

We are about 50 yards from the Ukrainian Border, a network of NGOs offering food, medical care, sim cards, emotional support, and other services to people from Ukraine coming across the border, both refugees and people going into Ukraine to help and support the Ukrainian people and their heroic struggle.

The good news is the spirit of solidarity, collaboration, determination, and deep commitment to democracy among the volunteers and volunteer organization here. People from many counties, continents and faith communities are here and rolling up our sleeves together

The refugees are mostly from Donbas and have been through hell. I saw a 72-year-old man as a patient with hearing loss two days ago. He had been in the railroad station in Kramatorsk when the missiles hit. People behind him and in front of him were killed. But he survived and wanted to know if his hearing was gone for good, though his hearing was fine. It was his sense of safety and comfort in the works that had been shattered.

All Ukrainian schools are closed, and kids are doing distance learning. Those schools and many places in eastern Poland — warehouses and hotels — have all been turned into refugee centers, where people, mostly the elderly and mothers with children, sit and wait for the war to end so they can go home. The men are all still in Ukraine, fighting for freedom and democracy. The women who are here are mostly farmers, their hands large and a little rough. They have strong arms and broad shoulders but are sitting still now, out of harm's way but also disconnected from their lives and their world.

The bad news, of course, is that all these good people, working together to support refugees and others, aren't what it takes to stop an invasion like this. We need more Americans and others here, and a new kind of worldwide conspiracy, one that has no truck with dictators or any of the products their countries make.

Its Yom Hashoah, the 74th Anniversary of the beginning of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. I am in Przemysl Poland, where all but 6 families of a 22,000 person Jewish community were eliminated by Hitler in 1941 and 1942. This is not the Holocaust. But it is still a time when all of us need to stand up together and face down this threat.