

The following press release was recently issued by the Tucker Summit CID (Community Improvement District) of Greater Atlanta, featuring a disaster relief effort to Ukraine by Gwinnett County Rotarian Emory Morsberger:

PRESS RELEASE

ATLANTAN EMORY MORSBERGER HEADED TO UKRAINE

Helping with Disaster Relief

A Very Personal Story

Will Depart on Delta Airlines Flight 9682, Monday, June, 6, at 5:25PM

*Send-Off Scheduled for 2:30PM at Maynard Holbrook Jackson, Jr.
International Terminal*

Emory Morsberger, *President, Tucker Summit CID (Community Improvement District)*, of Greater Atlanta, will be traveling to Romania, with surgical-grade medical instruments, Stryker Drill Sets, and wound care materials desperately needed to support the relief effort from the war in Ukraine.

The appeal for urgent aide came from Dr. Olha Paliychuk, *MD, PhD*, and *Co-Chair of Rotary International's Medical Emergency Committee for Ukraine*. Through her Rotary work, Dr. Paliychuk's plea eventually made its way to Atlanta and fellow Rotarian, Christopher Brand, *President and CEO, Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC)*.

Brand's 501(c)3 non-profit organization specializes in refurbishing and distributing home medical equipment to those who are mobility-impaired, so he knew that he possessed the network to acquire the supplies but still needed help delivering them to the frontlines.

As a member of the Tucker Summit CID, Brand and Morsberger had a longstanding relationship improving services within their CID, but never had a need or opportunity presented itself such as this unique request from halfway around the world. Brand needed help.

Says Morsberger, “When Chris first called and explained what he was working on, I couldn’t get the word ‘yes’ out quick enough; yes, we’ll do whatever we can to help; I’ll write a check myself if necessary, and, yes, I will personally deliver the tools if that’s what is needed.”

Morsberger plans to fly to Istanbul in route to Suceava, Romania to join Radu Zernoveanu Sr., whose son just so happens to also be a member of the Rotary Club in Buckhead, and who shared Dr. Paliychuk’s request with Brand, initiating this nearly 5,000-mile relay.

Hoping to fly to Romania to help with refugee efforts anyway, **Morsberger quipped,** “They took my offer of personal delivery quite literally. So when that need arose, how could I say ‘no’?” He has now received all of the necessary vaccinations and travel accommodations to depart during the first week of June. Presenting the medical materials in person will first coincide with meeting of Radu’s Rotary Club on June 10. They will then travel to Chernivsti, Ukraine to give the materials to Dr. Olha in person. Morsberger is enthusiastic about the mission in great part because of the work of FODAC which he feels is playing such a major role in relief efforts around the world without much notice. “I am so impressed with this incredible nonprofit and I want others to know about their work and contributions to so many around the world” he said.

Through a father and son with Rotary International connections, and a community improvement district, this inspirational story serves as testament to the lengths in which some will go to support, serve, and assist those in need...yet another example of how much individuals care about each other, even worlds apart.

Additional support for this effort is made possible through the generous work and cooperation of the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters, a leader in shepherding volunteers and resources to disaster-impacted areas across the world.

Photo opportunities and interviews available upon request.

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FODAC:

Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC) is a nonprofit that refurbishes and distributes home medical equipment (HME) and services to adults and children with disabilities. Founded in 1986, the organization works tirelessly to collect new or gently used HME for those in need ages 18 to 105. FODAC is housed in a 64,800 square foot building in Tucker, GA, with a full-time

staff of 35 and an annual budget of \$1.5 million. For more than 35 years, FODAC has leveraged a strong network of volunteers and partners to provide the equipment and services that create a better quality of life for adults and children who are mobility impaired due to any physical disability, illness, or injury.

Rotary International:

Rotary International is a humanitarian service organization which brings together business and professional leaders to provide community service, promote integrity, and advance goodwill, peace, and understanding in the world. Rotary is a non-political and non-religious organization founded in 1905 with over 46,000+ clubs around the world, each working together to fight disease, provide clean water, sanitation, and hygiene, save mothers and children, support education and grow local economies. Rotary District 6900 includes 68 Rotary Clubs throughout the Atlanta metropolitan area and the western part of the state of Georgia.

Tucker Summit CID:

Tucker Summit Community Improvement District (CID) is a self-taxing district comprised of commercial property business owners that help fund area improvements, including transit roadway updates and repairs, landscaping, security and more. Priding itself on “connectivity, convenience, and accessibility” to major thoroughfares and destinations throughout metro Atlanta and beyond, Tucker Summit CID is attracting companies in the health sciences, technology, film, and manufacturing industries. Tucker Summit CID aims to grow the district and continuing to foster beneficial relationships with the community and city government. Originally founded in 2011 and known as Stone Mountain CID, the organization later changed to Tucker Summit CID in late 2018.