

HELMETS OF HEART

ARTISTIC VALOR: HONORING HEROES, HEALING UKRAINE





HEROES' HELMETS FROM WAR TO ART





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ABOUT THE PROJECT



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HELMETS OF HEART IS AN EMPOWERING INITIATIVE THAT HAS EVOLVED FROM THE VISIONARY EFFORTS OF THE REBUILD UKRAINE HACKATHON.

In late 2023, the **Rebuild Ukraine Hackathon** team – **Anastasiia Bielohrytseva, Kateryna Kost, Inna Onyshchenko, and Zenon Radewych**—conceived a powerful idea: bringing damaged military helmets from Ukrainian soldiers to Canada, where Ukrainian-Canadian artists would transform them into poignant artworks to be auctioned in support of Ukraine’s military. The vision honored the courage, resilience, and spirit of Ukrainian soldiers. However, due to export restrictions on military gear, the team adapted by engaging artists directly in Ukraine.

This shift proved even more meaningful. By commissioning Ukrainian artists to paint the helmets locally and then exporting them as artworks, the project not only maintained its authenticity but also provided much-needed financial support to artists in Ukraine during a time of war.

Orest Peter Chabursky continues to play a crucial role in Ukraine, managing logistics – from sourcing helmets to coordinating with local artists. **Alexander Fil** also assists with logistics and connects with talented artists. On the ground, **Yan Kormilitsyn** is responsible for 3D-printing helmets and distributing them to schools across Ukraine, encouraging children to get involved in painting, creating a therapeutic and empowering experience through art.

We are also thrilled to welcome **Nadiya Gromadska** to the team. Her passion for expanding our reach includes organizing painting events with Ukrainian children’s schools in North America and Ukraine, further uniting communities through creativity and resilience.

THE INITIATIVE

1

ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY

Activate Ukrainian and global communities through art programs and social groups to participate in helmet painting, providing resources and showcasing their work online.

2

PROMOTE AWARENESS AND SOLIDARITY

Highlight the art and stories behind each helmet to educate the public about the ongoing conflict in Ukraine and the heroism of its soldiers.

3

AUTHENTIC ARTIFACTS

Collaborate with the Ukrainian military to source real helmets, offering artists meaningful canvases that reflect true stories of valor.

4

FUNDRAISING THROUGH ART

Auction painted helmets to support Ukrainian children's charities and the military, ensuring a significant portion of proceeds aids these causes.

5

SUSTAINED ENGAGEMENT

Establish this initiative as a recurring, impactful project that reminds and educates about Ukraine's struggle and spirit, marked by events and continual participation.

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This past spring, our **Helmets of Heart** friend, Orest Chabursky, was in Ukraine when the team in Toronto reached out with a unique request: to find 10 battle-damaged military helmets that could be transformed into art. Orest connected with a volunteer group in Khmelnytskyi, which supports the frontline, and secured these helmets.



66TH SEPARATE MECHANIZED BRIGADE



105TH SEPARATE TERRITORIAL DEFENSE BRIGADE

These **10 helmets** were worn by soldiers of the **66th Separate Mechanized Brigade** and the **105th Separate Territorial Defense Brigade**, stationed in Bakhmut in May 2023, during some of the fiercest fighting. The **66th Separate Mechanized Brigade**, formed in 2022, has played a crucial role in defending Ukraine's eastern regions, particularly in Donetsk and Luhansk. They helped halt Russian advances in Lysychansk and Bakhmut and are currently engaged in the Ukrainian counteroffensive in the Kursk region, where they have secured key territorial gains.

The **105th Separate Territorial Defense Brigade**, established in 2018, consists of volunteers and reservists who have defended strategic areas such as Zakarpattia, symbolizing Ukraine's broader defense strategy.



ORGANIZATIONS WE SUPPORT



SUPERHUMANS CENTER

A modern rehabilitation center for adults and children in Ukraine to give these people a superhero life they deserve.



SERGIY PRYTULA CHARITY

A charitable foundation to provide assistance to medical workers, people with disabilities, and to promote education and inclusion.



WINGS OF ARCHITECTS

A community of architects, urbanists, and city planners has joined forces to acquire 1000 FPV drones for the Bureviy Brigade, currently stationed at ground zero in the Serebriany Forest in Luhansk Oblast.



BLACK RAVEN

A non-profit organization, a volunteer-driven force dedicated to the advancement of modern military technologies. As part of their initiatives, they have established a training school specializing in "UAV operator".



WORLD WITH UKRAINE

An International Charitable Foundation dedicated to supporting Ukraine by aiding those affected by Russian aggression and contributing to the recovery and reconstruction of impacted regions.



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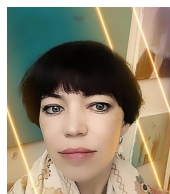
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TRUE COMBAT-DAMAGED HELMETS

ARTISTS

The artists who transformed these helmets into powerful symbols of hope and resilience are all based in Ukraine, hailing from various regions across the country. Sourced and selected by Orest Chabursky and Oleksandr Fil, this talented group includes two male and several female artists, with one artist contributing her creativity to two helmets. Notably, one of the artists is the daughter of the renowned Ukrainian multifaceted artist Les Podervianskyi, celebrated for his work in painting, graphics, scenography, and drama.

Among them is Volodymyr Vintonyak, who is currently undergoing military training and preparing to be deployed to the frontlines in defense of Ukraine's freedom. Volodymyr is an example of the many gifted Ukrainian artists, musicians, and athletes who have put their careers on hold to fight for their nation. May God protect him and all those like him!



Sasha Makarska



Radyslav Dziuba



Rozi Vandal



Volodymyr
Vintonyak



Anastasiia
Podervianska



Anastasiia
Ponomaryova



Masha Shango



Chepurna Art



Natalia Bessonova

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The Kremlin is on Fire

Volodymyr Vintonyak, Ivano-Frankivsk

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Fire Bird

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 **Free People**

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Kyiv Chestnuts 

Radyslav Dziuba, Kyiv

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**Podilska
Pysanka**

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**Slobozhanskaya
Pysanka**

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TINY MASTERPIECES BY YOUNG UKRAINIANS WORLDWIDE

The initiative quickly garnered support from We Help Ukraine GTA, leading to the painting of 22 small-scale 3D-printed helmets by their members. This effort has now expanded to schools and various organizations worldwide, where Ukrainian youth are painting 3D-printed helmets. As of August 2024, well over 75 3D-printed helmets have been painted, and we expect that by the end of 2024, close to 500 small-scale 3D-printed helmets will be painted worldwide by Ukrainian and non-Ukrainian youth.





HOPE & PEACE FOR UKRAINE

BY MARIA KAPNIK



PEACEFUL UKRAINE

BY OLENA POLISHCHUK



PROSPERITY OF UKRAINE

BY ANNA AVDEEVA



UKRAINIAN SOUL

BY VICTORIA TSymbALIUK



UNBREAKABLE
BY OLENA POLISHCHUK



FORGET-ME-NOTS
BY OLGA MUHORTYH



PEACEFUL FIELD

BY YELYZAVETA GRINCHUK



HOPE SPRINGS UP AGAIN

BY OLEKSANDRA HRECHYNA



VYSHYVANKA
BY MARYNA KOLVAKH



THE GARDEN OF EDEN
BY NINA SAVCHENKO



POWER OF UKRAINE

BY ARAM SALAYI



UNBREAKABLE SPIRIT

BY ALISA KAPNIK



BEREHYNIA
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PYSANKA
BY MARYNA KOLVAKH



SUNFLOWER FIELD

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LIGHT AND DARKNESS WAR

BY OLEKSANDRA HRECHYNA



WHISPERS OF UKRAINIAN BLOOM

BY YELYZAVETA GRINCHUK



UKRAINIAN SOUL

BY VICTORIIA TSYMBALIUK



FREEDOM IN THE WORLD

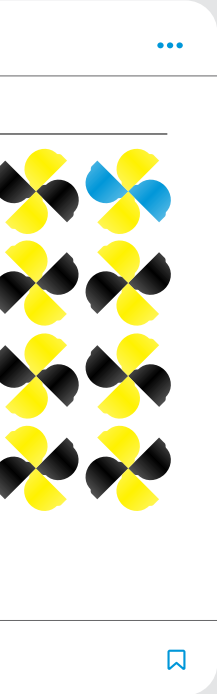
BY ARAM SALAYI



LIFE WILL STILL WIN, NO MATTER WHAT

BY VALERIE ORLOVTSEVA

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PARTNERS



Helmets of Hearts collaborates closely with **Rebuild Ukraine Hackathon** and entities like **SUNNY! Events & Arts** and **Children of Chernihiv**.

As visibility increases, we anticipate forming partnerships across the globe, harnessing a simple yet profound model of artistic expression through painted helmets, whether 3D printed or real.

AROUND THE WORLD



EVERYTHING WILL BE UKRAINE!

