

WDRAC Annual Report

December 25, 2022

War Disaster Reconstruction Assistance Center, Incorporated Association 1st Annual Report (March-September 2022)

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Greetings

Our steady progress in the first year.

Since we established our organization in March 2022 to the end of our first term in September, we've been receiving your generous and massive support. We would like to thank everyone who donated and engaged in support into our communities. Because of your help, we have made the steady progress.

Even before the war in Ukraine, I was aware the fact of countless conflicts in various parts of the world, however they were only "Just something which is far away from me".

Then I was inspired by my "circle of my mutual friends", to start this project. In early March, my friend in USA posted on SNS, to call for donations for supporting Mika, who she was driving to help victims evacuate from Ukraine to Germany. Since I saw their post, this "something in the distant world" suddenly became close to me as "familiar events.

In the first term, our activities expanded from this mutual friends. As well all the connections with Unsung Heroes are within our friends circles. During the first term, our activities expanded within this "circle of friends". All of the connections with Unsung Heroes are also "friends of friends".

We're very grateful for all your continued support and your generous cooperation into our 2nd year. In order to expand our support on site, we keep our face-to-face relationship open.



**General Incorporated Association
War Disaster Reconstruction
(WDRAC)**

**Representative Director
Akira Nagao**

Manifesto

We support those who support.



Our purpose is to support who helps & volunteers.

We're supporting volunteer work, which is held as individuals, not as part of a large organization. Their networks and communities are built through local communications and their own activities.

Those volunteers are not fully funded nor have abundant human resources, and busy working daily on site. The anxious feeling are carried in their minds, such as "what if we have another help", or "more fund will solve this issue", or "what's going to happen next?".

How about we offer our helping hands as a world citizen? If we can help directly who are suffering, are hurt, in the midst of difficulties, though our "circle of friends", who helps those who volunteers?

What kind of world we can create, if we expand our network all around the world, beyond national boundaries, languages, cultures, customs, and beliefs?

Instead of giving up and saying, "There is nothing I can do," or just to look at those who are hurting as unfamiliar incidents, we can be active and say "There is something I can do". By coming together with people who have same goals and aim to help, it will bring harmony and balance to a damaged world, which is suffered by force and violence.

What makes WDRAC different from others is that we are an organization with flat hierarchy and open communication. Every individual voices are respected, and each person bring their own strength and knowledge, so that our support will be reflected to what local volunteers need in each situation.

Also, we are not biased toward any particular nation, ideology, or faith. We are flexible with every actions, welcome challenges and we keep our sense of humor and cheerfulness always.

We strongly believe that no one should be deprived of dignity for any reason, we solve problems with dialogue rather than force and violence, and even the small act of one person can create great energy and hope through solidarity.

And we promise to "Change everything with love".

History

February 24th, 2022
Russian Aggression in Ukraine

- March 15th
Akira Nagao call on Facebook
- March 17th
First communication & team formation by whom agree to Akira's call
- March 20th
Logo of the organization completed
- March 25th
Registration of the organization
Manifesto completed
- April 1st
Teaser site released
- April 21st
Official website opened
Donation started

- April 28th
WDRAC Radio "KEEP GOING!" broadcasting begun
- May 7th
One member flew to Romania to support Patricia (until May 23rd)
- May 27th
NHK broadcast of WDRAC "おはよう日本" (Good Morning Japan)
- June 8th
Simon - on YouTube, Medika temporary housing supposed by WDRAC donation
- June 18th
Sponsored "Playback・Theatre Workshop"
- June 28th
Patricia Crowdfunding (until July 15th)

- September 17
Simon Crowdfunding (until 9/30)
- End of September
Simon & Travis established NGO, aiming war reconstruction.
- October 2nd
Sponsored "Music and Video Charity Event" in Sakuho, Nagano Prefecture
- December 9th
Patricia Crowdfunding (until December 23rd)
- December 25th
Activity report publicized

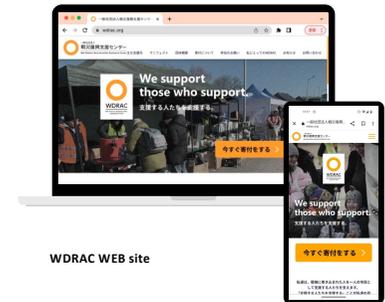
Activities

01

Donation

Provide financial aids for unsung heroes, transparency in donating & the activity reports. Fundraising for its purpose are conducted in Japan.

- Set up a website as a hub to accept donations from donors.
- Focusing on including spot donations for individuals, monthly donations, crowdfunding etc.
- WDRAC posters and pamphlets are handed out in various locations.
- Several fundraising methods; charity concerts and donations are linked to product sales



WDRAC WEB site

<https://wdrac.org/>

02

For public awareness

Activities to bring communities education and awareness of WDRAC, Cultivate interests and general volunteer ideas.

- WDRAC's website as a main tool
- WDRAC RADIO on SNS - YouTube, Twitter
- Host events and seminars, and conduct other publications.
(WDRAC was introduced on NHK's "Ohayo Nippon")



Diary of Memory - That Day, That Time
The 40th - 43rd

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=enLbn066CvE>



"Supporting the supporters" What can we do for
Ukraine in Japan

<https://www.nhk.in/p/ohavou/ts/01P4RZ8ZY3/blog/bl/pzvi7wDPan/bn/pa7ew4vXRp/>

Our Features

01

Face-to-face support / Close Communication

WDRAC are directly supporting people/friends, who are not belong to large organisation. They work as individual and in trusted partnership with local networks and communities. We call them "unsung heroes"
In order to supply necessary items with effective timing to unsung heroes/locals, we communicate on a daily basis. From their shared informations we decide aids and calculate costs on site and donate and respond to their needs.

02

Almost 100% of donations goes to local community

WDRAC's supporters are diverse, including students, corporate employees, public relations professionals, designers, teachers, executives, athletes, artists, or tax accountants, etc.
Our organizations are build by expertise of each members, sparing time from own work or study.
In each categories are divided and have team, tasks are worked on within groups.
All daily activities are conducted online, which enables us to participate easily and to operate with low costs.

03

Supporting local economies and self-reliance

WDRAC do not purchase goods in Japan nor send to local community. We mostly provide financial support to unsung heroes who actively work on site. They use donated money to purchase relief supplies and to use their direct activities.
Therefore, almost 100% of donations will go to local reconstruction and finance, it will eventually lead to their self-reliance.

Our unsung Heroes



Oleg Chernov



Patricia Kudo

(On right)



Simon Massey

(On left)



Travis Goode



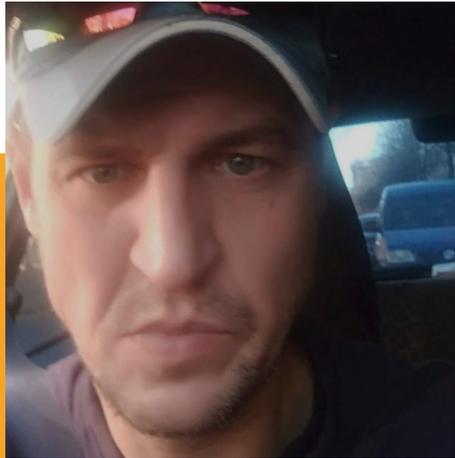
Michaela Bostelmann

(On right)



Iana Shchubelka

Unsung Heroes & Activities



Oleg Chernov

Total support for Oleg
1,000,000 yen

A tough Ukrainian guy, who he continues his volunteer work with delivering the aids, despite his own war damage.

On 31st of March 2022, we received a post on WDRAC facebook group, "We would be honored if you would consider supporting Oleg in Kiev." We learned about Oleg immediately, he was delivering foods and essential aids to local hospitals, fire stations, and shelters, etc. by himself. This post was written by one of Akira Nagao's friend, who she was a friend of Katja- Oleg's cousin - so we received Oleg's information and the support request.

On 5th of April, we had an online meeting with Katya and Oleg along with 20 WDRAC members. We decided to support his work and Akira started to communicate Oleg with direct message service.

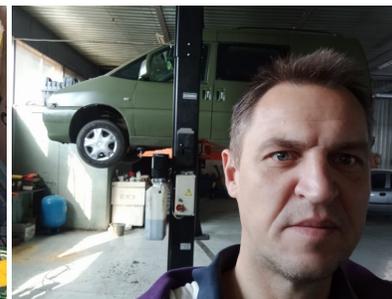
Interestingly, Akira and Nagao are born in the same year, a father as similar family backgrounds, they became friends quickly. Now they enjoy conversations on a daily basis, sharing the situation in Kiev and emotional support he needed.

Oleg sends him some news with videos from his phones, bombing nearby or the news of his childhood friend just joined the army and sent off to the front lines.

At our first meeting, we asked Oleg what we can do for him. Oleg replied, "It's up to you." We will continue to support Oleg as long as we keep in contact and help him deliver supplies to locals.



Daily essentials are most delivered supplies.



WDRAC donations - he purchased a vehicle to deliver.



WDRAC logo on his vehicle - Thanks from Oleg

Unsung Heroes & Activities



Patricia Kudo

On right

Total support for Patricia

3,500,165 yen

“Dobra Hata's mother”

She continues a loving support for people displaced in Romania

In Romania, border across from southwest Ukraine, many people evacuating from Ukraine are displaced. In Cluj city, which is located in the northwestern part of Romania, there's a woman named Patricia Kudo, who opens the shelter for and distribute foods, clothes, education opportunities for children.

WDRAC began supporting Patricia when her partner, Mr. Kudo, approached her through an acquaintance of Mr. Nagao's.

Patricia runs this center called "Dobra Hata," which means "home with kindness" in Romanian. Just like its name, she continues to provide emotional support to the evacuees with heartwarming smile, kindness, organizing seasonal events, and giving gifts to children.

WDRAC organized many online meetings with her, discussed for evacuees, and we've been able to provide her direct support of exactly what they need. We continue our communication with Patricia and keep supporting people in Cluj, believing her warm smile encourages evacuees.



Donated Supplies in Cluj



Halloween party at Dobra Hata



Center is also used as preschool education. Educational professionals are working as well.

Unsung Heroes & Activities



Simon Massey

On left

Total support for Simon

1,786,371 yen

Nickname “Big Simon”

Travels anywhere, deliver offers with his big heart and body

Shortly after the invasion of Ukraine began in March 2022, Simon Massey couldn't stand any longer and headed to Poland from his home United Kingdom.

Simon named his activities "Mission Ukraine," he's been helping refugees in Medyka, Poland close to the Ukrainian border. Distributing foods, clothes, blankets and diapers etc. He shares information and on site needs via SNS to collect any form of donations, materials and networks. In April, he gathered new team on site and built a safety shelter and working space where volunteers can stay in longer term.

At the end of May, Medyka shelter is set as WDRAC base, and Simon and his team have been driving into Ukraine delivering supplies for victims. Simon's long time best friend Travis, flew from USA after Simon called him to join in together.

They've been working on site and have established NGO to provide long-term support for war victims and refugees now in Ukraine, eventually all over the world. Both Simon and Travis are former colleagues of one of WDRAC members.

We continue to support Simon's efforts in Ukraine, and will work together to develop a effective plan, sharing ideas to maintain his work on site.



Simon entering Ukraine.
Delivering supplies to eastern towns



Simon & team have built a shelter space
for volunteers.



They buy supplies at local market.

Unsung Heroes & Activities



Travis Goode

Simon's best friend & encouraging partner

Goal is to help war victims in Ukraine & all around the world

Every time when Simon video called us since we collaborate, we heard there was someone always saying “Ohayo-gozaimasu! (Good morning in Japanese)” behind Simon.

We found out that it was Travis, he is a best friend and a good colleague of Simon for decades.

Travis joined with Simon’s team and has been delivering supplies directly in Ukraine, and he always flies over to Europe from his home USA.

Travis' addition made a big difference for Simon, and they have taken the biggest step to stabilize their ongoing support by co-founding an NGO in the US. Their organization is called “Actions Beyond Words.”

Main purpose is to secure and provide long-term support for Ukraine, and later in the future they are willing to give aids and support to victims in any war zone all around the world.

This NGO idea came from the involvement of WDRAC, and Travis and Simon have said that WDRAC are the important members who helped innovating their thoughts beyond imagination, and we will create a better future.

WDRAC continues our close contact with Travis and Simon, keep building and expanding trusted networks across the world.



Travis on a van.



Local families welcome them as giving back.



Smiles are shared as well

Unsung Heroes & Activities



Michaela Bostelmann

On right

Total support for Michaela
1,000,000 yen

Bus driver to take displaced people from the border to Germany to the place of their choice.

Michaela (nickname "Micha"), a bus driver in Germany. Although she was already retired, she came back to her bus company and drove into the borders near Ukraine with her colleagues, helping people evacuating from Ukraine to other destinations - mainly into the city where the bus company located, or Berlin and other big cities in Germany.

The one-way trip from Germany to the Ukrainian border is around 1,200 km. So 2 to 3 drivers travel together to take turn the overnight/2-3nights bus rides. On the way to Ukraine, bus is loaded with full of medical equipment, drinking water, and foods. 50 people who are displaced in Ukraine come back with the bus returning to Germany.

Sometimes bus has to stop and wait for hours at the Romanian/Hungarian borders because of immigration inspections. It costs about 500,000 yen to make one round trip, including gasoline, foods, and lodging, which was paid by bus company and drivers from themselves.

Akira Nagao saw Micha's volunteer work through his mutual friend on SNS, and it was the first moment when he decided to launch WDRAC. Through his mutual friend, Akira began contacting Micha directly and collaborate with her, sending her donations for what she needed.

This is how WDRAC started, with "We support those, who support."

Currently Micha's work is on pauses, WDRAC will continue to provide timely and direct support to people like Micha, who's working on site to help others in need.



Micha and her bus



Supplies under the bus



It takes 2 to 3 days traveling Ukraine to Germany

Donations

The total donated amount:

8,815,312 yen

We are grateful for all your warm support.
The money we received has been sent to each Unsung Heroes and needs on site.

- ※ Period: From the date of donation to September 30, 2022
- ※ Regular donations of up to 7% are used to cover WDRAC's operating expenses.

Crowdfunding Achievements

Patricia
June 28th - July 15th
(Targeted amount /
2,800,000 yen)

1,500,165 yen

rate of achievement 53%

Simon
September 17th –
September 30th
(Targeted amount /
1,800,000 yen)

608,700 yen

rate of achievement 33%

※ Crowdfunding deposits to Simon will be counted in October (Phase II).

Supported Events

Playback Theater Workshop
Held on June 18
Number of participants/ 30

80,000 yen

Music and Video Charity Event
Held on October 2
Number of participants/ 60

58,564 yen

Projects review

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01 Operational Structure

Activities are divided into 8 different team-based groups: administration, IT, public relations, accounting, communications, interpretation and translation, information gathering, and fundraising.

Regular online meetings are held on every Saturday at 9:00 p.m.GMT, and team-based meetings are held when needed, more than 90% of activities are conducted online.

We emphasise our decision-making by consensus to ensure transparency and public interest in our activities since we started. Low operating cost will help us to use donations for unsung heroes effectively as much as possible

02 Communication with Unsung Heroes

To send donations, our daily and direct communications with unsung heroes on site, provides us transparency and effect supporting plan in each term.

We'd like to support unsung heroes avoiding with "imposing our good intentions" and we response sincerely and sufficiently.



Project review

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03 Evaluation Indicators for Projects

In the first term, our priority was to “set up get and keep going” with the project. About 7% was used for operational costs from all the collected donations. This is a strength which enables us the minimum operating costs, which is a legacy of WDRAC and direct support in a timely manner. On the other hand, we’re aware of the needs for specific indicators (e.g., social impact evaluation indicators) to measure our activities. In the first term, we consider what the indicators should suggest. Additionally, help of the experts advices, we focus on “how we can evaluate the donation system, which gave any impact for refugees and victims.”

04 About Volunteers

Our daily activities are divided into eight teams with approximately 40 people participation. WDRAC's activities are supported by members with diverse backgrounds, including students, company employees, teachers, executives, athletes, artists, and tax accountants. Our diversity provides efficiency from each individuals and expertises in their own spared free time. All daily activities are conducted through online communication, which allows us an easy participation.



Financial Report

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Summary of Financial Results for FY2022

(JPY in Thousands)

Income **15,284**

Donations provided on site
Donations for operations * 6,469

expenditure **7,926**

Activity Support Funds 7,286

Advertising expenses 280

Fees and commissions 312

Newspaper and book expenses 11

Taxes and public dues 35

Difference (Balance of income and expenditure) **7,358**

(March 25-September 30, 2022)

【 Income 】

During the six-month period from April to September, we received donations of 15,284 thousand yen from approximately 500 people.

※ This is the total amount of donations received from the General Net Assets section and the Designated Net Assets section.

* Donations were received in the early stages of the foundation for activity funds and various expenses.

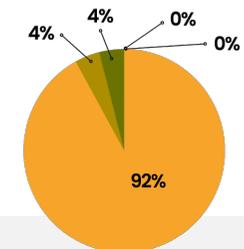
【 expenditure 】

Of the total expenditures, 92% went to support the activities of the unsung heroes.

✓ Activity Support Funds: A total of 7,286,000 yen was sent to 5 unsung heroes.

✓ Payment fee: Approximately 200,000 yen of this fee is for remitting activity support funds overseas.

Expenditure Breakdown



【Balance of Income and Expenses】

Since we are supporting the project by discussing the amount of money needed at the time of need, the difference in income and expenditure will be utilized for donations in the next fiscal year and beyond.

Financial Report

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令和4年度決算書

1 貸借対照表

令和4年9月30日現在

(単位：円)	
科 目	当年度
I 資産の部	
1 流動資産	
現金預金	7,426,276
流動資産合計	7,426,276
2 固定資産	
(1) 特定資産	
特定資産合計	0
(2) その他固定資産	
その他固定資産合計	0
固定資産合計	0
資 産 合 計	7,426,276
II 負債の部	
1 流動負債	
未払金	68,000
流動負債合計	68,000
2 固定負債	
固定負債合計	0
負 債 合 計	68,000
III 正味財産の部	
1 指定正味財産	43,000
(うち、特定資産への充当額)	(0)
2 一般正味財産	7,315,276
(うち、特定資産への充当額)	(0)
正味財産合計	7,358,276
負債及び正味財産合計	7,426,276

2 正味財産増減計算書

令和4年3月25日から令和4年9月30日まで

(単位：円)

科 目	当年度
I 一般正味財産増減の部	
1. 経常増減の部	
(1) 経常収益	
受取寄付金	15,241,533
受取寄付金	13,741,368
受取寄付金振替額	1,500,165
雑収益	25
受取利息	25
経常収益計	15,241,558
(2) 経常費用	
事業費	7,768,386
支援金	7,286,536
広告宣伝費	280,236
支払手数料	201,614
管理費	157,896
租税公課	35,003
新聞図書費	11,143
支払手数料	111,750
経常費用計	7,926,282
当期経常増減額	7,315,276
2. 経常外増減の部	
(1) 経常外収益	
経常外収益計	0
(2) 経常外費用	
経常外費用計	0
当期経常外増減額	0
当期一般正味財産増減額	7,315,276
一般正味財産期首残高	0
一般正味財産期末残高	7,315,276
II 指定正味財産増減の部	
受取寄付金	1,543,165
一般正味財産への振替額	△ 1,500,165
当期指定正味財産増減額	43,000
指定正味財産期首残高	0
指定正味財産期末残高	43,000
III 正味財産期末残高	7,358,276

General Incorporated Association, War Reconstruction Assistance Center prepares its financial statements in accordance with the accounting standards for public interest corporations.

<https://wdrac.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/e81c55f23d124892cb120a646e20ec02.pdf>

Thoughts for The Second term

Basic policy

This year, we will strengthen and promote these 3 following:

1. Promote donation activity, especially in corporate sales
2. Initial design for the mid- to long-term goal of "changing the awareness and behavior of those who are involved with WDRAC Center
3. Establishment of a structure and regulations with planning to promote WDRAC as a public benefit organization



Thoughts for The Second term

1. Donation

For providing a steady continued support to victims, we offer help for those who directly conduct volunteer work on site in disaster area (hereinafter referred to as “Supporters”). We also conduct fundraising activities for its purpose. Last year, we established a foundation for individuals, and this year we will engage in fundraising activities for each individuals while strengthening the corporations.

Activities to solicit a wide range of donations and sponsorships for individuals

- Monthly donations for individuals, crowdfunding, handing out posters and pamphlets
- Different methods as fundraising, such as linking with concerts, workshop etc.

(Priority activity for this year)

Activities to solicit donations and sponsorships for enterprises and organisations

- Design and launch fundraising enterprises and organizations

(Priority activity for this year)

Communication for donors

- Design and implement communication with donors to ensure continued interest in donation activities, victims, and unsung heroes/supporters (e.g., report mailings, annual reports, satisfaction surveys, etc.)
- Study and design activities and communication measures that contribute to changing the awareness and behavior of those who are involved in the Center and donors

Financial support activities for activities where the faces and realities of the recipients are known.

- This year's support will also focus on financial and emotional support.
- **We will establish a mechanism to minimise intermediate costs and accumulate know-how by delivering money directly to the supporters who are closest to the disaster victims.**



Thoughts for The Second term

2. Spreading Awareness

Promote and educate public interest activities by the general public to support reconstruction from war damage, and encourage the general public and organizations to cultivate interest and volunteer spirit in war damaged reconstruction and humanitarian assistance.

Activities to provide information via the Internet, publications, etc.

- We will open our website (homepage) to the public and use it as a hub for information dissemination and donation acceptance.
- Continue to disseminate information via SNS, YouTube, etc.

Activities to organise workshops and seminars on humanitarian aid activities

- We will hold information sharing sessions on recovery from the disaster area and seminars by our members and experts.

Activities in cooperation with humanitarian aid organisations in Japan and abroad

- Collaborate with domestic and international non-profit organisations to ensure smooth and effective support for the affected areas.



Thoughts for The Second term

3. Establishment of systems and regulations with a view to making public benefit

Strengthening the management structure as a corporation. We will also strengthen activities aimed at becoming a public benefit corporation in order to make a greater contribution to our supporters.

(Priority activities for this fiscal year)

- Various maintenance with a view to becoming a public benefit. Specifically, strengthen the system, develop mechanisms, processes, and standards, establish various regulations, and formulate a mid-term plan.
- Conduct activities to disseminate the vision, policies, etc. to each member.

男が浜辺を歩いていると、打ち上げられたヒトデを海に投げ入れている少年がいた。

ヒトデは浜辺を埋め尽くすほどの数だった。

男は少年にこう尋ねた。

「1つずつ投げていても、何も変わらないのではないかね？」

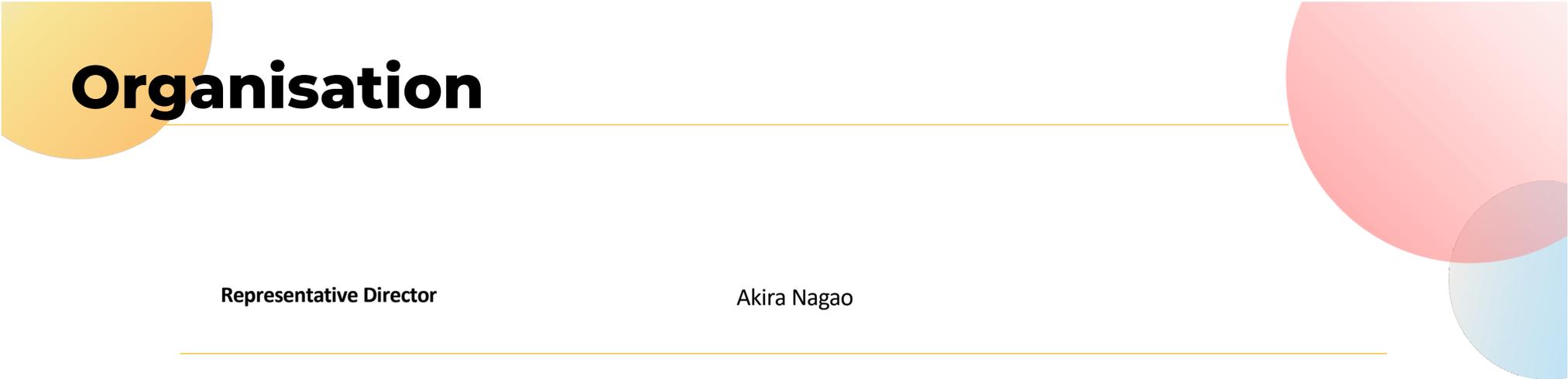
すると少年はヒトデを手に取り、こう答えた。

「こいつにとっては大きな変化さ」

支援する人たちを支援する。

WDRAC

Organisation



Representative Director

Akira Nagao

Director

Satoshi Hoshi

Shinsuke Nishio

Advisor

Hiroshi Suzuki
(Professor, University of Tokyo and Keio University)

Message from donated members

For our entrusted Unsung Heroes



Takashi Fujimori
In Nagano
company owner

“As a manager, I’d like to provide support to keep all members stay interested.”

In April, I started an internal PJ program in my own company, “We donate 100 yen for every piece of jewelry every time when we deliver a product to customer”, and so far we’ve been donating over 300,000 yen to unsung heroes with 3,000 cases.

Each member of my company, including myself, will continue to support people in Ukraine and neighboring countries who prays for the return of ordinary life. For the heroes who are working to help without any regards for themselves, we will think of them in our hearts.



Yukari Kojima
In Kanagawa
Owner of pastry shop

“A little bit of caring will travel across the ocean...”

“making a donation” can be a bit challenging for some people. I am one of them. I used to hesitate to put donation into a box at a convenience store.

Now as I see some people putting money into the WDRAC donation box, which is put at my pastry shop. It doesn’t matter if it’s a small amount, and I know the “little caring” will come together and make a big contribution to Unsung Heroes.

CONTACT US

Please visit our social media for more informations and news!



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General Incorporated Association War Disaster
Reconstruction Assistance Center
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War Disaster Reconstruction Assistance Center
(@wdrac)

<https://www.youtube.com/@wdrac>



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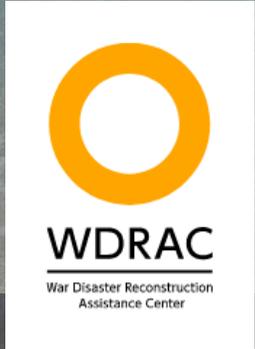
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Please note, it may take several days to response.

Thank you for your understanding.

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<https://wdrac.org/>

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You can easily do this
from the WDRAC website.

