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JOHNSON CITY, TN - Uniting for Artem Nataliia and Ukraine (UforANU) is teaming up with The Inventor Center in Kingsport, TN to host a tie dye workshop for all ages.

“Unite with Tie Dye” will benefit children in Ukraine whose lives are at risk every day during war.

The tie dying event will be held on Friday, January 26th from 6-8 pm. Attendees may tie dye up to five items (t-shirt size or smaller). Food will be provided by Pan de Vida. All children must be accompanied by a guardian. The guardian can also purchase a ticket and participate with the child. The workshop will be at The Inventor Center at 118 Shelby St. in Kingsport, TN. Tickets are available at uforanu.com/tiedye for a donation of \$30.

All proceeds will benefit Voices of Children, a Ukrainian non-profit offering humanitarian aid to children and their families living in war. “Many Ukrainian children are losing their lives and loved ones. Ukrainian children may never have a peaceful childhood that every child deserves. The work of Voices of Children attempts to provide stability, and some measure of normalcy for these children,” said UforANU Founder and President, Katie Rios, a Jonesborough resident. Rios has personally assisted two Ukrainian nationals in relocating to the US and currently lives with Nataliia in Tennessee.

Voices of Children believes that “no child should be left with the experience of war.” UforANU chose Voices of Children as their first beneficiary as a way to help mitigate the sadness and trauma these children experience in a war torn country. Voices of Children provides psychological and psychosocial support and other humanitarian aid for children and their families across Ukraine. They have branches in 9 locations across the country and also have a mobile unit that can reach even the most remote locations upon request.

“While we can’t physically stop the war and stop the trauma of war on Ukrainians, we can unite and prevent the war from taking more from innocent and peaceful people once the violence has ended. We thought what better way to raise money for Ukrainian children than hosting a fun workshop that local [East Tennessee] children can attend,” Rios said.

The Inventor Center, another East Tennessee non-profit, located in downtown Kingsport offers community space for makers, artists, and creatives. They offer makerspace memberships as well as a variety of community workshops and programming like this fundraiser. As a part of Innovation Village, their goals are to help entrepreneurs, makers, and artists grow their foundation of skills and knowledge, and to share this with the greater community.

UforANU is a new non-profit charity that raises money for organizations providing humanitarian aid to Ukraine and/or refugees in the US. Every two months, UforANU nominates a new beneficiary and all donations raised in those months are granted to a preselected humanitarian aid program of the beneficiary.

UforANU is on all social media sites: Facebook, TikTok, and Twitter as UforANU and Instagram as U4ANU. For anyone wanting to make a difference in the Ukrainians lives, fundraising campaigns, updated information and stories are on social media or their website, uforanu.com.

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