

CLEVELAND BALLET

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CLEVELAND BALLET DONATES \$12,000 TO DISABLED CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES IN UKRAINE

CLEVELAND, OH - Cleveland Ballet is pleased to announce that in relation to our matinee performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, we were able to raise \$12,000 to donate to Mission to Ukraine.

This amount is in addition to the \$14,000 we raised in partnership with 12 Chairs Restaurant. In total, Cleveland Ballet was able to give \$26,000 to Ukraine along with a shipment of goods including food, socks, baby chairs, and more.

Mission to Ukraine is a non-profit organization primarily working in Zhytomyr and the surrounding region that aims to help children with disabilities and their families by providing them with social and medical rehabilitation. At any one time, the organization cares for 250 children that lack basic assistance in things such as schooling, medical care, and employment.

As stated on their website, Mission to Ukraine "...works to reverse the isolation and gripping need these families face." The organization also focuses on advocacy for these individuals to change how society views its disabled citizens.

"With all that is happening in Ukraine, we're so fortunate to have a community that wants to give back," says President & CEO Michael Krasnyansky. "We can't thank everyone enough for their support of not only us but of the people of Ukraine as well."

Those still wishing to donate can visit [here](#). Mission to Ukraine also accepts food items to give back to the community during this uncertain time. More information on those items and where to send can be found [here](#).

ABOUT CLEVELAND BALLET: From the fascinating history of dance in Cleveland starting at the beginning of the 20th century, Dr. Michael Krasnyansky, a successful Ukrainian businessman who settled in the Cleveland area, and his wife Gladisa Guadalupe, a wonderful dancer originally from Puerto Rico, have made their mission to build on the vision and business acumen of Adella Prentiss and impresario Giacomo Bernardi. Prentiss and Bernardi were instrumental in the development of Cleveland's dance audience. They were responsible for bringing one of the world's foremost ballerinas of the 20th century, Anna Pavlova, as well as the internationally famous Diaghilev Ballets Russes which performed in this city during their first U.S. tour. Today and under their artistic vision, business expertise and leadership Dr. Krasnyansky and Ms. Guadalupe has established the city's resident ballet company, Cleveland Ballet, successfully filling the void of classical and contemporary ballet. Please see <https://case.edu/ech/articles/c/cleveland-ballet> and <https://case.edu/ech/articles/d/dance> for more information.

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