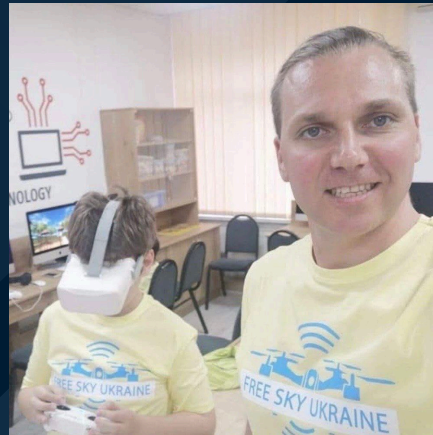


THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE IMPACT



Stories of resilience, technology, and
lives transformed in Ukraine

A MISSION THAT SAVES LIVES



Dear Donors,

As Ukraine continues its fight for freedom and sovereignty, the resilience of its people remains a powerful reminder of what is at stake. What began as an urgent response to Russia's full-scale invasion has evolved into a sustained effort to protect lives, strengthen technological capabilities, and prepare Ukraine for the future.

At Dignitas Ukraine, we believe that **technology can save lives**. Our mission is to equip people with the knowledge, tools, and innovative solutions that allow Ukraine to defend itself while reducing risks to human life. Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, our programs continue to grow and deliver meaningful impact.

Through initiatives such as **Victory Drones, Victory Robots, and Tech Explorers**, we are helping build a new technological ecosystem in Ukraine - training defenders, empowering veterans, and preparing young Ukrainians for careers in advanced technologies. Hundreds of thousands of people have now participated in these training programs, strengthening both Ukraine's defense and its long-term resilience.

We are equally committed to supporting those who have already sacrificed so much for their country. Our **Flight to Recovery** program helps veterans transition back into civilian life through technology training, rehabilitation support, and professional development - giving wounded defenders new opportunities to continue contributing to Ukraine's future.

During 2025, we also launched **Freedom Sky**, a new initiative focused on defending Ukrainian cities and critical infrastructure from waves of Iranian-designed Shahed drones used by Russia to terrorize civilians. Ukraine has developed unique expertise in countering these attacks, and today, countries around the world are beginning to look to Ukraine's experience and innovation to help defend their own skies.

None of this work would be possible without the dedication of our volunteers and the strength of our community. More than one hundred professionals and volunteers contribute their expertise to advancing our mission every day.

But most importantly, this impact is possible because of you. Your support allows us to train defenders, equip first responders, help veterans rebuild their lives, and develop new technologies that save lives.

The fight for freedom is far from over. With your continued partnership, we will keep expanding programs that combine technology, innovation, and human resilience to help Ukraine prevail and rebuild.

Thank you for standing with Ukraine.

Dmytro Kavun
Dignitas Ukraine President



SHE WAS MEANT TO TEACH CHILDREN - NOW SHE LEADS A DRONE UNIT

Oksana Rubaniak, Victory Drones

Victory Drones



Oksana was just 19 when she left behind a civilian life shaped by teaching, books, and curiosity to join the army. Today, at 23, she commands a drone unit of 64 people - a role that demands constant precision, responsibility, and clarity under pressure.

In another life, she would have been a primary school teacher. Instead, she now leads missions where every decision matters.

“EVEN HERE, I CHOOSE TO CREATE.”

Yet what makes Oksana remarkable is not only her leadership, but her balance.

Even at the front, she continues to write poetry - holding on to creativity in a place defined by danger.

She leads without hardness, combining discipline with imagination and a quiet inner strength that inspires those around her.

About the Initiative:

Victory Drones is an initiative that strengthens defense capabilities through technology, training, and education. It focuses on training civilians and defense personnel in UAV engineering, FPV drone assembly, and piloting to protect people in Ukraine.

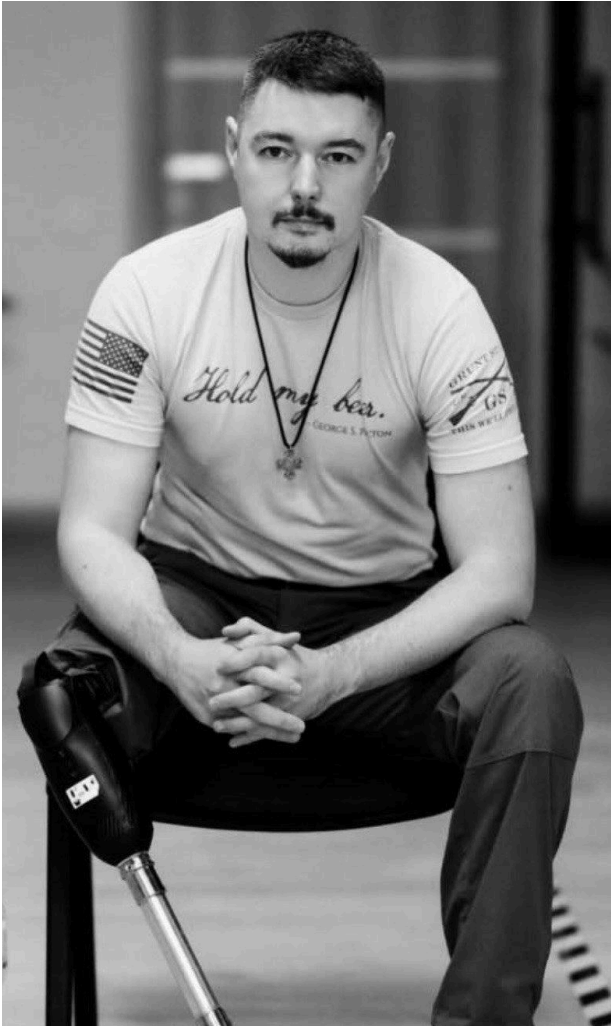
Impact 2025:

44,320+

individuals trained in drone operations

HE LOST A LEG - AND FOUND A NEW WAY TO DEFEND UKRAINE

Mykola Melnyk, Freedom Sky



Mykola's journey began in 2014, when he went straight from Maidan to defend Ukraine. A civilian with a background in law, he became an assault infantry soldier - until a devastating injury changed everything.

He lost one leg and severely injured the other.

Recovery was long and uncertain. But Mykola refused to step away from the fight.

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Freedom Sky (Anti-Shahed)

"I LOST PART OF MY BODY, BUT NOT MY PURPOSE."

Through the Anti-Shahed program, he retrained - learning how to detect and counter the very drones that target Ukrainian cities and civilians. Today, he continues to serve, protecting lives in a new way.

Beyond the battlefield, Mykola writes books and speaks internationally, including in the U.S. Congress and Senate, sharing Ukraine's story with the world.

His path is not just one of survival - but transformation.

About the Initiative:

Freedom Sky is an initiative focused on protecting civilians and critical infrastructure from Shahed drone attacks. Through specialized training and advanced technology, the program equips defenders with the skills to detect, track, and neutralize aerial threats.

Impact 2025:

476 operators of Shahed interceptors trained

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HEALING IS NOT THE END - IT'S A NEW BEGINNING

Anton Drombinskyi, Flight to Recovery



Anton is thoughtful, soft-spoken, and deeply introspective. Before the war, he worked as a video game designer. When the invasion began, he insisted on joining the army - eventually serving as a communications specialist.

After being injured, everything changed. Recovery became more than physical - it became a search for meaning.

Anton joined the Flight to Recovery program as a participant, learning drone simulation and rebuilding both skill and confidence. Over time, he stayed on as an assistant, helping others walk a similar path.

Flight to Recovery

“YOU DON'T RETURN TO WHO YOU WERE. YOU BECOME SOMEONE NEW.”

He has a deep interest in psychology and developed his own methods to navigate difficult emotional moments - quietly building strength from within.

At home, he cares for four cats, two rescued from occupied territories - a small but powerful reflection of who he is.

About the Initiative:

Flight to Recovery is an initiative that supports wounded veterans in rebuilding their lives through technology, training, and community. The program provides rehabilitation pathways by teaching drone operation and technical skills, helping participants regain purpose, confidence, and new career opportunities. By combining recovery with innovation, Flight to Recovery empowers veterans to continue contributing to Ukraine's future.

Impact 2025:

220 veterans completed training

A MACHINE SAVED HIS LIFE - BUT PEOPLE MADE IT POSSIBLE

Serhii Volkov, Victory Robots



Before the war, Serhii worked in Kyiv's Environmental Department, advocating for nature and raising his young daughter. Today he commands unmanned systems - helping pioneer the use of ground drones on the battlefield.

But the true meaning of this work is revealed in moments that rarely make the headlines.

During one mission, a wounded soldier lay stranded at the front line - severely injured, with little chance of survival. A ground drone was deployed to evacuate him. Behind the controls was a 19-year-old operator on her very first mission.

For six hours, through snow, freezing temperatures, and over 30 kilometers of terrain, she guided the drone forward. The soldier survived.

Serhii doesn't just build systems - he builds possibilities. Even in war, he carries humor and optimism, reminding those around him that resilience can still sound like laughter.

About the Initiative:

Victory Robots is an initiative aimed at integrating ground-based drones into Ukraine's defense to reduce casualties by taking on high-risk tasks such as transporting supplies, evacuating the wounded, and demining. The project focuses on building the necessary infrastructure, training operators and instructors, supporting developers, and creating a strong community of experts to make these systems widely used on the front lines. Ultimately, it seeks to establish ground robotics as a reliable, life-saving standard within Ukraine's defense forces.

“WITHOUT THIS EVACUATION, HE WOULD NOT HAVE SURVIVED.”

Impact 2025:

2,023 individuals trained in the operation of ground robotic systems

FROM MUSIC TEACHER TO SHAPING UKRAINE'S NEXT GENERATION OF ENGINEERS



Sergey Tkachuk, Tech Explorers

Tech Explorers



Watching them grow, it becomes clear - this is not just education. This is the future of Ukraine being built in real time.

“THEY ARE FASTER, BOLDER, AND MORE CREATIVE THAN WE ARE.”

About the Initiative:

Tech Explorers is an initiative designed to expand access to high-quality STEM education for Ukrainian youth, particularly children of military personnel and those affected by the war, supporting both their learning and psychological recovery. The program targets two age groups (7 - 12 and 13 - 17), helping younger children build foundational STEM skills while enabling older students to develop advanced technical knowledge and innovative thinking. By creating a comprehensive ecosystem around areas like drone training, the initiative aims to prepare a new generation of innovators who will contribute to Ukraine's future high-tech development and post-war recovery.

Before the war, Sergey taught music. Today, he teaches something different - but the mission remains the same.

Since 2022, he has dedicated himself to helping children understand drones, engineering, and technology. Where there were once instruments, there are now circuits, mechanics, and flight systems.

But Sergey doesn't just teach skills - he builds confidence. He believes deeply in young people, often giving leadership roles to teenagers as young as 14. In his classroom, they are not just students - they are creators, problem-solvers, and future innovators.

His energy feels endless, but what defines him most is how he treats every child: with respect, trust, and belief in their potential.

Impact 2025:

Enabled 100 children to participate in STEM education across 3 locations and organized 4 competitions to foster skills and engagement

IMPACT SUMMARY

PEOPLE TRAINED

2025	Role/Program
220	Veterans successfully reintegrated through the Flight to Recovery project
476	Anti-Shahed (Freedom Sky) Pilots Trained
700	Enabled children to participate in STEM education through the Tech Explorers project
2,023	Victory Robots individuals trained in ground robotics operations
44,320	Victory Drones individuals trained in drone operations (including UAV pilots, FPV pilots, engineers, and operators)

EQUIPMENT PROVIDED

Category	Included Items	2025	Total
Drone & Combat Systems	Recon UAVs, FPV drones, ground robots, unmanned aviation systems, drone components	688	6,111
Communication & Electronic Warfare	EW systems, drone detectors, radio equipment, antennas, Starlink	1,681	3,591
Tactical Equipment	Tactical gear, ammunition, goggles, thermal devices, controllers	191	6,897
Power & Technology	Batteries, generators, charging stations, computers	1,573	4,460
Training & Operational Support	Training & pyrotechnic materials	3,624	1,400
Mobility & Field Infrastructure	Vehicles, mobile bath, drone workshops	88	134

FINANCIAL REPORT

Income

Donor Contributions	\$2,374,481.43
In-kind Contributions	\$38,267.31
Investment Income	\$50,224.19
Total Revenue	\$2,462,972.93

Expenses

Program Expenses	\$2,330,688.55
Administrative Expenses	\$45,632.10
Fundraising Events	\$85,917.38
Total Expenses	\$2,462,238.03

95 % of funds go directly to programs

Results \$606,113

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