North Texas Nonprofit ServingHIM Raises Funds to Expand Hospital Serving Ukrainian Refugees

August Giving Campaign Seeks \$400K to be Matched by Local Donors

Plano, TX (Aug. 5, 2022) – Texas-based Christian ministry and nonprofit organization <u>ServingHIM</u> (Healthcare International Ministries) announced today a one-month giving campaign to complete the expansion of Diaconia Baptist Hospital, a Romanian healthcare facility now serving Ukrainian refugees. A local donor group, the Friends of ServingHIM, has pledged \$400K to match funds raised in August. ServingHIM partners and volunteers are delivering ongoing refugee support at the Ukrainian border, including food, housing, and medical services.

ServingHIM volunteers have partnered with the Diaconia Medical Clinic in Brăila, Romania, for 25 years. The facility opened as a one-room clinic providing essential health services as the medical outreach arm of the local church. Today, the facility serves on the front lines of the deteriorating refugee healthcare crisis in Ukraine and the surrounding area. Expanding with ServingHIM's financial support, the current facility now includes a 40,000-square-foot primary care facility with 27 medical providers and treated over 20,000 patients last year.

"ServingHIM is raising funds to expand Diaconia Baptist Hospital, building a new surgical center to deliver a high level of patient care for both Romanians and Ukrainian refugees," said Dr. Camron Nelson, Medical Director, ServingHIM. "The need for a surgical care facility in the area has only increased as Ukrainian refugees continue to flee their country with war-related injuries."

According to a new report from the World Health Organization, more than 400 local hospitals serving Ukrainians have been destroyed since the war began. Diaconia Baptist Hospital is situated less than two hours from the Ukrainian border and is the first Christian hospital in the country. Dr. Camron Nelson, the Medical Director of ServingHIM, is helping to oversee the construction and expansion efforts. He will travel to volunteer at the clinic on September 1.

"The health system in Romania is straining under the weight of this ongoing refugee crisis," said Dora Ciuca, Clinic Director at Diaconia Medical Center. "At the health clinic at Diaconia Medical Center we see patients who come from villages around Romania seeking high quality medical care, as well as Ukrainian refugees who need urgent medical care, including surgery."

Since 1998, ServingHIM has partnered with a network of evangelical churches throughout Romania, Moldova, and Ukraine, including Romanian American Missions (RAM). The coalition of service providers is now supporting refugee and healthcare missions in areas of greatest need in this ongoing crisis.

To give, please visit: https://www.ServingHIM.org/

Available for Media Interview

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About ServingHIM

ServingHIM is a 501c(3) nonprofit organization that started with a mission trip to Braila, Romania in 1998 to provide dental care. Now in its 25th year of mission work, ServingHIM also sends mission teams to Guatemala and Moldova, providing health and dental care to those in need at clinics and community health fairs.