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Students and Donor to present check for Ukraine aid More than \$120,000 raised for direct assistance

Students at St. Rita Catholic School in Dallas are aware of what is happening to the people of Ukraine and the school community is doing all it can to help. **The student body will present a major donation for direct aid to the people of Ukraine on Friday, April 1 at 9:00 a.m. on the plaza outside St. Rita Catholic church located on the south side of the complex at 12521 Inwood Road in Dallas.**

World Language Arts teacher, Agnes Denvir, brought the idea of a fundraiser to the school after talking to friends at Ukie Style Embroidery, a Ukrainian store. The school community jumped onboard. Parents at the school got involved and one family was so concerned about the situation in Ukraine and touched by the fundraising efforts of the students, that they wrote a check for \$100,000 for the cause. The students have also created messages of comfort and are offering daily prayers for the people of Ukraine. In addition, students are also crafting and selling yellow and blue ribbon pins to show support for the war-torn country and its people.

The community will present the check from the school and donor to Catholic Relief Services (CRS), one of the oldest international disaster responders in the world. CRS has boots on the ground at the Ukrainian border and is providing life-saving assistance such as food, shelter, clothing and medical assistance. Catholic Relief Services southwest regional representative Norma Valdez will be on hand to accept the check. Valdez personally knows many of the CRS staff providing aid to the traumatized refugees as they flee Ukraine. She will thank the school community and explain how their donation will be used to provide direct aid to those suffering from the war. Olena Jacobs from Ukie Style Embroidery Art store will also be on hand to thank the students for a previous cash donation made to fundraising efforts at her store.

Students will dress in yellow and blue for the festive presentation which will begin at 9 a.m. after the 8 am All-School Mass on the plaza. **Media is welcome to park in the south parking lot next to the church.**

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