

April 24, 2022 was a historic milestone for the entirety of our club.

Our fundraiser allowed us to step out of our comfort zone entirely and bring our attention to not just local environmental causes, but to current societal issues happening in our vast world today.

This event was a first for not only the Southern California chapter of Hiking Heroes, but also the entirety of Hiking Heroes as a whole. Since we are such a young club, we had never done events like these before, nor have the other chapters tried a fundraiser this big on a global scale. The war happening in Russia and Ukraine is a very current issue, and a devastating one at that. Especially with the presence of media, it was easier to see how this war was affecting the citizens of Ukraine, especially children like ourselves. As such, our fundraiser was directed towards Ukrainian children, with all our profits going directly to UNICEF to provide relief funds for these people.

We had a very limited time to work on. The Balboa park fair was less than a month away and in that time frame we needed to make enough soaps and candles to sell at the huge fair, with an estimated total of 50,000 attendees. Being a non-profit organization composed of mostly teenagers, calculating budget and profit was especially a big challenge. With only a limited amount of supplies, our members had to come together consistently to ensure we never ran out of soaps. This wasn't easy, as the soap layers either mixed together or separated pretty often. As for the candles, they were quite dangerous, as we were dealing with flammable wax in heat. Because of this, candle-making turned out to be more suited as a one person job. Though tedious, both products turned out to bring excellent results and we were all proud of our work, regardless of how much money we might make.

The fair itself went smoother than expected. Though we didn't sell as much as we had hoped, we got to enjoy Earth day as Hiking Heroes. There was a sense of unity between us and the community and all of us experienced the fulfilling feeling of doing good for the world.

Another highlight was that Congresswoman Sara Jacobs visited our stand to cheer us on!

Thank you so much !!

Overall, the entire process for this fundraiser was a very satisfying learning experience. We hope to do something like this again very soon to broaden our lense on the world. Stay safe!











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Situation in Ukraine

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Ukraine Aid
The United States has provided over \$1 billion in humanitarian aid to Ukraine since the start of the Russian invasion. This aid includes food, medicine, and other essential supplies. The United States is also providing military aid to Ukraine to help it defend itself against Russian aggression.



Why We Do
The United States has a long history of providing humanitarian aid to people in need around the world. We believe in the power of compassion and the importance of helping those who are most vulnerable. We are committed to supporting the people of Ukraine in their time of need.



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