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Be an Angel e.V. is a global non-profit organization dedicated to saving lives, protecting human rights, and building a better future for people who have experienced displacement. Our mission is to provide comprehensive support to people who have been forced to flee their homes due to conflict and persecution, giving them hope and dignity. We strive for a world in which all people are welcomed and treated with respect.

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FOREWORD

Since 2015, Be an Angel has been driven by one clear mission: to do what others often hesitate to do, to help quickly, directly, and without bureaucracy. Our story began spontaneously. In 2015, refugees from Syria and Afghanistan were sleeping on the streets of Berlin. Instead of waiting for authorities to act, we opened our homes. Hoping that help would come quickly was wishful thinking. So we built our own structures, gained expertise, and learned to navigate the tangled web of regulations and bureaucracy ourselves.

In 2018, we launched our restaurant Kreuzberger Himmel, still run today by refugees, a living testament to integration through training, work, language, and above all, dignity. During the pandemic, we prepared over 73,000 meals for homeless people, no questions asked about responsibility - just action.

Then came Ukraine in 2022. No empty words, just action: over 24,000 evacuations, 5,000 tons of aid delivered directly to frontline areas, all funded by donations, without a single cent from the government. Our network? Strong and far-reaching, all the way to Berlin's Neue Nationalgalerie.

By 2024, the challenges are shifting. Fewer evacuations, more psychological trauma, deeper hopelessness. We adapt, once again. Mentor programs for refugee women and children, resilience-building with youth in Odessa, prosthetics conferences in Kyiv, and continued deliveries to conflict zones. And yes, I've spent 70% of my time on the ground in Ukraine, because trust and accountability can't be built through emails alone. We see integration not as paperwork, but as a human relationship. Our approach: case management — one dedicated person guiding each individual until they no longer need us.

Here at home in Germany, we pursue solutions where others see problems. Tegel Airport as a long-term shelter? Our answer: residents working in the kitchen, cooking their own meals, restoring dignity through participation, not confinement.

Our philosophy? No flashy campaigns, no PR stunts, no bureaucratic jargon. Instead: speed, commitment, and results. While big organizations lumber like tankers, we're a speedboat, sometimes daring, sometimes uncomfortable, always effective.

We believe that help doesn't have to be perfect. It just has to start. In 2024, we continue to walk this path, in Germany and Ukraine, applying all we've learned with passion and purpose.

Andreas Tölke



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OFFICE 4

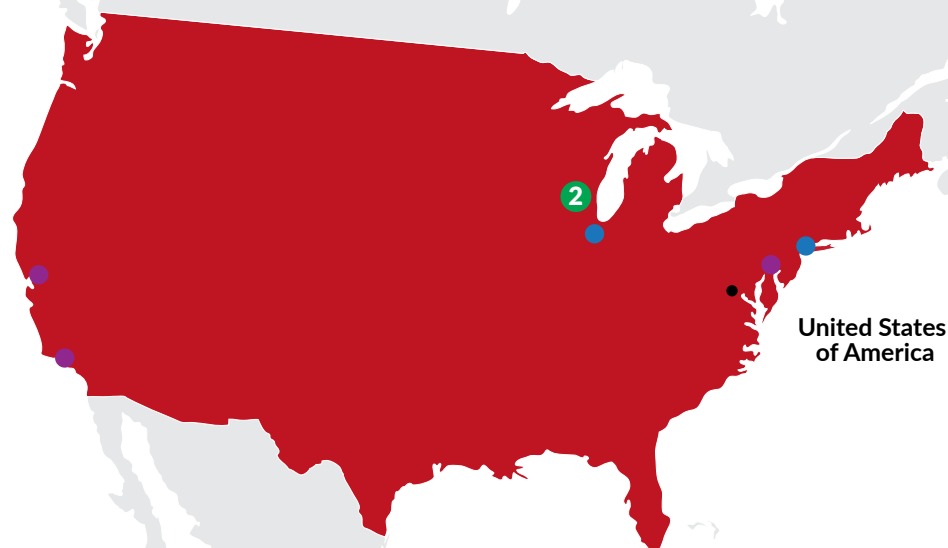


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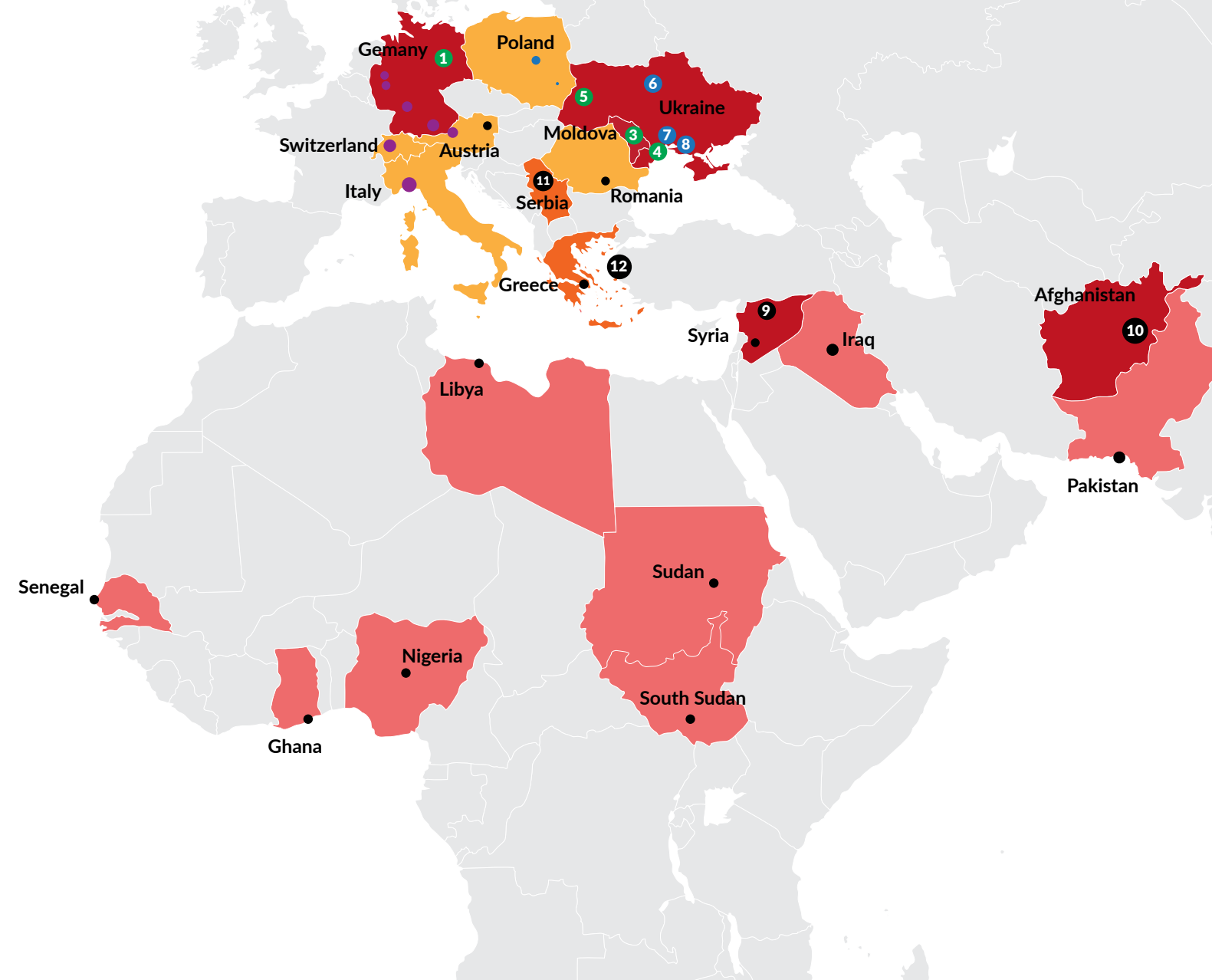
TEAM SIZE:
45 MEMBERS

ACTIVE IN
6 COUNTRIES



United States
of America

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Poland

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Switzerland

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Libya

Senegal

Nigeria

Ghana

Sudan

South Sudan

Syria

Iraq

Afghanistan

Pakistan

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Be an Angel Impact 2022-2024

● **1.3M**
people reached
in countries affected by crisis

● **>1.900**
consultations given
to support refugees with their
integration in Germany

● **12**
refugees employed
and receiving vocational
training at our restaurant
Kreuzberger Himmel

● **>1.800**
IDP children
active in our psychological
support program in Odesa

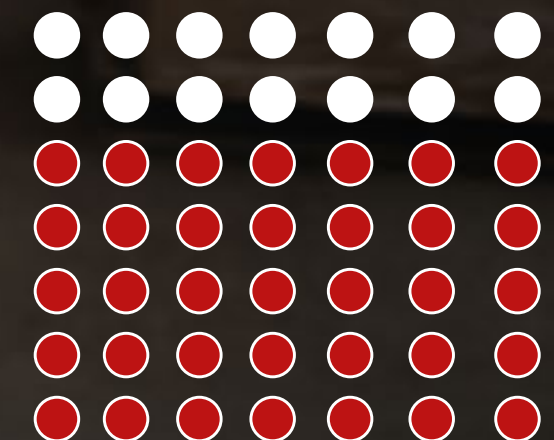
● **24.500**
people evacuated
from frontline regions

● **277**
buses & ambulances
of people evacuated
to safety

● **54**
children with rare diseases
evacuated and provided treatment
pathways to recovery

● **4.925**
tons of humanitarian aid
delivered to those in need

● **€ 63.5M**
value of humanitarian aid
delivered to crisis areas



● Medicine & Medical Supplies

● Food & Basic Needs

GERMANY

SUSTAINABLE INTEGRATION



Team Meeting in the Berlin Office

Providing consultation to refugees has been one of Be an Angel e.V.'s core tasks from the very beginning. Our experience shows that integration does not simply start with a program or measure, but with genuinely listening and getting to know people.

Every life situation is unique, shaped by experiences of displacement, uncertainties about residency status, interruptions in education, and hopes for the future. This is where our counseling begins. We provide orientation and long-term perspectives within an often overwhelming system—showing realistic paths forward, offering reliable support, and connecting people to networks that open doors.

To make our counseling services more visible and accessible digitally, we introduced a contact form on the Be an Angel website in 2024. Refugees in Berlin can now contact our counseling team directly and describe their personal concerns. They may indicate whether their issue relates to asylum, social matters, or employment, enabling our team to prioritize and respond effectively.

The form is available in Arabic, Farsi, Ukrainian, French, English, and German—the primary languages of most of our clients. This multilingual tool has expanded our reach to many people who had not previously been in contact with Be an Angel.

Another digital development in the field of counseling is more intensive documentation. New counseling cases that reach us via the contact form are entered directly into an overview, while all other counseling sessions are added individually by the counselors. In this way, we as an organization gain an overview not only of the number of counseling sessions, but also of the origin, concerns, residence status, and much more about the clients. This serves not only for documentation but also for reflection—for example, on which topics the counseling team needs to focus more intensively, how legal changes affect counseling requests, and which languages are most commonly used.

ON AVERAGE, WE COUNSEL ABOUT 50 PEOPLE PER MONTH, WITH MANY ATTENDING MULTIPLE SESSIONS.

IN THE LONG TERM, WE SUPPORTED AROUND 45 PEOPLE IN 2024, MEANING THAT CLIENTS CAME TO COUNSELING SEVERAL TIMES A MONTH AND RECEIVED COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT.

MOST OF THE CLIENTS COME FROM AFGHANISTAN, SYRIA, AND UKRAINE; IN TOTAL, WE HAVE COUNSELED PEOPLE FROM MORE THAN 37 COUNTRIES.

Since October 2024, our team has also participated in the open counseling meetings at Berlin's Refugio Café.

The counseling meeting was originally a place where various counseling organizations supported refugees from Ukraine with their arrival. It has since become open to all refugees in Berlin, though it is still predominantly attended by Ukrainian refugees.

Our counselors, together with the help of our Ukrainian colleague, go there and provide comprehensive counseling. This not only fills an important gap at the local café but also enables low-threshold counseling in a familiar environment. Many of the clients there stay in touch and later come to our counseling sessions at the office.

Text Ulrike Lessig

SUSTAINABLE INTEGRATION

SUCCESS STORIES FROM 2024



Hausbesuch von Ulrike Lessig bei einer Familie aus Afghanistan

Two important success stories from 2024 are those of Mohamed N. and Habib K.

Mohamed N. comes from Guinea and applied for asylum in 2022 as an unaccompanied minor refugee. As soon as he officially turned 18, he received a rejection notice in 2023. We then accompanied and supported him in finding a lawyer so he could challenge the decision in court, but it was clear that his chances were not very high. That's why a Plan B was needed. Within two years of his arrival, Mohamed not only learned German but also achieved an excellent intermediate school-leaving certificate (MSA) in 2024. Thanks to this success, we were able to support him in finding an apprenticeship as a CNC-machinist, which he began in the fall of 2024. We are still waiting for the court date regarding his asylum case, but even if it doesn't turn out positively: through his commitment and determination, Mohamed has not only found a great apprenticeship but also gained the security of being able to stay in Germany long term through a training-related residence permit.

Habib K. has been connected with Be an Angel since 2018, when he attended vocational school with our apprentices from Kreuzberger Himmel and studied together with them for exams. His asylum procedure took a very long time, so he did not receive an official residence permit until the end of 2019. Although Habib had long met all the requirements for naturalization, he had to wait until five years had passed since receiving his residence permit before he could apply. That moment finally came at the end of 2024, and together we applied for his German citizenship. We expect that he will receive it by the summer of 2025 at the latest.

AZAV CERTIFICATION OF BE AN ANGEL

Since 2021, Be an Angel has been AZAV-certified and recognized as an accredited provider of measures for activation and professional integration. With the help of an education voucher from the Jobcenter, we are able to carry out these intensive one-on-one trainings. The measures are tailored to the individual needs of our clients and implemented in close coordination with the Jobcenter.

WE SUPPORT OUR CLIENTS IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

- PREPARING JOB APPLICATION DOCUMENTS
- TRAINING FOR INDEPENDENT JOB SEARCHING
- INTERVIEW TRAINING
- ACCOMPANYING CLIENTS TO JOB INTERVIEWS
- ADVISING ON THE SEARCH FOR APPRENTICESHIP POSITIONS

Our goal is to open up new career paths together and create long-term perspectives.

At the beginning of each program, we work with our clients to determine what prior experience, training, or university degrees they bring with them.

We provide support with the translation of the relevant documents as well as with the recognition of degrees in Germany, in order to make targeted use of professional potential and open suitable pathways into the labor market.

Text by Ulrike Lessig



Ulrike Lessig & Maziyar Ghasmi – from refugee to apprentice to restaurant manager

ART & CULTURE

COOPERATIONS AND SUPPORT

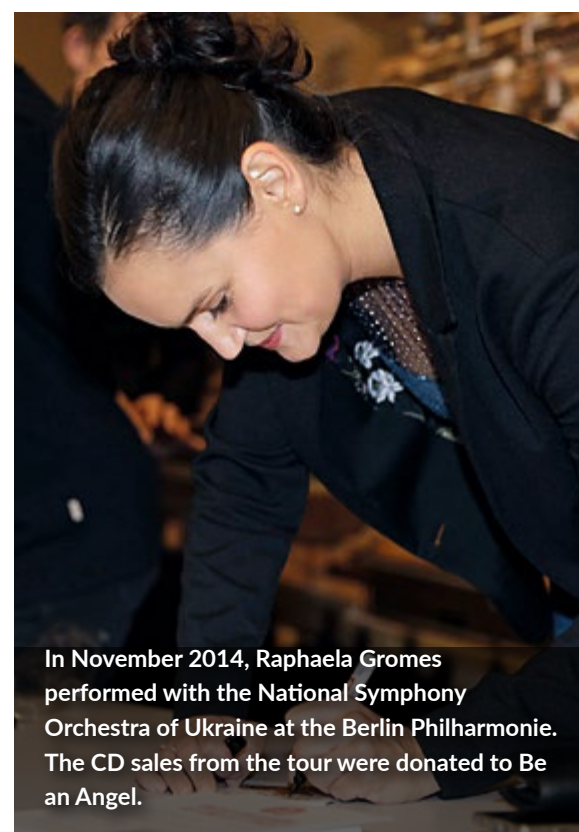


Gallery Weekend Berlin 2022 – Be an Angel initiates exhibition of contemporary Ukrainian female artists

Be an Angel e.V. finances itself more than 90% through donations. Our work focuses on the social and economic integration of people with refugee backgrounds, as well as on humanitarian and sustainable support for the civilian population in Ukraine. Cultural projects and collaborations are not side activities for us – they create visibility, foster social encounters, and make a decisive contribution to funding our work

A central example of the connection between integration and economic sustainability is the restaurant Kreuzberger Himmel, initiated by Be an Angel in 2018, which is run by people with refugee experience and creates opportunities for everyday encounters. Surpluses from the restaurant's operations flow directly into our aid projects.

In 2024, we were able to significantly expand our reach and impact through targeted cultural collaborations:



In November 2014, Raphaella Gromes performed with the National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine at the Berlin Philharmonie. The CD sales from the tour were donated to Be an Angel.

Pop-up Gallery with GRAFT Architects & bart-house Berlin

In the building of GRAFT Architects in Berlin-Mitte, a pop-up gallery was set up in support of Be an Angel. On display were 79 original photographs by renowned artists – including Arthur Elgort, David Drebin, and Paola Kudacki – from the exhibitions “Dream Women / Dream Men” and “Beauty in the 21st Century.” These works had previously been shown at the Deichtorhallen Hamburg museum exhibition.

The exhibition was curated by Nadine Barth, who has supported Be an Angel on a voluntary basis for years and has made a significant contribution to the successful realization of these art sale projects. All works were donated by the artists or their studios, and the entire proceeds went into our humanitarian work.

Litkovska x Nick Knight: “Flowers Know It Better”

The collaboration initiated by Be an Angel between Ukrainian designer Lilia Litkovska and British star photographer Nick Knight marks a premiere in Knight's career.

The benefit collection “Flowers Know It Better” was based on a floral motif created by Knight and was presented worldwide as part of Litkovska's Spring/Summer 2025 collection.

The project received media attention – from Harpers Bazaar Ukraine to ICON Magazine of WELT am Sonntag – and the entire profit benefited war-traumatized children in Ukraine.

By Andreas Tölke



Two Fashion Council Germany Dinners for Be an Angel

In close cooperation with the Fashion Council Germany, two exclusive benefit dinners took place: one at the Kreuzberger Himmel restaurant and one at the Berlin offices of GRAFT Architects on Invalidenstraße, parallel to the Be an Angel pop-up gallery set up there.

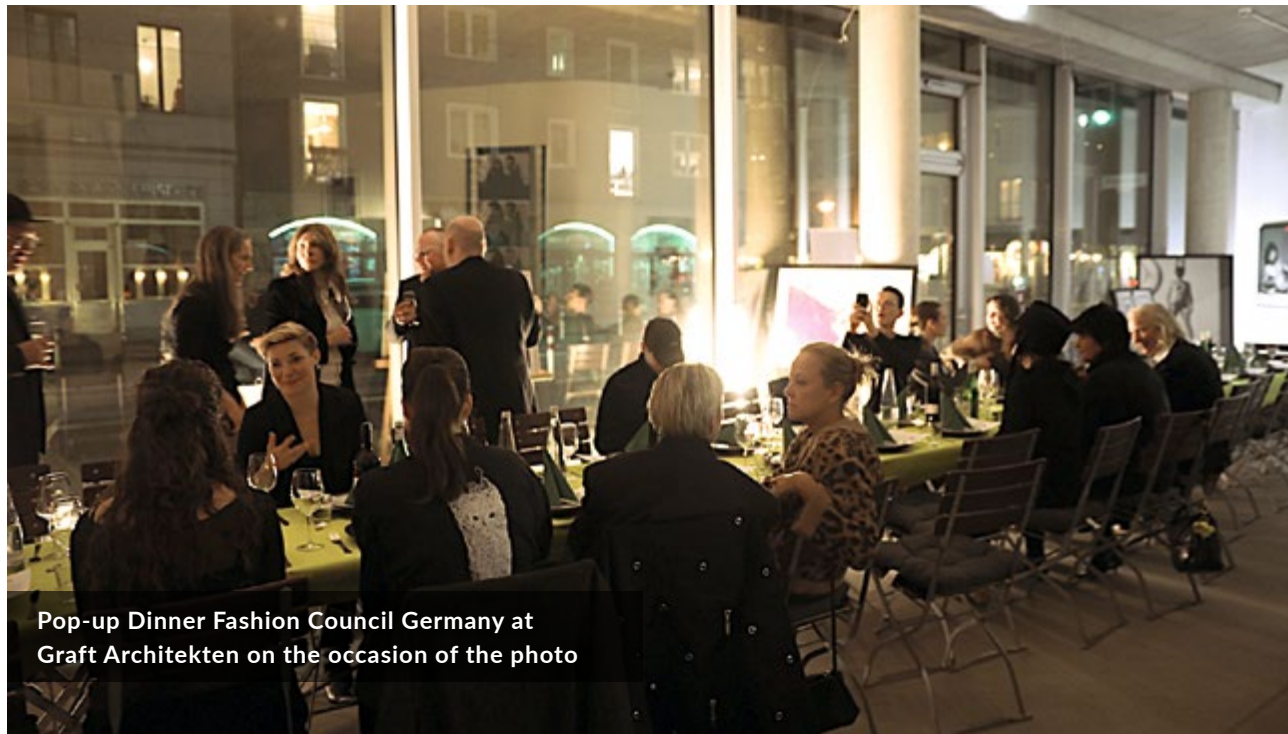
Both evenings brought together representatives from fashion, culture, media, and civil society in a spirit of solidarity.



Designer Lilia Litkovska presents the collection “Flowers Know Better” in Paris on the initiative of Be an Angel

ART & CULTURE

ART DROPS FOR BE AN ANGEL



Pop-up Dinner Fashion Council Germany at Graft Architekten on the occasion of the photo

Digital Art Projects: Instagram Art Drops Benefiting Be an Angel

In 2024, several renowned artists supported Be an Angel with exclusive 48-hour art drops on their personal media channels. Limited edition works were offered for sale for only two days. The proceeds, after deducting production and shipping costs, as well as a 50% artist share, provided a significant portion of our relief work.

The following artists participated in the Instagram Art Drops: Elisa Klinkenberg, Eike König, Aec Interesni Kazki, Skare One, Olaf Hajek, Maximilian Magnus, Oksana Brenzovych, and Iryna Fedorenko.



Paul Schrader x Be an Angel

The artist Paul Schrader published an exclusive art drop on Instagram, where a work was available for only 25 hours. 50% of the proceeds went to Be an Angel. We also showed works by Paul Schrader at Gallery Weekend Berlin in our own, specially rented space on Potsdamer Straße. Prints were sold there, again with half of the proceeds going to Be an Angel.

These collaborations demonstrate how digital reach, contemporary art, and direct aid can be effectively combined.



Donation by the Deutsche Bank Cultural Foundation – Deutsche Bank: Friedhelm Hütte, Dr. Anke Sahlén
Palais Populaire: Britta Faerber, Sarah Bernshausen
Be an Angel: Ulrike Lessig, Miriam Fassbender

IMPACT

2024 HAS SHOWN ONCE AGAIN: ART CAN DO MORE THAN JUST HAVE AN AESTHETIC IMPACT – IT CAN SAVE LIVES.

Our cultural projects have not only generated financial resources, but also brought people into dialogue. We thank all artists, supporters, and institutions, especially Nadine Barth for her many years of volunteer curatorial work in the spirit of Be an Angel.

We would like to expand these formats, but we urgently need personnel capacity and structural support.

Text by Andreas Tölke

KREUZBERGER HIMMEL

OUR RESTAURANT AND LIGHTHOUSE PROJECT

This year, Kreuzberger Himmel once again made headlines and was featured in various newspapers and magazines, highlighting the project's integrative and sustainable impact. We were featured in Der Spiegel, ZDF, the Berliner Morgenpost, and the Hannoversche Allgemeine, among many other publications.

The media attention led to several large catering requests, including from Arden University, the Federal Chancellery, SAP, and the UNHCR. Among them was the Documentation Center for Flight, Expulsion, and Reconciliation, which we were able to secure as a long-term catering client for their Open Day and the Long Night of Museums.

MILESTONES:

- Various articles, including Hannoversche Allgemeine, Landlust Magazin, Morgenpost
- Andreas' honorary doctorate ceremony, where his work at Be an Angel and Kreuzberger Himmel was recognized
- Reading by Attila Aktas in June
- 2 x large catering events at the Documentation Center for Displacement, Expulsion, and Reconciliation (Open House on June 23, 2024, Long Night of Museums on August 24, 2024)
- Operation of the Festival Kitchen at the International Literature Festival Berlin from September 6–14, 2024
- 2 x Fashion Council Dinner
- Catering customers include Arden University / SAP / Chancellor's Office / UNHCR
- Assad's departure of Syria was celebrated, including with Interviews and joy
- Christmas tree campaign in December – donations for Christmas gifts for refugee children in Berlin and Ukraine
- Exhibition of Ukrainian artists, curated by Nadine Barth

Text by Marie Weiser



Imran Joon - Apprentice in Kreuzberger Himmel

KREUZBERGER HIMMEL

THE RESTAURANT HAS BEEN PART OF VARIOUS EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS



Morteza Hashemi und Andreas Tölke im Restaurant Kreuzberger Himmel. Erschienen in „Der Spiegel“

- Award of an honorary doctorate to Andreas Tölke, founder of Be an Angel and Kreuzberger Himmel, in May.
- Reading of the book Mr. G by Attila Aktas and the organization Transaidency e.V. in June.
- The International Literature Festival, where Kreuzberger Himmel hosted the Festival Kitchen in September.
- Two Fashion Council Germany dinners in winter.
- A project by the Albrecht-Dürer-Gymnasium and Jewish lifestyles, in which students conducted interviews with the Be an Angel and Kreuzberger Himmel team.

FURTHERMORE, THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, GUESTS WERE ABLE TO ENJOY A REMARKABLE EXHIBITION OF UKRAINIAN ARTISTS IN THE KREUZBERG SKY, ORGANIZED ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS BY OUR CURATOR NADINE BARTH.

Text by Marie Weiser



Catering at the Federal Chancellery during Olaf Scholz's government - the Chancellor and our team



Honorary doctorate ceremony for Andreas Tölke in Kreuzberger Himmel

KREUZBERGER HIMMEL

INTERVIEW IN THE BERLINER MORGENPOST FROM DECEMBER 9, 2024, WITH BAKRI KAMURGI, THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE KREUZBERGER HIMMEL RESTAURANT:

DIKTATOR GESTÜRZT

+ „Assad ist Syriens Hitler“: Geflüchtete in Berlin rechnen ab

09.12.2024, 18:04 Uhr • Lesezeit: 8 Minuten

Von Kiona Mae Higgins und Hannah Köllen



Der Syrer Bakri Kamurgi berichtet im Restaurant Kreuzberger Himmel in Berlin-Kreuzberg darüber, wie er den Assad-Sturz erlebt hat.

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INTERVIEWS AND JOYFUL CELEBRATIONS

At the end of 2024, our team in Kreuzberg was overjoyed, the fall of dictator Assad and his regime in early December. A large part of our team comes from Syria and still has family there.

Syrians in Germany are relieved by the end, yet also hopeful that the civil war and terror will end.

Text by Marie Weiser



ZDF filming at Kreuzberger Himmel

VOLUNTEERING & INTERNSHIPS

The work of volunteers in Ukraine has given us much strength and inspiration in recent years. The same has also been the case with former refugees who we have provided consultation to in Berlin, many of which have repeatedly supported us with translations or projects.

Based on this success, we decided to make the opportunity to volunteer for people in Berlin more visible and developed a unified concept. The Be an Angel website has been expanded so that potential volunteers and interns can register for directly via a contact form. This gives us an overview of how many people contact us and how many actually take on regular volunteer work for Be an Angel. The activities primarily consist of assisting refugees with simple advice and support in which we match a volunteer and a refugee in a buddy system. We pay attention to various factors that facilitate successful collaboration: distance of residence, age, interests, and time availability. The volunteer and the refugee can hold their initial meetings in the office and then meet independently. Our advisory team is always available should you have any questions or problems.

The topics usually include job searches, tutoring, or assistance with doctor's appointments – activities that can be done without previous knowledge.

Text by Marie Weiser



Thomas Humphrey in Lviv - from volunteer to board member of Be an Angel e.V.



Food and hygiene products distribution to the civilian population near the front lines

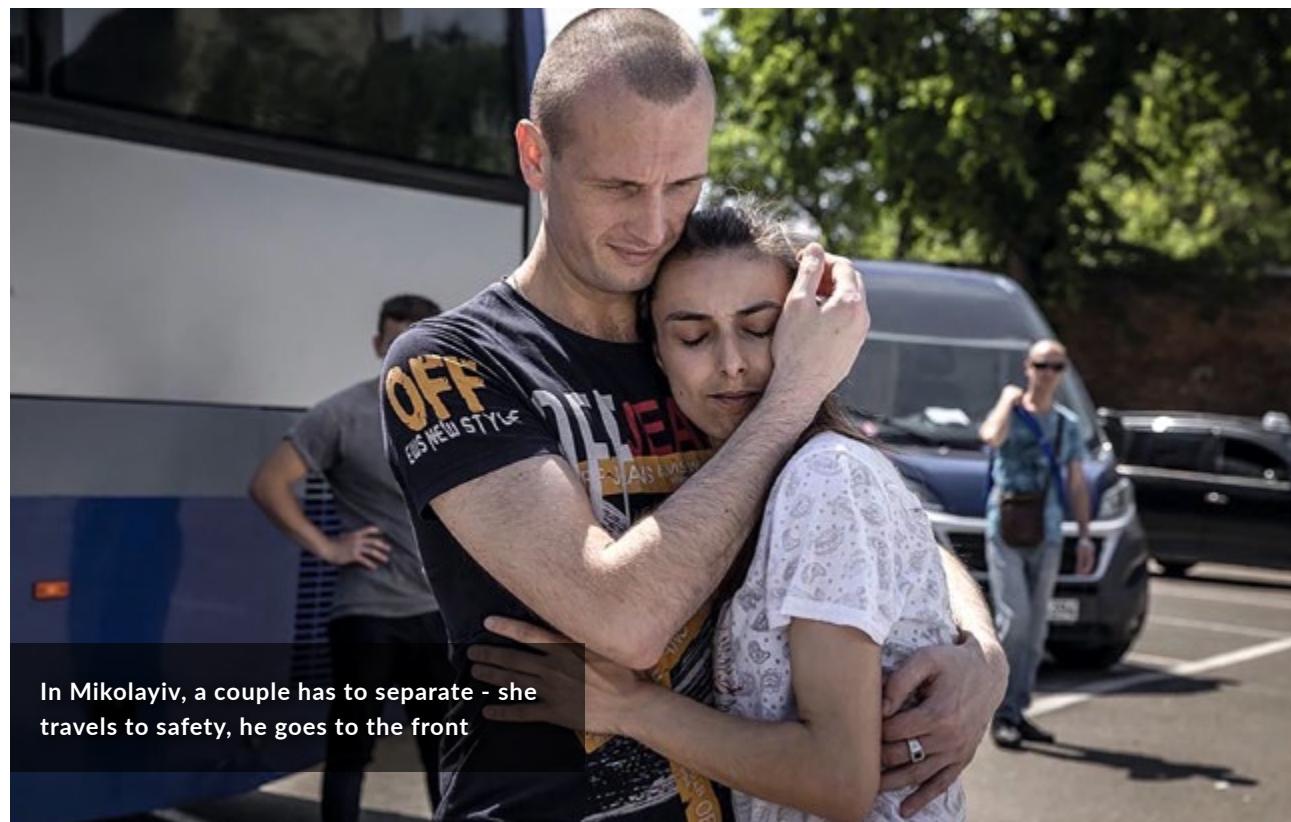
HUMANITARIAN AID

OVER 2.8 MILLION UKRAINIANS IN ACUTE DISTRESS

In the third year of Russia's full-scale invasion, the need for humanitarian aid in Ukraine has remained critical. The Russian Armed Forces have continued their grinding push to capture Ukrainian cities. With each new city being attacked, a new humanitarian crisis is formed, and more civilians are internally displaced from their homes, resulting in a greater need for humanitarian aid. While the frontline has remained mostly localized to trench warfare, country-wide missile and drone attacks have increased significantly in 2024. In particular, the Russian Armed Forces have strongly increased their attacks on energy infrastructure, resulting in rolling blackouts during the second half of the year. It is estimated that currently, more than 2.8 million Ukrainians are in acute need for humanitarian assistance, and it is forecasted that more than 5 million people in Ukraine, or 15% of the population, will experience food shortages in the coming year.

Be an Angel continues to run two humanitarian hubs. Together with the organization "Women's Movement for the Future", we operate a hub in L'viv near the Polish border. This hub focuses on country-wide distribution of medicine, medical supplies, food and more. Our second hub is located in Odesa, where the Be an Angel Ukraine headquarters is located. This hub focuses on the humanitarian needs of the south-eastern regions along the coastline. Major cities in this region included Mykolaiv and the frontline city of Kherson.

Our work is defined by pragmatism and precision: from navigating mined roads and military blockades, to tailoring aid for hard-to-reach regions.



In Mikolayiv, a couple has to separate - she travels to safety, he goes to the front



IN 2024, THANKS TO OUR TEAM AND GLOBAL PARTNERS, WE DELIVERED MORE AID THAN EVER BEFORE.

- **4,926 TONS OF HUMANITARIAN AID**
- **OVER 300 LOCATIONS**
- **WITH AN ESTIMATED TOTAL VALUE OF \$63,523,350 USD**

16.5 TONS OF LIFESAVING MEDICINE

In one of our largest and most challenging operations to date, three trucks carrying 16.5 tons of critical medicines made it through a newly established humanitarian corridor across the Polish border. The cargo totaled an estimated 15.6 million doses of urgently needed medication such as antibiotics, insulin, adrenaline, and pain relief.

Distribution began with the cystic fibrosis department at the Lviv Regional Children's Hospital, where over 100 children are currently treated. In the face of a Europe-wide shortage of antibiotics and reagents, these deliveries have helped bridge a life-threatening gap in supply.

Medical institutions in Uman, Lviv, and Kyiv's Oncology Institute were among the first recipients. Many more are receiving deliveries as our teams continue distributing this shipment across the country.

PROVIDING AN ENTIRE CITY WITH WI-FI

Thanks to a donation of 805 Wi-Fi routers from Advanced Wireless, Inc., we helped establish free internet access across Irpin—one of Ukraine's most heavily damaged cities. In partnership with the City of Milwaukee, this project turned a symbolic Sister City agreement into concrete impact.

The routers are now installed in schools, hospitals, bomb shelters, and administrative buildings, ensuring that, even during air raids, children can keep learning, doctors can stay connected, and citizens can access critical information. This initiative is a model of how tech and logistics partnerships can empower recovery in war-affected cities.

OUTFITTING FIREFIGHTERS ON THE FRONT

This year we distributed over 1,000 pieces of modern firefighting gear including jackets, pants, boots, gloves, helmets, and hoods to over 280 firefighters serving in Kherson, Poltava, Chernihiv, and other high-risk areas. These are the first responders rushing toward danger, often under the threat of drone and missile attacks.

One fire chief in Kherson wrote:

"Yesterday, guys in your uniforms were extinguishing the forest near my house from a downed drone 150 meters away. All of your help is very helpful and lifesaving!!!! THANK YOU AGAIN!!!"

This delivery was made possible by local partnerships and months of coordination. The gear enhances both safety and morale for teams operating under extreme pressure.

Text by Thomas Humphrey

EVACUATIONS

For Be an Angel, 2024 was a year of adaptation, focus, and targeted operations in the area of evacuating people from Ukraine. While the large influx of refugees to Europe has subsided, the need for well-prepared, responsibly supported evacuations from particularly vulnerable regions remained high.

On January 10, 2024, our first evacuation bus of the year departed from eastern Ukraine via the Republic of Moldova to Germany. By the end of 2023, we had evacuated 23,500 people from frontline areas – funded exclusively by donations.

In 2024, we were again able to save lives with our programs, albeit under significantly more difficult conditions.

QUALITY STANDARDS OF EVACUATION

90 percent of all evacuations were personally accompanied by Andreas Tölke. The buses deployed mostly traveled to Moldova, as Ukrainian drivers are generally not allowed to leave the country, and our bus drivers within Ukraine are often Ukrainian, requiring drivers of other nationalities to be deployed when crossing the border.

Our standards for evacuations since the start of the measures in March 2022 include:

- Accompaniment by personnel with sensitivity training
- Taking pets along, where possible
- Assistance for people with disabilities
- Use of trusted partner structures in Ukraine
- Careful use of all donations in accordance with the specified purpose

OUR PROGRAMS ARE BASED ON THE INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OF THE UNHCR.



A major challenge: evacuating people in wheelchairs

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EVACUEES

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A British intelligence analysis concluded in spring 2024 that, at current rates, a complete Russian takeover of Ukraine would take 231 years, a bitter irony compared to the Russian propaganda of February 2022, which spoke of a three-day war. At the same time, cities along the front continued to be systematically shelled, civilians targeted, and critical infrastructure destroyed. The need for evacuations has not disappeared; it has become more nuanced and often significantly more dangerous for our evacuation team.

Text Andreas Tölke

EVACUATIONS

REGION DONETSK - BURNING POINT POKROVSK

A particular focus of our work in 2024 was the Donetsk region, especially in the heavily contested city of Pokrovsk. The city is under regular artillery and air fire. The Ukrainian authorities register over 4,000 attacks per day in the Donetsk Oblast alone.

On May 14, 2024, we organized the first internal evacuation from Pokrovsk to Odesa.

Our team's journey took eight hours; due to the security situation, they spent the night in a bus outside the city. We worked closely with the local administration, which granted us access to the red zone and provided us with the complete list of people to be evacuated, along with all relevant data for registration in Moldova and Germany, in advance. Numerous people on the bus had medical conditions and needed targeted care. Thanks to our Ukrainian partner organization Gloria, we were able to provide accommodation with medical care in Odesa – an absolute rarity in Ukraine.



INFO

Internally displaced persons in Ukraine receive only a limited amount of government assistance, currently six months, but up to 12 months for particularly vulnerable groups. Benefits currently amount to approximately €50–70 per month (depending on status and region).

On June 18, 2024, another evacuation from Pokrovsk took place – this time under even more dramatic conditions: The Ukrainian army had already evacuated the city. If the army withdraws, it sends a clear signal that the city is on the verge of being lost.



Further evacuations in 2024 – both domestic and international

On May 26, Munich was the destination. The Bavarian capital has proven to be a particularly reliable partner. The Munich District Administration Office is responding consistently, humanely, and solution-oriented, an exception in Germany's federal system.

| DATE | COST | PASSENGERS | START/DESTINATION | BUS NR. |
|----------|---------|------------|--------------------|---------|
| 01-01-24 | 6300 | 60 | | 201 |
| 15-01-24 | 6650 | 56 | Chisinau to Munich | 202 |
| 06-03-24 | 6891,87 | 63 | | 203 |
| 03-04-24 | 4321,55 | 55 | Chisinau to Munich | 204 |
| 23-04-24 | 4111,55 | 60 | Dnipro to Chisinau | 206 |
| 01-07-24 | 6711,6 | 60 | | 207 |

INTERVENTION IN KHERSON

In January 2024, a team from Be an Angel traveled to Kherson. Since its liberation, the city has been under almost daily Russian shelling. People there can only leave their homes wearing bulletproof vests.

In cooperation with a US organization, several families from Kherson were successfully brought to a safe area near Kyiv. Here, too, transparent communication about reception conditions was crucial before any evacuation took place.

IMPACT

2024 was a year of targeted, assisted, and often high-risk evacuations. Thanks to donations, experience, local connections, and a strong sense of values, Be an Angel was able to save lives, provide security, and create opportunities, often in places where hardly anyone pays attention.

We thank all our supporters, partner organizations, and helpers; without you, our work would not be possible.

Text Andreas Tölke

PROJECT KOBLEVO

A SAFE HARBOR FOR THE INTERNALLY DISPLACED

The war continues to force thousands of people from their homes in southern Ukraine; families, children, entire communities seeking protection from violence and destruction. In the Mykolaiv region, places like Koblevo have become fragile refuges where people cling to hope despite the constant threat of airstrikes and drones. It is precisely here, where fear is ever-present, that the most vulnerable find a semblance of safety and security.

Since the beginning of 2023, Be an Angel has been standing by displaced families in Koblevo, supporting a shelter that is currently home to around 240 people, more than half of them children. In 2024, we focused our resources on ensuring daily supplies through regular food deliveries. Providing balanced, child-friendly meals was particularly important to us. Working closely with the dedicated team on site, we continuously assessed needs and adapted our support to the ever-changing circumstances.

Our local team and Be an Angel volunteers visit the shelter regularly. These encounters are more than check-ins, they are moments of listening, understanding, and mutual support. Although the shelter is far from a true home, we do everything we can to provide the people there with stability, dignity, and a sense of human warmth—especially in a place where uncertainty dominates daily life.



Accommodation for internally displaced persons in Koblevo - Natalia Goncharova, board member of Be an Angel Ukraine, distributing relief supplies



Home for Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) in Koblevo, Ukraine

MEDICAL EVACUATIONS FOR CHILDREN

SAVING LIVES WHERE NO ONE ELSE CAN

The last three years of war have pushed the Ukrainian healthcare system to its limits and beyond. Many hospitals lack doctors, medicine, and above all treatment capacity. Doctors are regularly sent to the front to care for the countless wounded, which in turn leads to a shortage of staff in the rest of the country. In some regions, medical care is limited to acute emergencies. For children with serious or chronic illnesses this means that their chances of survival decrease dramatically.

In July 2022, Iryna Suslova, the Commissioner for Children's Rights at the Ukrainian Ombudsman, reached out to us with a desperate appeal: help families with seriously ill children whose lives can no longer be saved in Ukraine. This request became a mission close to our hearts. In the same month, we at Be an Angel created a dedicated team with a single goal: every child has the right to live.

Since then, we have been able to make it possible for 58 children to receive life saving treatments abroad, in Germany, Spain, Italy, the Netherlands, and other countries. Many of them suffer from rare diseases such as spinal muscular atrophy (SMA), severe epilepsy, complex forms of autism, respiratory diseases, heart defects, or cancer.

Behind every case there is a child with hope and parents who are often on the verge of despair.



Marta Sheremet, pediatrician in Lviv and colleague. Marta works closely with the child evacuation team of Be an Angel.

CHILDREN WITH SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY (SMA)

The situation is especially dramatic for children with SMA. In Ukraine, the mortality rate for affected infants has now risen to over 80 percent, a tragic result of the lack of medicine and treatment options. Government programs do exist, but they do not operate consistently and are insufficiently funded. The medication must be administered daily and for life. It slows the progression but does not cure the disease. Many families live in the daily nightmare of uncertainty: Will we still be able to give the medication tomorrow? Will the supply last? Will my child receive the most suitable treatment option?

Our principle: holistic, fast, humane.

Be an Angel stands for flexibility and action, not for waiting. For humanity, not for bureaucracy. For hope, when others have already given up. We search for and find suitable clinics abroad, prepare evacuations together with partners, arrange medically safe transport, and accompany each child together with a parent on the path to a new chance at survival.

But our support does not end at the hospital bed. We help families on site with registration, finding housing, accessing the healthcare system, and, when possible, also with integration and job searches. Because healing requires more than medicine. Healing requires stability, dignity, and a real perspective.

This work has already saved the lives of 58 children and allowed their families to breathe again.

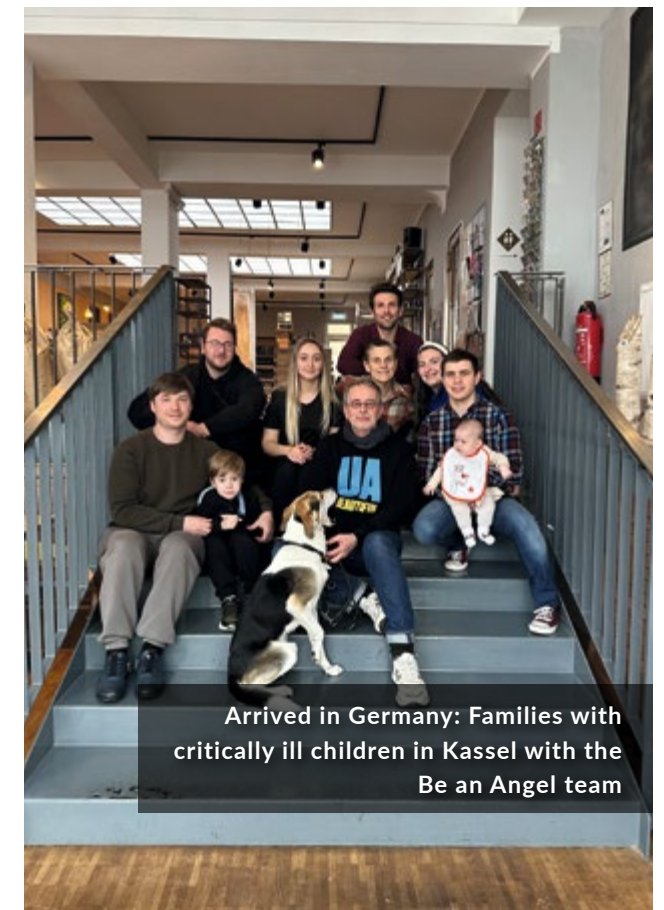
**NO CHILD SHOULD
DIE BECAUSE OF
WAR, POVERTY, OR
BUREAUCRACY.**

**AND WE WILL
CONTINUE WITH ALL
OUR HEART.**

**FOR EVERY CHILD STILL
WAITING FOR HELP.**

**FOR EVERY FAMILY
STILL HOLDING ON TO
HOPE.**

Text Miriam Fassbender



Arrived in Germany: Families with critically ill children in Kassel with the Be an Angel team

UA-MED: UKRAINIAN ALLIANCE FOR MEDICAL EXCHANGE AND DEVELOPMENT

UA-MED is a coalition of academic institutions, hospitals, and NGOs working to strengthen Ukraine's healthcare system during wartime through international medical education and training. It connects Ukrainian clinicians and scientists with observerships, fellowships, and research exchanges at leading institutions including Harvard Medical School, Stanford University, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Yale University, and the University of Wisconsin.

Be an Angel is a core implementation partner of UA-MED.

In 2024, we supported the alliance by sponsoring medical conferences, building and maintaining the UA-MED website, and providing IT infrastructure to coordinate efforts across partners. Our goal is to ensure that these programs remain accessible, secure, and collaborative—helping Ukrainian healthcare professionals deliver care under extreme conditions and contribute to long-term system reform.



International Healthcare Summit 2024

International Healthcare Summit 2024

In October 2024, Be an Angel co-sponsored the third International Healthcare Summit in Kyiv, Ukraine's leading medical conference during wartime. Organized by August Mission as part of the UA-MED coalition, the summit gathered over 300 participants to focus on trauma care, rehabilitation, and mental health.

Key Participants Included:

- Mykhailo Radutskyi, Chair of the Parliamentary Committee on Health
- Rector Viacheslav Kaminskyi, Shupyk National Healthcare University
- COL Kostyantyn Humeniyuk, military trauma surgeon
- Drs. Dmytro Beshley, Andriy and Roman Sobko, and Dmytro Samofalov, on battlefield stabilization
- Dr. Mykola Ankin, on mine-blast injuries
- Oleksii Iaremenko, Deputy Health Minister, launching the Rehab4U program
- Tetyana Hrubeniuk, Revived Soldiers Ukraine, on national rehab needs
- Kseniia Voznitsyna, Lisova Polyana Centre, on PTSD and experimental therapies
- Aether Biomedical, sharing field-tested prosthetic solutions

Women in Medicine Forum, Lviv 2024

In November 2024, Be an Angel supported the first national forum on "Women in Medicine: Professional Growth and Leadership" in Lviv, hosted by GMKA and RAZOM. Over 280 attendees and 42 speakers joined to discuss equity, leadership, and reform.

Key Participants Included:

- Dr. Nelya Melnitchouk, GMKA Founder
- Dr. Ulana Suprun, former Minister of Health
- Inna Sovsun, Member of Parliament
- Pavlo Kovtonyuk and Matviy Khrenov, UHC co-founders
- Vasyl Strilka, Ministry of Health
- Dr. Mariia Kukushkina, oncologic surgeon
- Kseniia Voznitsyna, on trauma care and mental health
- Evelina Kurilets, Razom for Ukraine Executive Director

The forum addressed gender gaps in leadership, the role of women in rebuilding Ukraine's healthcare system, and the psychological toll of war. Our funding allowed regional healthcare workers to attend and present research. This forum was a key step toward more inclusive reform in Ukrainian medicine.



PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

„FREEING FREDDIE THE DREAM WEAVER“

Children are among the most severely affected victims of the war. In Ukraine, an entire generation is suffering from the psychological consequences of violence, displacement, and loss. Post-traumatic stress disorders, anxiety, and depression are increasing sharply.

According to UNHCR, more than 1.5 million Ukrainians are at risk of serious mental health problems. Many families live in poverty and have no access to basic services such as education and healthcare.

OUR SOLUTION

Together with Free the Mind Co, we are bringing the program “Freeing Freddie the Dream Weaver” to Ukrainian schools. It promotes emotional and social learning through interactive online lessons, games, and reflections.

Children learn to cope with fear and stress and to develop inner strength, no matter where they are.

PROGRESS

The Ukrainian Ministry of Education has officially accredited the program. The first two chapters have been translated into Ukrainian and recorded, with more in progress.

A PILOT PROJECT IN THE ODESA REGION IS ALREADY REACHING AROUND 300 CHILDREN.

Text Thomas Humphrey



Alternative school for children of internally displaced persons in Koblevo: Freeing Freddie is also intended for them.

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CITY AND REGION IN PERMANENT CRISIS MODE

Be an Angel has maintained a strong and continuous presence in Kherson and the region since its liberation in 2022. In June 2023, the destruction of the Kakhovka Dam flooded more than 80,000 hectares, an area the size of Berlin, leaving devastating damage in its wake. In 2024, the situation has escalated further: incessant shelling, drone strikes targeting civilians and humanitarian organizations, destroyed hospitals, and the collapse of critical infrastructure have forced families into a state of permanent hardship.

Communities are struggling with chronic shortages of medical care, electricity, and essential goods.

In response, Be an Angel has doubled its efforts in Kherson, expanding support to local NGOs, and deepening cooperation with the local government to meet the growing needs of local people.

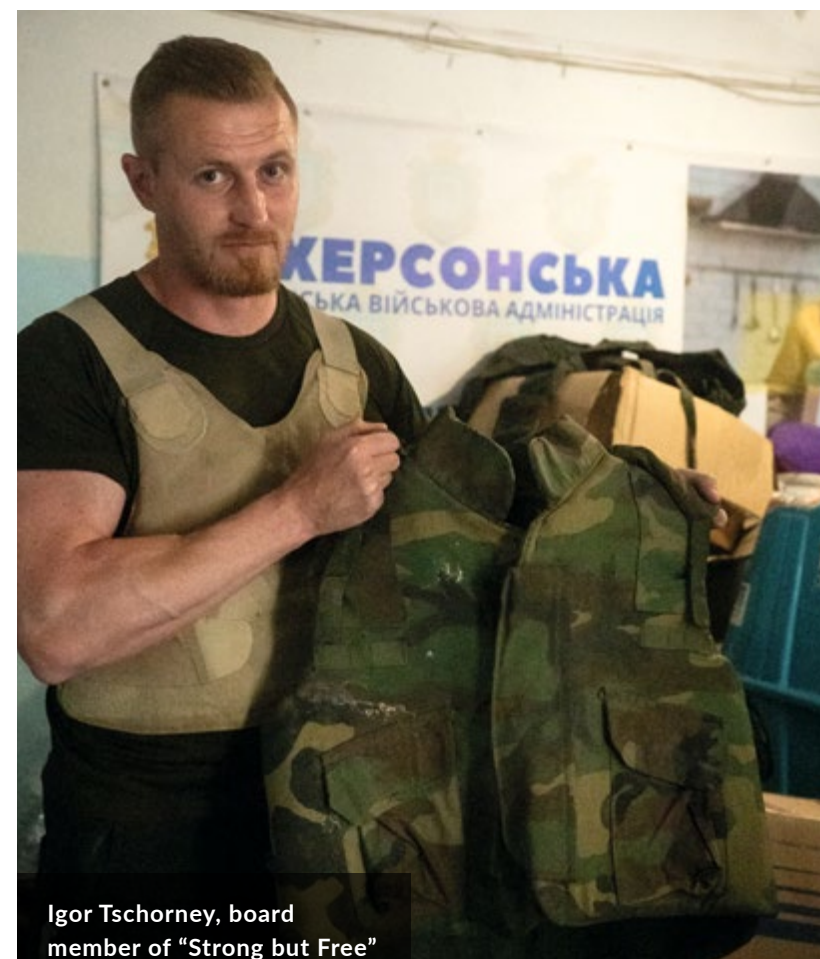
FROM IMPLEMENTER TO ENABLER: LOCALIZATION AS A KEY STRATEGY

Be an Angel has made a name for itself in Ukraine through pragmatic, solution-oriented work and a strong network of trusted local partners.

In 2024, we undertook a decisive strategic realignment: we are evolving from being solely an implementer to becoming an enabler.

Our goal is to strengthen local NGOs on the frontlines and thereby not only provide short-term aid but also ensure long-term impact through sustainable structures.

Our analysis has shown that many of the small and medium-sized organizations we have been working with for years, and which are indispensable in acute crises, face recurring challenges that threaten their sustainability. These include limited financial resources, a lack of international contacts, and too little time for documentation and project planning. These constraints create uncertainty and make effective long-term planning more difficult.



Igor Tschorney, board member of "Strong but Free"



Kherson - Support for local NGOs



To address these challenges, Be an Angel is pursuing a localization approach based on three central pillars:

- financial security
- technical competence
- international networking

This strategy enables local NGOs to continue their indispensable work while at the same time building the resilience needed for sustainable and effective action under the most difficult conditions.

Text Sergiy Govorovskyy

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EXAMPLE: PARTNERSHIP WITH „STRONG BECAUSE FREE“

A striking example of our localization strategy is the partnership with Strong Because Free, a volunteer-led NGO from Kherson dedicated to supporting particularly vulnerable population groups. With the support of Be an Angel, the organization has been able to implement vital measures, including the evacuation of civilians and animals from frontline areas, targeted humanitarian aid for immobile and severely ill people, as well as social transport services for people with disabilities.

In February 2024, the partnership enabled the opening of the “Childhood” shelter in the Korabelny district of Kherson. This center provides children with psychosocial care and resilience support—a place of safety and healing in the midst of ongoing conflict.

SO FAR, MORE THAN 300 CHILDREN HAVE TAKEN PART IN THE PROGRAMS.

TECHNICAL SUPPORT BY BE AN ANGEL

One of the greatest challenges for Strong Because Free was transparent reporting—essential both for their own work and for communication with international donors. Be an Angel developed digital applications that simplify and standardize documentation, closing this critical gap without placing an additional burden on local volunteers.

Evacuation teams now use a low-code app to document evacuations in real time. While transporting a family from a frontline village such as Antonivska to Mykolaiv, the helpers record the data directly in our secure intranet. The system generates not only a complete mission report but also an official liability document for the local military and civil authorities.

This innovation has significantly reduced administrative workload, strengthened transparency and accountability, and increased donor confidence, while at the same time enabling the volunteers to focus on what matters most:

TO SAVE LIVES.



Playground in the bunker,
everyday life in Kherson

STRENGTHENING FOR THE FUTURE WITHOUT ABANDONING THOSE IN NEED

Even though this case showed that localization is crucial for strengthening local organizations and will shape our future projects, immediate crisis relief remains an indispensable part of the DNA of Be an Angel. In 2024, this was brought dramatically to our attention: the evacuation vehicle we had provided to Strong Because Free was destroyed by shrapnel and metal fragments during drone attacks. Thanks to the swift support of our donors and partners, Be an Angel was able to provide a new fully armored vehicle in record time—a vital shield that enabled the team to continue its rescue missions under extremely dangerous conditions.

At the same time, we responded to another urgent need: ensuring access to education for children in frontline regions who, due to constant shelling, can only participate through remote learning. With the support of our partner PHINEO gAG, Be an Angel provided 50 new laptops for schools and learning centers, allowing children to safely take part in lessons from within shelters.

This project not only guaranteed education under extreme conditions but also gave the youngest victims of the war a sense of normality and hope.

Text Sergiy Govorovsky



Kherson, laptops for schools and learning centers

SISTER CITY PARTNERSHIP

MILWAUKEE - IRPIN

In 2024, the partnership between Milwaukee and Irpin continued to grow through cultural events, infrastructure support, and humanitarian collaboration. Friends of Be an Angel remained the driving force behind these efforts, ensuring a strong bridge between the two cities.

CULTURAL AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

We supported another year of community exchange, including a Ukrainian Independence Day celebration in Milwaukee with the ceremonial raising of the Ukrainian flag. Mayor Cavalier Johnson sent a video message of solidarity to Irpin, underscoring Milwaukee's ongoing commitment. We also facilitated public participation through the Holiday Folk Fair and continued efforts on the collaborative mural for Milwaukee's international airport, created by children from Irpin.

REBUILDING EDUCATION INFRASTRUCTURE

A major milestone in 2024 was the continued deployment of over 840 Wi-Fi access points donated by Advanced Wireless Inc. to Irpin's schools and bomb shelters. This technology helps children continue learning—even during air raids—ensuring educational access despite the war.

MEDICAL SUPPORT AND EVACUATIONS

Through our partnership, we continued to coordinate medical evacuations for Ukrainian children with life-threatening conditions such as spinal muscular atrophy (SMA). In one case, 20-month-old Oleksandr ("Sasha") Kutarenko was successfully evacuated to Milwaukee, where he began life-saving treatment at Children's Wisconsin.

COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION

Dozens of volunteers in Wisconsin came together again in 2024 to sort and ship medical supplies to Ukraine, working with Friends of Be an Angel, Wisconsin Ukrainians Inc., and the Ukrainian Medical Association of North America. These grassroots efforts remain vital in keeping Ukrainian hospitals stocked.



Text by Thomas Humphrey



Anya Verskhovskaya, "Friends of Be an Angel" USA, and Irpin Mayor Oleksandr Markushyn

HOPE HOME • НАДІЯ

RECONSTRUCTION WITH A FUTURE

In the winter of 2024/25, HOPE HOME • НАДІЯ, a transdisciplinary project under the umbrella of Be an Angel, began the first phase of renovating a community house in the Ukrainian village of Pervomaiske (Mykolaiv region). In a hands-on workshop led by the CEO of the Ukrainian hemp company Hempire and architect and project manager Sofia Galat, traditional and ecological building techniques using hemp and lime were taught, with great enthusiasm from the participants.

However, the winter took its toll: flaws in the ventilation led to mold formation. A learning process began. Supported by our construction expert Norbert Höpfer, four young participants are currently correcting these issues—and are undergoing a surprising development themselves: from advocates of concrete to envisioning the creation of their own small business for natural building materials.

SUSTAINABLE RECONSTRUCTION VERSUS CONCRETE SOLUTIONS

In the meantime, UNHCR announced that it would take over the renovation of the building, using concrete, which can be processed quickly and cheaply but is problematic ecologically. Our position is clear: reconstruction must not only be functional but also sustainable, in harmony with the environment, the climate, and the people on the ground. Our work therefore consciously contrasts with that of many international aid organizations, which often stop at windows and roofs. We ask: what about the walls? The building materials? The skills, dignity, and sense of ownership of the residents?

PERVOMAIKSE: YOUTH BUILDING THEIR OWN SPACE

From May 26 to June 8, 2024, the next workshop took place. With donated funds and the commitment of six participants, including four young people, we began constructing a 150 m² youth club—with walls made of hemp, lime, clay, and straw. The need is immense: since the destruction of the school in 2022, the 300 remaining young people in the village have had no dedicated space at all.

The old cultural center, once a gathering place for celebrations, was badly damaged by a rocket explosion. Now, beneath its remains, a place for meeting, exchange, and empowerment is being created. UNDP is funding a youth exchange to help complete the construction together. Opening: July 21, 2024. The young people already see the space as their own, a ping pong table and punching bag have been promised. Their enthusiasm, eagerness to learn, and creative ideas show that participation and sustainability go hand in hand.



Adrienne Goehler at the Chamber of Architects in Kyiv on the occasion of the HOPE HOME • НАДІЯ

SHOWING IMPACT WITH A SMALL BUDGET

In just two weeks, not only were walls built, but trust, perspective, and self-confidence were also fostered.

All donated funds went toward building materials, meals, tools, and fair compensation for the future Ukrainian multipliers. Their training is a sustainable investment in regional expertise and local resilience.



Exhibition Chamber of Architects Kyiv - HOPE HOME • НАДІЯ

HOPE HOME • НАДІЯ

WHAT MAKES HOPE HOME • НАДІЯ SO SPECIAL?



Adrienne Goehler, Alexandra Pavlenko, Andreas Tölke
Kyiv at the opening of the HOPE HOME • НАДІЯ

IT IS BASED ON 13 YEARS OF INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE FROM THE EXHIBITION PROJECT "EXAMPLES TO FOLLOW!"

IT CONNECTS ART, SCIENCE, TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE, AND ECOLOGICAL BUILDING MATERIALS.

IT RELIES ON DIY METHODS AND LOCAL RESOURCES.

IT PROMOTES EMPOWERMENT IN REGIONS AFFECTED BY WAR AND THE CLIMATE CRISIS.

IT IMPLEMENTS THE 17 UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS IN A CONCRETE RURAL CONTEXT.

Text by Adrienne Goehler



OUTLOOK

The first steps have been taken with visible success. A motivated team on site, including the village head, stands behind the project. However, to realize another example of successful transformation, around 3,000 euros are still needed. The goal is another pilot project in Pardyanske, where an elderly woman is waiting longingly for the repair of her destroyed house.

BE AN ANGEL AND HOPE HOME • НАДІЯ WILL KEEP GOING WITH COMMITMENT, VISION, AND GRATITUDE TO ALL SUPPORTERS WHO MAKE THIS PATH POSSIBLE.

KIDS CLUB ODESA

PPO CREATIVE CLUB FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE



Joy of life in the bunker – children from the Kids Club

Psychosocial stabilization and creative support for children and young people in the war

The PPO Creative Club Odesa is a low-threshold protection and support program for children and young people who are heavily affected by war, displacement, and forced migration. Its aim is to build emotional stability, strengthen resilience, and provide creative forms of expression to process trauma.

Since its founding, the program has been largely financed by Be an Angel e.V. and implemented with a local team. The activities take place in a protected underground space and are guided by psychologists and creative mentors. The program includes art and music workshops, theater, dance, crafts, styling, technology groups, as well as multi-day holiday camps and excursions.



All-day support for children in Odesa including meals

PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT AND EARLY INTERVENTION

A central element of the program is the continuous psychological support for the children and young people

The participating children are observed and accompanied according to their emotional condition. If necessary, parents receive recommendations for further therapeutic measures or crisis interventions.

More than 90 percent of participants show symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder, such as sleep disturbances, panic attacks, or emotional instability. Depending on individual resilience, therapeutic intervention is in many

cases essential. The team arranges this support whenever possible, but the Ukrainian therapists working voluntarily in the project do not have sufficient capacity for comprehensive individual therapy.

The Creative Club therefore also serves as an important link to further psychological care.

Text by Sergiy Govorovsky

FACTS & IMPACT

- CHILDREN REACHED (TOTAL): APPROX. 1,800
- REGULAR MONTHLY PARTICIPANTS: 1,500
- EVENTS CARRIED OUT: >160
- HOLIDAY CAMPS: 4 ONE-WEEK PROGRAMS

PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT

- EMOTIONAL STABILITY WITHIN NORMAL RANGE: +27.5%
- COMMUNICATION SKILLS: +24%
- SELF-CONFIDENCE AND JOY: +25%
- DECREASE IN NEGATIVE EMOTIONS: 8.9%
(based on internal diagnostic data)



Laptop handover to schoolchildren in Odesa, on stage volunteers and the board of Be an Angel Ukraine

FINANCIAL NEEDS

WAR CANNOT BE PLANNED. BUDGETS ARE DIFFICULT TO PLAN.

DUE TO ACUTE ATTACKS AND DESTRUCTION, FUNDING NEEDS MUST BE CONSTANTLY UPDATED. THIS ALSO APPLIES TO THE CHILDREN'S GROUP.

Upon request, we are happy to provide a current detailed budget. As a guideline, around 9,000 euros per month can be assumed for the core program. The funds cover fees for psychologists and creative mentors, rent and operating costs, materials for workshops, excursions, holiday programs, as well as administration and organization by the local project team.

KIDS CLUB ODESA

WHY THIS PROJECT IS IMPORTANT

Children and young people in development are among the most heavily burdened groups in Ukraine. The participants in Odesa are mostly internally displaced, living in uncertainty without sufficient social structures. Many have spent more than 900 days in shelters.

The club not only enables stabilization but also strengthens long-term educational opportunities, self-confidence, and social integration. It is a powerful example of sustainable psychosocial support in the context of war.

Text by Sergiy Govorovskyy

The Creative Club offers them a safe environment, therapeutic support, artistic self-expression, and a new community. The creative work opens emotional pathways, fosters talents, and provides stability in everyday life.



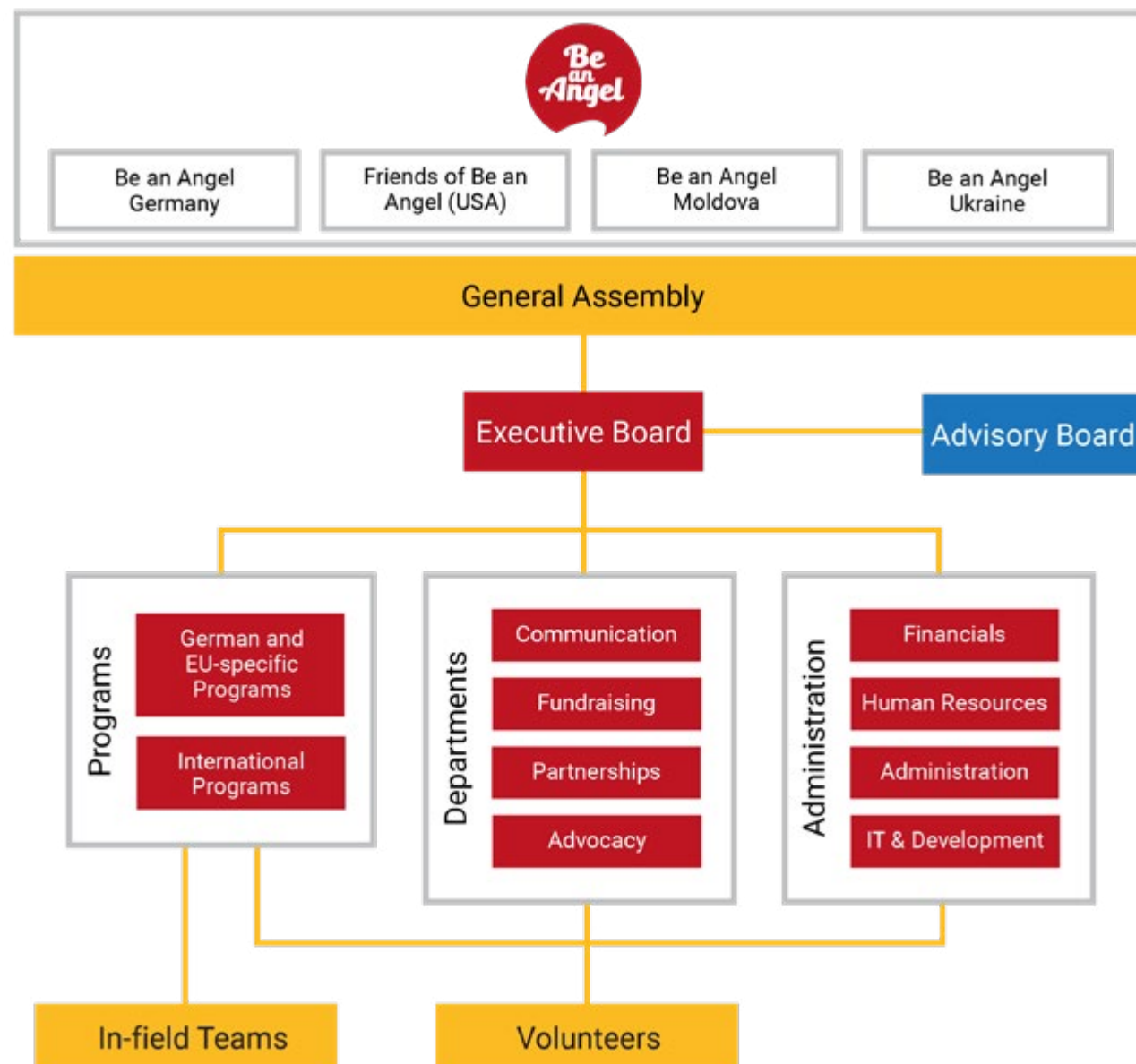
Children's drawings, children in Odesa paint their family

GOVERNANCE

STRUCTURE

Be an Angel e.V. was founded with the statute of organization dated 04.07.2007 (last amended by resolution dated 31.08.2016) and is a registered association. The association has its registered office in Stuttgart and is registered with the district court of Charlottenburg in the register of associations under the number VR28072B. The association's financial year is the calendar year. Andreas Tölke and Ulrike Lessig have been members of the Board of Directors since 2016 and, in addition to our organization in

Germany, we are also registered in the United States, Moldova and Ukraine. In the USA, we are registered as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization in the state of Wisconsin under the name Friends of Be an Angel (EIN: 88-2154500). In Ukraine, we are registered as a charity organization under the name БО БФ "БІ ЕН ЕНЖЕЛ-УКРАЇНА" (Be an Angel Ukraine) with the registration number 44796674.



PRINCIPLES AND STANDARDS

HUMANITARIAN PRINCIPLES

The purpose of the organization is to aid people subject to persecution for political, racial or religious reasons, refugees, displaced persons, migrants, and victims of war.

Our projects are based on international quality standards and codes. In emergency aid, we are committed to the principles of the Do No Harm approach, the Code of Conduct of the International Red Cross and the Core Humanitarian Standards, a set of rules for quality assurance in humanitarian aid. This requires the development, distribution and regular re-assessment of the Core Humanitarian Standards. We also follow the basic rules for project implementation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development and the project standards of the European Union.

We work in countries suffering from war, violence and protracted conflicts. We are committed to the humanitarian principles of the Geneva Conventions so that people in need in such regions can approach us safely. We use the following standards to work safely and consistently: impartiality, independence and neutrality.



Impartiality

Assistance must be provided according to the needs of those affected, without discrimination. There must be no ethnic, political, economic or other forms of preferential treatment.

Independence

Our work is independent of politically imposed guidelines, armed groups or state funding. Participants involved in the conflict may interpret any dependence as partisanship, therefore our clients' trust in our work is rooted on this independence. Our guidelines on accepting donations ensure that we do not accept donations from companies/industries and their respective foundations whose core activities are in direct conflict with the objectives of our humanitarian work or could in any way restrict our ability to provide humanitarian aid.

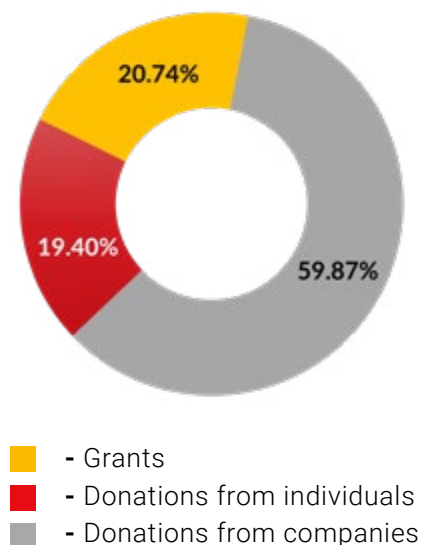
Neutrality

In order to be accepted by all parties to the conflict, it is important that we are not perceived as part of any political faction and do not take sides publicly. We always strive to act in the spirit of impartiality and neutrality to offer help to all people in conflict areas. However, this is not always possible if individual parties to the conflict do not accept our help. Sometimes, for these reasons, we cannot help everywhere where people need help. The basic prerequisite for our humanitarian aid is always independence from the political aims of any party to the conflict.

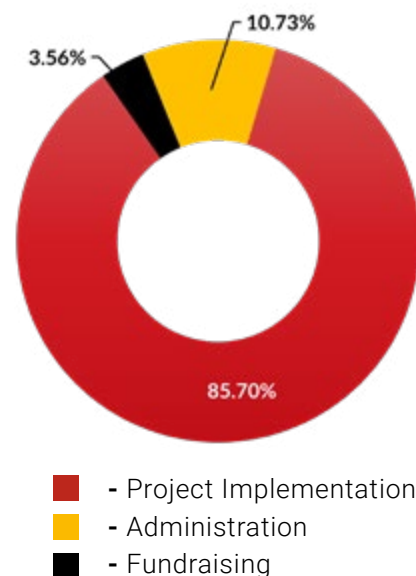
FINANCIALS

TIMEFRAME: JANUARY 2024 - DECEMBER 2024

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€ 903.230,14

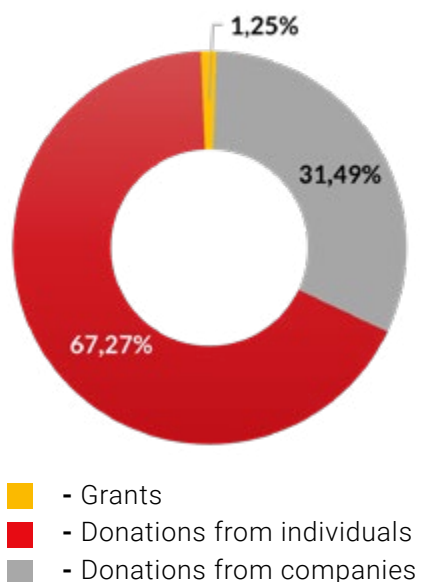


Total Expenditure
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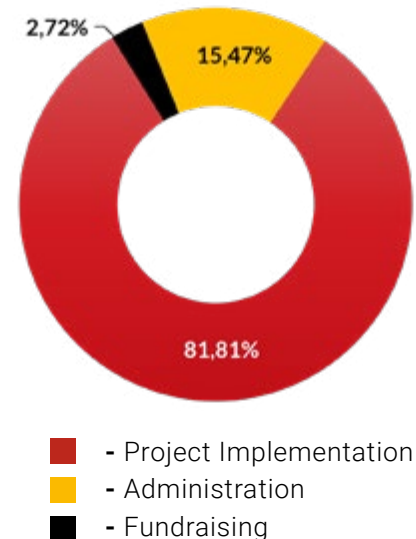


TIMEFRAME: JANUARY 2023 - DECEMBER 2023

Total Income
€ 702.999,56



Total Expenditure
€ 616.585,85



In 2024, Be an Angel recorded total income of €903,230.14. The largest share of funds, 59.9 percent, came from corporate donations. Contributions from private individuals accounted for 19.4 percent, while foundation funds contributed 20.7 percent, representing an important diversification of our funding base. On the expenditure side, a total of €1,042,030.23 was spent, of which 85.7 percent went directly into project costs, a clear expression of our commitment to provide help where it is most urgently needed. Administrative costs remained lean at 10.7 percent, while expenses for fundraising accounted for 3.6 percent. However, the expansion of our project work led to an annual deficit of around €138,800.

Compared to 2023, both income and expenses increased significantly, reflecting the expansion of our activities. Total income grew by 28 percent from €702,999.56 in 2023 to €903,230.14 in 2024, while expenses rose by 69 percent from €616,585.85 to €1,042,030.23. The composition of income also changed: in 2023, private donors represented the largest share with 67.3 percent, while in 2024 corporate donations dominated with 59.9 percent and foundation funds increased significantly from 1.3 percent to 20.7 percent. On the expenditure side, the share for project costs rose slightly from 81.8 percent to 85.7 percent, while administrative costs decreased proportionally. While 2023 ended with a surplus of around €86,400, the greater reach of our work in 2024 resulted in a deficit. This development highlights both the growing scale of our activities and the importance of further strengthening our funding base in order to secure our impact in the long term.

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FUTURE OUTLOOK

In summary, it can be said that only thanks to the incredible commitment of the team members, often working on a voluntary basis, was it possible in 2022 in Berlin to provide intensive and successful support to individual cases, to evacuate people from Ukraine via Moldova to Austria, Italy, or Germany, and to support chronically ill children and babies in the EU with medical care. More than 4,700 tons of relief supplies were provided, including medical equipment and generators to supply private households with electricity.

For 2024, we will continue to support people with refugee experience in their integration in Germany. Migration forecasts speak a clear language. We firmly believe that migration can be a solution for the strained labor market if access to the labor market is made possible for those who are already in Germany. In our experience, this is only achievable through comprehensive support.

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Regardless of this, we are developing sustainable projects in partnerships for the economic strengthening of the country. Among other things, we are working on a concept for the reconstruction of a formerly Russian-occupied village that is 75 percent destroyed. The residents are experienced farmers. The reconstruction is intended to be sustainable, energy efficient, and recognizably ecological in terms of agriculture.

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