



# Prince George Share Hope



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**What is Share Hope?** The Prince George Share Hope Refugee Sponsorship Committee (Share Hope) is a local not-for-profit, volunteer-based organization, established to sponsor and support the settlement of refugees and displaced peoples from around the world into the Prince George community. Share Hope is currently focused on supporting displaced families and individuals from Ukraine.

Share Hope is one of several community organizations and levels of government working as the **Prince George for Ukraine Initiative**. The goal is to help the Prince George community respond in a coordinated way, as a welcoming refuge for all people displaced by the war waged on Ukraine.



Share Hope has provided resettlement and financial support to Ukrainians arriving and choosing to live in this region. Founding members of Share Hope are from the four Roman Catholic parishes of Prince George with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Prince George supporting the administration of Share Hope's work. Share Hope has an active participation with members of other faith based organizations such as Grace Anglican and St Michael and All Angels Anglican church and its group of volunteers now come from a wide range of other backgrounds. Everyone is welcome.

**How and Why Does Share Hope Raise Money?** To date Share Hope has not received government funds. Generous donors have given financially to Share Hope which in turn has distributed 100% of funds raised to those in need of settlement support. Many community organizations have come together in support of refugees and displaced people, hosting fundraising events and campaigns, choosing to give monies raised to Share Hope to distribute.

Share Hope collaborates with **Prince George Community Foundation** to raise funds which have helped Share Hope to provide both families and individuals with short term support grants.



To date Share Hope has helped over 340 Displaced Ukrainians to settle across our region with over 300 choosing to make Prince George their new home.

## How Do You Access Support?

**Non-Financial Support:** Share Hope volunteers also provide individuals and families with a wide range of settlement supports such as: registering children in school, finding jobs, finding suitable accommodations to rent like an apartment or house, and finding services like language training, a doctor or dentist, etc. Names and contact information for Share Hope volunteers are on the back of this brochure.

### Financial Support:

**Who can access financial support from Prince George Share Hope?**

- A displaced individual or family who **is in Prince George or the region and:**
- has come to Canada under the Canada-Ukraine Authorization for Emergency Travel (CUAET) visa program or has recently arrived with a valid work permit and visitor visa from Ukraine.

### Do you want to volunteer with Share Hope?

Email [pg.sharehope@gmail.com](mailto:pg.sharehope@gmail.com) to be added to our mailing list.

Are you interested in being a Host or have accommodations to offer? Do you have items or services to donate?

Please contact: [pg.sharehope@gmail.com](mailto:pg.sharehope@gmail.com)



### What Types of Expenses can be covered with Share Hope funds?

Rent / Rental Deposit / Utilities / Food and Groceries

Computer or cell phone

Medications, dental care, eye exams, glasses, contact lens

Furniture, appliances, housewares, clothing, footwear

Re-training, tuition, books, language training, tutoring

Transportation, driving instruction, insurance

Sports, music, or arts activity fees (for children under 18)

Immigration and Work Permit applications and related medical exam fees

Domestic transportation, air, train, or bus fare

## **Can You Apply to Share Hope More than Once? Yes.**

Share Hope aims to assist as many families and individuals as possible, and will generally provide modest grants of \$500-\$3000 per application. However, individuals and families with ongoing need can apply to Share Hope multiple times and, if funds are available, Share Hope will continue to consider applications.

**Full or Ongoing Support for Up to a Year:** Where there is exceptional need and if for example, language or other barriers make it very difficult for an individual or family to find employment, Share Hope may consider an application for more extensive support that includes covering all basic living costs for up to a year, to give the individual or family more time to acquire language skills, search for employment and participate in training if needed.

**Furniture and household items:** Share Hope is accepting donations for furniture, household items, tools, toys, sports equipment and other items which can be useful in people's settlement in our community.

All items are being offered for free to displaced Ukrainians.



## **Helpful online links to other local resources:**

- Prince George 4 Ukraine on Facebook [www.facebook.com Prince George 4 Ukraine](https://www.facebook.com/PrinceGeorge4Ukraine)
- Prince George for Ukraine Website [www.pgforukraine.ca](http://www.pgforukraine.ca)
- Saint George's Ukrainian Catholic Church [www.sgparish.ca](http://www.sgparish.ca)
- Group HUGS - [www.facebook.com Prince George Group HUGS](https://www.facebook.com/PrinceGeorgeGroupHUGS)
- BC Welcomes Ukraine: [www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/tourism-immigration/ukraine/welcome](http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/tourism-immigration/ukraine/welcome)
- Prince George Yalenka Ukrainian Dance Group [www.facebook.com Yalenka PG](https://www.facebook.com/YalenkaPG)

**Settlement Support:** For help with any of the issues or items listed below, please contact the following Share Hope volunteers:

**Language Training** - Charles Scott via email PG4Ukraine@gmail.com

**Finding a Family Doctor or Health Clinic** - Marie Hay via email mdhay@shaw.ca

**Finding a Dentist or Vision Specialist** - Marie Hay via email mdhay@shaw.ca

**Support for Trauma Counselling** - Charis Counselling Services  
[www.chariscounselling.ca/](http://www.chariscounselling.ca/)

**Furniture, Household Items** - PG4Ukraine Facebook page or pg.sharehope@gmail.com

**Choosing a school or Daycare, registering your children** - via email  
pg.sharehope@gmail.com

**Assisting in finding a job** - David Fuller via email davefullerpg@gmail.com and Charles Scott via PG4Ukraine@gmail.com

**Housing and Accommodations** - Eva Gillis via email pg.sharehope@gmail.com

**Becoming an Host Family** - Eva Gillis via email pg.sharehope@gmail.com

**Fundraising and Donations** - Dick Mynen—dick.mynen@tdb.ca

**\*Please note:** our Housing volunteers may be able to provide you with options for housing or short-term host families, and assist with introductions and rental applications. You will be responsible for due diligence, viewing the house/apartment, checking references for any proposed host /host family, and assuring yourself that the housing or host situation is safe and appropriate for you and your family. Share Hope does not screen or approve hosts or accommodations.

**100% of monies donated to Share Hope are distributed directly to displaced peoples and/or refugees within our community/region.**

## **Would you like to donate funds to Share Hope?**

Donations to Share Hope will receive a charitable tax receipt.

Cheques can be made payable to **RCEC-Share Hope** and can be dropped off at any office of a Catholic Parish in Prince George, or mailed to:

**Share Hope  
Diocesan Pastoral Centre  
6500 Southridge Avenue  
Prince George, BC V2N 5P9**

**Donate online** by Credit Card via **CanadaHelps:**

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/70838>

**E-transfer** to: [sharehope@pgdio.ca](mailto:sharehope@pgdio.ca) and in the memo field add your name and address. **THANK YOU!**