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Sunnyside Village Residents Raise \$16,700 for Ukraine Aid

Sarasota, Fla. (June 1, 2022) — In response to the invasion of Ukraine, Sunnyside Village residents wanted to be proactive to provide aid.

Sunnyside Foundation stepped forward to help the Villagers organize the Sunnyside Ukraine Relief Fund. Sunnyside Foundation Director of Development Allison Newhouse partnered with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) to provide a safe avenue where 100% of residents' donations would be used for emergency relief for the people impacted by the Ukraine invasion.

MCC is a worldwide ministry of Anabaptist churches that share God's love and compassion for all in the name of Christ by responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice. It has been serving in this capacity for over 100 years.

The Villagers came together with open hands and hearts to raise \$16,700 for the Sunnyside Ukraine Relief Fund. "It was truly a blessing to see the Village residents working together to offer their support to the Ukrainian citizens," said Allison. "Their spirit of compassion and giving was inspiring!"

In response to receiving the Sunnyside fundraising, Laura Pauls-Thomas, Communications and Donor Relations Associate, reported: "In Ukraine, MCC partners are already at work on the ground, providing relief with food, medications, fuel, and other supplies. MCC is also developing a response that is a longer-term scale up of existing relief work. It will likely include psychosocial support and trauma healing, temporary emergency housing, emergency distributions of locally purchased emergency supplies such as blankets, and distribution of food packages."



Sunnyside Village is a not-for-profit Christian senior living community. Since 1968, Sunnyside's mission has been to honor God by enriching the lives of residents, staff and the community by providing homes, services and programs in a Christian environment. Sunnyside Village offers independent living, assisted living, short-term rehabilitation, long-term comprehensive care, and palliative care all within their distinctive 35-acre neighborhood. SNF#1535096, AL#0007952 SunnysideVillage.org/. The Mennonite Central Committee's home page is <https://mcc.org/>.