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Japhet School lives out its character qualities by collecting donations for Ukrainian children

CLAWSON, Mich., April 13, 2022 -- The Japhet School Community recently stepped forward to support and send aid to Ukrainian children as part of a drive through the Ukrainian American Crisis Response Committee of Michigan.

“Children are fleeing Ukraine and arriving in nearby countries with absolutely nothing,” said Kerri Vizena, Head of School, Japhet School. “This is a tangible way for our Japhet School students to see how their generosity and giving can help others who are in need. Giving and serving others is at the heart of Japhet. We see it daily with our children being receptive to the needs of others. As we focus on our character quality ‘Respect for Others’ in April, it will be even more apparent the many ways that we express this particular character quality.”

Japhet received donations via collection boxes at the school, as well as gifts that came in through Amazon Smile, and nearly \$400 in monetary donations that helped to purchase the needed items. Nineteen packed boxes of supplies were donated to help Ukrainian refugee children. Preschool families donated 2,007 diapers in 11 large boxes, Kindergarten families donated 169 coloring books, 160 boxes of crayons, and 107 boxes of washable markers, Lower Elementary families donated more than 300 basic first aid supplies and hygiene supplies to make 144 small personal hygiene kits, Upper Elementary families and staff donated 87 stuffed animals, and Middle School families donated 82 fleece blankets.

Vizena sent out the call for donations to the Japhet School community after learning that J9 Media Solutions, Japhet School’s communications and marketing firm, has a direct connection to Ukraine. Janine Krasicky Sadaj, president of J9 Media, is of Ukrainian descent. She has helped the “Tell the Truth” campaign led by 100 communicators in Ukraine, which has connected journalists with people on the ground in Ukraine to provide them with accurate information. This helps to ensure journalists have access to truthful, undistorted content so the voices of Ukraine’s people are heard. She also volunteers with the Ukrainian American Crisis Response Committee of Michigan and arranged for a webinar with Ukrainian journalists for the Detroit Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America.

“The teaching of character is integrated into Japhet School’s daily lessons and this effort helped the Japhet School community to live out these values,” said Vizena. “Japhet School wanted to join the cause to support Janine’s efforts and to help Ukraine fight for its freedom and to support those who are far from their homes.”

About Japhet School:

Founded in 1973, Japhet School is an independent school, serving children in the metropolitan Detroit area in preschool through eighth grade. Its mission is to nurture and prepare each child for life by integrating character education with a strong academic program. The school provides small classes of fewer than 20 students in each, which enables teachers to challenge students with academic material that is appropriate for their intellectual readiness, regardless of age or grade. Integrated with strong academics is Japhet School's national award-winning character education curriculum, which builds a peaceful community within the school. The school's public speaking curriculum gives graduates confidence in leadership roles. Japhet is a National School of Character: it was the first school in Michigan -- and the first independent school in the country -- to receive this award. To learn more about Japhet, visit japhetschool.org or follow Japhet School on social media at:

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Photos of this collection drive can be found on the Japhet School website: japhetschool.org

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