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## White Pony Express launches Ukraine relief program; Earth Day donations matched

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In addition to its Food Rescue Program that connects surplus food to those who need it most, nonprofit White Pony Express (WPE) has undertaken a project to aid Ukrainian refugees. WPE is collecting medical supplies, hygiene products and toiletries, over-the-counter medications, non-perishable food items, high-quality new clothing, undergarments, shoes, and diapers. WPE is receiving information directly from Poland about what is most needed by the refugees, and is working with several other nonprofits out of Los Angeles to transport the items to the Polish relief agencies for use among the Ukrainian refugees. WPE is shipping these items to trusted organizations serving the over two million refugees who have fled Ukraine.

White Pony Express was recently cited in California legislation aimed to reduce food waste and improve the environment. A generous donor has offered to match all donations up to \$250,000 made by Earth Day, April 22. Donors are invited to support WPE's mission to fight climate change, protect the environment and invest in the earth for generations to come. In its current campaign, WPE invites people to celebrate Earth Day by supporting its efforts to reduce climate change emissions by rescuing high-quality food and delivering it to hungry neighbors.

According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, food waste pollutes the air to the same extent as global road transport emissions. The U.S. discards more food than any other country in the world: almost 40 million tons each year and 40% of the food produced in the U.S. is thrown away. Food that is produced but never consumed wastes the water and energy required to produce it and creates massive amounts of methane.

This solution not only prevents the dangerous environmental impacts of food waste, it can also wipe out food insecurity for good.

Information about all of WPEs programs can be found at <https://www.whiteponyexpress.org>

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