An estimated seventy-five percent of Ukrainian refugees in Moldova are sheltered by private individuals or houses of worship. The territorial headquarters houses up to seven families at a time, providing private rooms, as well as kitchen and laundry facilities. Dennis, age 6, (pictured) and his friends are Ukrainian refugees sheltered at The Salvation Army Eastern European Territorial Headquarters in Chisinau, Moldova. Placed in a public shelter, they would join refugee populations that average into the hundreds.

The Salvation Army is providing support to families hosting Ukrainian refugees and is also managing several temporary shelter locations including on cruise ships made available for this purpose. Holland America has offered one of its cruise ships, Volendam, to accommodate Ukrainian refugees. The cruise ship can provide temporary shelter for 1,500 refugees along with three meals a day, wifi, housekeeping services, and gym. The Salvation Army is organizing on-board medical and social care for those residing on the ship.

As families continue their pursuit to safety many have passed through Poland and found refuge at The Salvation Army. A Polish school located next door to the Salvation Army Corps is accepting Ukrainian children into their program. The Salvation Army provides supporting personnel to assist with translation when Ukrainian parents try to enroll their children into the program. However, difficulty arises for the children as they study math, theology, and English taught in Polish. The Salvation Army is organizing after-school programs staffed by Ukrainian or Russian-speaking personnel, creating an environment where the children can feel safe and communicate with ease.

PARTNERSHIPS ARE PROVING KEY TO MEET HUMAN NEEDS:

• UPS has provided shipment to Poland at a value of over $228,000 which will help an estimated 5,000 individuals

• Fed Ex has committed to adding $100,000 to the existing charitable shipping allotment for use with the Ukraine Crisis

• Baptist Aid has provided space in their warehouse for pallets of supplies and 125 mattresses to be stored and have provided support to refugees at the Hungarian border crossing.
THREE UKRAINIAN WOMEN WITH FIVE CHILDREN among them are sheltered at the Laloveni Corps outside of Chisinau, Moldova. Their hope is not to immigrate to the European Union, but to return home to their families in the Ukraine. Their husbands and sons over eighteen could not leave their country at this critical time. In Moldova, there are over 100,000 women and children in transition, held in limbo for an unknown amount of time with limited support.

THE SALVATION ARMY CONTINUES TO SERVE Ukrainian refugees across Ukraine and the surrounding countries with services focusing on:

- Meeting lifesaving needs of refugees and internally displaced persons (meals, accommodation, hygiene kits, food parcels, vouchers-based assistance)
- Providing transportation and translation services
- Support awareness of trafficking risks

“The Salvation Army cares about people, this is why I joined. They asked for volunteers to come help at the border and I was one of the first to join. I told them no matter how long it takes, I will be there...I will be there.”

– Lt. Emil Ghenea, The Salvation Army Buzau