

COC Global Statement on  
Need for Assistance to Ukrainian Students and other Impacted Populations

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In light of the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Ukraine, COC Global\* calls for assistance to be provided to Ukrainian students who are currently attending College of the Canyons and other impacted communities across the Santa Clarita Valley. With the situation in a state of continuing uncertainty, the needs of these students and populations may evolve over time. However, there is much that members of the community can do to help, including four initial steps that will be undertaken immediately and in the weeks ahead:

**Grocery cards:** COC Global is seeking donations to secure grocery cards or similar vouchers which will provide Ukrainian students with basic necessities in this trying time. The funds donated in the next few weeks will be primarily used to fund this initiative, the goal being to help impacted students feel supported and to give them access to basics resources they will need immediately.

**Donation drives:** COC Global will organize donation drives to coordinate help from the community and maximize the impact that such aid can have. As time progresses and the circumstances change, the nature of the assistance that Ukrainian students need will transform.

**Coordinating with the campus community:** ISP will monitor the situation to stay on top of developments and determine what other assistance is needed. This will likely lead to calls for further help, which members of the community are urged to accept and respond to.

**Raising awareness:** COC Global seeks outreach from members of the campus community who may be affected by the crisis or would like to help. A key goal is to spread awareness of the circumstances of the conflict and encourage greater recognition that a great many individuals on both sides of the border are opposed to the conflict and wish to see a return of peace to the region.

These four initial steps will be critical to helping address the effects of the crisis in Ukraine that are being felt in the Santa Clarita Valley. Anyone interested in working on this with COC Global and its partners among the faculty of COC and in the community at large is urged to email [cocglobal@canyons.edu](mailto:cocglobal@canyons.edu). Please donate [here](#) or by calling the COC Foundation at (661) 259-7800.

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\*COC Global is a taskforce at [College of the Canyons](#), under the leadership of the [Office of International Services & Programs](#) (ISP) and affiliated faculty leads, which seeks to further international partnership and cooperation, as well as the comprehensive internationalization of the campus and curriculum of COC. As discussed in its Vision Statement, COC Global “*envision a future where all students, both domestic and international, will succeed in a world marked by interdependence, diversity, and rapid technological change, by supporting faculty in the development of a comprehensive educational experience that emphasizes global awareness, responsibility, participation, and leadership.*”