

Hello, ladies and gentlemen!

It is an honor for me to have the opportunity to speak before you.

Our Ukraine is going through a difficult time. Russian troops are destroying cities, killing Ukrainians. More than 200 innocent children have already died.

We live in Kyiv. Our family has a seriously ill child. This is not an easy ordeal for any family, but we felt happy together. My husband did his favorite job and I spent the most part of all my time with daughter (her education, rehabilitation programs). Our family likes traveling or just walk with our dog. We have a dog Jessie, she's our anti-stress and companion.

Everything was changed after 24 February. The most important task is to survive. It superseded all other plans. Our city was under daily bombardment. We couldn't get into the bomb shelter and stay there because I have mobility problems and my daughter could have an epileptic seizure at any moment. So I thanked God every night that we were alive and believed that we will have tomorrow.

My husband's eldest daughter spent 10 days in the basement because there was constant fighting nearby.

My daughter's classmate was died with her mother, when a rocket hit their house.

Another Ukrainian family that arrived to Ireland with us has known, that their apartment burned down when a rocket hit their house recently.

Children with disabilities suffer more than others in a war. They are helpless and cannot live without medicine and medical care in most cases. This affected us as well. We could not find medicine for our daughter during the war.

When the opportunity to save the child arose, the decision was made instantly.

I am very grateful to fate for bringing us together with incredible people. Usually we were used to relying only on ourselves. And when we found ourselves in a difficult situation, complete strangers helped us: volunteers, social workers, doctors and just casual acquaintances. Different people tried to help us solve any problems. And of course we are immensely grateful to 'Trusted Charity'WALK, the people who organized this move for 4 Ukrainian families with children with disabilities, and who surrounded us with care, attention, pick up us from Poland to Ireland, solved absolutely all the problems that have arisen during our trip. Joe Mason, Catherine Kelly, Kevin Power - you will forever be in our hearts. You made us feel like we were visiting close family. That is very important when you are 3000km away from your country.

For more than a month we have been living in this beautiful country, on a marvelous island where is hospitable Irish people, who know the price of independence, gave shelter to our family and many Ukrainian families. It is very important for us to understand that we are not left alone with an enemy who kills our people just because we want to remain free and independent. Thank you so much for everything!