

## **Ashland – Sviatohirs’k – Aid – Project (ASAP) Accomplishments June 2023 to February 2025**

- June 2023, Ashland City Council adopted a proposal from ASAP to adopt Sviatohirs’k, Ukraine as an Ashland Sister City.
- June 2023, ASAP was granted 501 (c)(3) status enabling it to operate as a non-profit organization.
- August 2023, ASAP held a fundraising concert at Ashland High School featuring Ukrainian performers, testimonials from refugees living in the Rogue Valley, photographs and a presentation from Benjamin Stott, ASAP Vice President and founder. Stott presented from Sviatohirs’k and spoke of the importance of supporting Ukraine. Other dignitaries from Ashland including Mayor Tonya Graham, Oregon State Representative Pam Marsh and Oregon Senator Jeff Golden also spoke of the importance of giving support to Sviatohirs’k. The concert was sold out with over 400 in attendance and over \$12,000 was raised.
- December 2023, ASAP held a fundraising concert and auction at the Ashland Historical Armory, which raised over \$11,000. The event featured members of the local Ukrainian community.
- As a product of fundraising efforts, ASAP purchased a dump truck as requested by Sviatohirs’k Mayor Rybalkin. The truck is now in use in Sviatohirs’k.
- In the summer 2024, ASAP Vice President and founder, Benjamin Stott, traveled to Ukraine and visited with Mayor Rybalkin and members of the Sviatohirs’k community. Stott interviewed residents and produced a video of the trip to share with the Ashland community at future ASAP events.
- October 2024, in conjunction with Amina Mundi Productions and Uniting for Ukraine (Rogue Valley), ASAP sponsored the Ukrainian Fall Cultural Fair at the Rogue Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. This event celebrated Ukrainian culture through foods, arts, crafts and with music provided by Ukrainian Grammy Award winning artist Nadia Spachenko and local pianist Iryna Kudielina. The event raised over \$1800.
- In early January 2025, ASAP purchased three chainsaws and supplies for Sviatohirs’k, to help provide heating assistance via wood heat to municipal buildings in Sviatohirs’k.

- ASAP currently has another concert and informational event scheduled at the Ashland High School Mountain Avenue Theatre on Sunday, March 30, 2025, at 2 p.m.