

Mission to Ukraine • 2020 July 6-20



Tour of Love, Wellbeing & Prosperity!



Welcome and thank you for your interest in serving with us!

- Mission Dates: **July 6 to 20, 2020**
Locations: **Lviv and Kolomyia, Ukraine**
Chalice Sponsor Site: **Pochaiv**
Sponsor Children: If your sponsor child's code begins with **HOL, IVF, LVI, or VOL**, we will be visiting their region!

MISSION OUTCOMES

What we want to do:

- Our Canadian and Ukrainian volunteers, staff and families will:
 - (a) share stories and dialogue to **learn from one another**, and
 - (b) collaborate in **service projects**.
- Our Canadian team will invite others to support our mission by **sponsoring a child** from Ukraine, and we will collectively **raise funds** to support the communities served by Pochaiv Sponsor Site.

The changes we want to see:

- Through meaningful dialogue, interaction, prayer and service, we will be invited to **see and care for one another as brothers and sisters**.
- We will have a **greater understanding** of both the challenges we face, as well as our capacity (with God's grace!) to respond with love and support.
- We will gain insight into Chalice's mission, how it is carried out at Pochaiv Site, as well as how it may be carried out differently around the world; as a result, we will be **empowered to collaborate in this mission**, "to bring Christ to the poor and the poor to Christ."

LEARNING & SERVING ON MISSION

If you travel with a firm list of things you will experience and accomplish, you will likely be disappointed. If you travel primarily as a learner, you are bound to succeed!

Learning and service activities are planned with the sponsor site staff to **complement their work** in the communities we will visit. Activities are further tailored to the **skills and experience of our volunteer team**.



Our site director, Halyna Mykytiuk, is inviting Chalice volunteers and staff to come learn and serve within the following contexts in the community:

- **Home Vegetable Growing and Greenhouses**

Let's support our families in growing all-season vegetables (green onion, radish, parsley, dill, basil, etc.) to sell in local markets. Families keep their own gardens, but would like to increase knowledge.

Learning areas include:

- Selecting and sprouting seeds
- Nourishing
- Harvesting
- Ecological considerations
- Marketing
- Installing a greenhouse



- **Summer School for Student Government Leaders**

Let's support our students' hopeful futures with leadership formation among grades 8-10 students.

Learning areas include:

- Avoiding addictions, including electronics
- Healthy lifestyle
- First aid introduction
- Motivating oneself for development
- How to study, and directing this effort towards future income
- Financial planning
- Resume and job interview preparation



○ **Training Workshop for Site Staff & School Organizers**

Let's support our community leaders to enhance their skills as social workers, administrators and directors.

Learning areas include:

- Administrating
- Managing and supervising staff
- Reporting, seeing results
- Motivation, performance
- Workflow organization, prioritization
- Managing workload, avoiding burnout
- Skills in home violence resistance



○ **Lunch Meal Preparation**

Let's support the mission training sessions while learning about Ukrainian cooking. 108 sponsored children (from subsite IVF) attend the school where we will be stationed each training day. Join the mothers of sponsored children to prepare lunch for everyone involved with our training sessions under the guidance of the school cafeteria chef and sous-chef. For volunteers who are interested, there will also be opportunities for knowledge sharing in nutrition.



We are recruiting a team of **15-20 volunteers** who have a **heart for learning and serving** with experience in the following areas:

- Gardening, farming, greenhouses
- Education
- First Aid instruction
- Psychology
- Counselling
- Nursing
- Social Work
- Human Resources
- Administration
- Management
- Supervision
- Cooking (home or professionally)
- Nutrition

IS THIS THE MISSION FOR YOU?

If you would like further guidance on how your background and experience may relate to our mission objectives, simply contact our Mission Coordinator, Joanne, at 1-800-776-6855.





CHALICE'S MISSION

"To bring Christ to the poor and the poor to Christ."

Chalice is a Canadian Catholic charity that primarily supports community initiatives in developing countries through the sponsorship of children and elders in need. Chalice is based in Bedford, Nova Scotia and brings hope to over **50,000 children and elders at 58 sponsor sites in 15 countries**, with no regard for gender, race or religious affiliation. You can view a 4-minute introduction to how this done here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9GLg87-kWYo>. Every sponsor site is under local direction, as we work closely with lay people, religious congregations and local communities in their efforts to provide care for families caught in the dehumanizing grip of extreme poverty and lack of education. Chalice has been named one of the top 100 Canadian charities in MacLean's 2020 Best Charities list, tying for second place overall, and ranked first place in international charities. See the list here: <https://www.macleans.ca/society/canadas-best-charities-2020-top-100/>

CHALICE'S WORK IN UKRAINE

Chalice has been serving children, families and communities in Ukraine since 1998 in three sites in both rural and urban communities. Our local partners tell us that Chalice is one of few international charities in their region, because the central government makes charitable work difficult with complex taxation laws.



Ballooning inflation has dramatically increased the costs of necessities such as food and heating. Coupled with high rates of unemployment or under-salaried work, parents have difficulty providing for their families. In the areas where Chalice works, there are high rates of chronic illness and cognitive disabilities such as cerebral palsy and Down syndrome. Low-income families have little access to quality medical services because public hospitals are underfunded and ill-equipped.

Through the support of sponsors and donors, Chalice and our local partners focus on:

- ❖ **Education** – Ensuring each child completes their education until high school graduation, at a minimum.
- ❖ **Financial inclusion & empowerment for parents** – Giving caregivers back their decision-making power for the needs of their families.
- ❖ **Nutrition & household needs** – Providing families with fresh produce and staples to ensure their children maintain nutrient-rich, balanced diets. Assistance is also provided to help with the high cost of basic household needs such as heating and simple housewares.

OUR POCHAIV SPONSOR SITE PARTNERS

During our mission, we will spend time at one of Chalice's three Ukrainian sponsor sites: **Pochaiv Sponsor Site**. At Pochaiv Site, Chalice has partnered with **World for Children** since 1999. **Halyna Mykytiuk** directs the sponsorship program, based in three subsites in the Ivano-Frankivsk and Volyn Regions. The Site's Central Office is located in the village of Malechkovychi in the Pustomyty District, a suburb of the city of Lviv. The program currently supports **1960 children** living with their families in either dorm-style factory apartments in cities and towns or rural family homes with small farms. The site works closely with beneficiaries to develop agricultural skills to sustain small family farms. Through Chalice programs, including the gift catalogue, Pochaiv Site supports orphanages and many schools throughout the area.

2019 Annual Report for Pochaiv Site: [Read it Online!](#)



MISSION SCHEDULE – DRAFT (always subject to change)

	Week Day	Date	Activities
1	Monday	Jul 6	Flights from home cities to central point – Toronto PM Flight departs (Ex: 9:55 PM)
2	Tuesday	Jul 7	Arrive Lviv (Ex: 5:15 PM) Welcome at Airport Transit and check into hotel in Lviv, supper, sleep
3	Wednesday	Jul 8	Intro to the region including Lviv City Walk Intro to Site & Chalice’s work in Ukraine Family visits
4	Thursday	Jul 9	Transfer to ethnic hotel in Kolomyia town Learning & Service Introductions
5	Friday	Jul 10	Learning & Service Day, Family Visits
6	Saturday	Jul 11	Visit to the Community of Children with cerebral palsy (CP) in Otyniia village (subsite IVF) Family Visits Check-in (questions with CA & UA Team, exploring solidarity)
7	Sunday	Jul 12	Mass Visit to Carpathian Mountains to familiarize with Hutsuls, an ethnic group, and join in celebration of Saints Peter & Paul holiday, visit to the local Hutsul church, a Hutsul museum of folk instruments, and Hutsul cuisine tasting
8	Monday	Jul 13	Learning & Service, Family Visits
9	Tuesday	Jul 14	Learning & Service, Family Visits
10	Wednesday	Jul 15	Learning & Service, Family Visits
11	Thursday	Jul 16	Learning & Service, Family Visits
12	Friday	Jul 17	Learning & Service, Family Visits
13	Saturday	Jul 18	Highlighting activities of cultural significance: perogi making, manual grass cutting master-class, horse and cart driving Check-in (questions with CA & UA Team, exploring solidarity)
14	Sunday	Jul 19	Mass; Lisnyi Khlbychyn village Community Day with Prayer Service at Ukrainian Orthodox Church Evening Packing, Rest
15	Monday	Jul 20	Transfer to Lviv Afternoon Flight Departs Lviv (Ex: 3:40 PM), Arrives Toronto (Ex: 8:10 PM); Team arrive home tonight/tomorrow morning
16	Tuesday	Jul 21	Flights to home cities (if required)



TIME TO SHARE & GROW IN OUR FAITH

Our team will begin each day together by sharing and reflecting on a passage from the Bible or another text of spiritual significance to one of our team members. At the close of each day, we will also be invited to share about and reflect on our experiences from that day. We will participate in the Catholic Mass on Sundays and participate in other forms of local community prayer.

ESTIMATED COST

Mission expenses are currently estimated at **\$3,725 CAD**, broken down as follows:

- \$500 Mission trip program fee
- \$1500 Mission expense donation (land transportation, accommodations, meals, water, service activities, etc.)
- \$100 Touring fee (To be confirmed; separated from expense donation as it is not eligible for an official donation receipt for tax purposes)
- \$1625 Flight + CAP Insurance (varies; from home cities we meet on route, most likely in Toronto)

The mission expense donation is eligible for an official donation receipt. Airfare is also eligible, conditional on personal travel plans; discuss with the mission coordinator for clarification.

In addition, the following costs are paid by volunteers directly:

- Travel Insurance* (medical, cancellation & interruption)
- Hotel* & meals in transit (if route requires)
- Immunizations and medications
- Incidentals, tips, alcoholic beverages.

*We will provide booking options through our travel agent.



MISSION TIMELINE

Mar	16	Application deadline	May	4-15	Service sub-teams meet, as needed
	25	Confirm Team, \$500 Program Fee paid		27	Team Meeting 3
Apr	1	Team Meeting 1*	Jun	17	Team Meeting 4
	8	Personal goals set	Jul	6-20	On Mission
	14-17	Flights & CAP insurance booked	Aug	19	Team Meeting 5
	29	Team Meeting 2			
	30	Submit signed waivers			
	30	Mission Expense Donation paid			

*All meetings by Zoom conference call (online or by telephone)

HOW DO I APPLY?

For full mission details and application, contact: **Joanne Albrecht, Mission Coordinator**

1-800-776-6855

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“We, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another”

-Romans 12:5

“If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it”

-1 Corinthians 12:26-27