, based on democracy, respect for international law, and solidarity.

Sincerely yours,

Roman Petryshyn, rector

