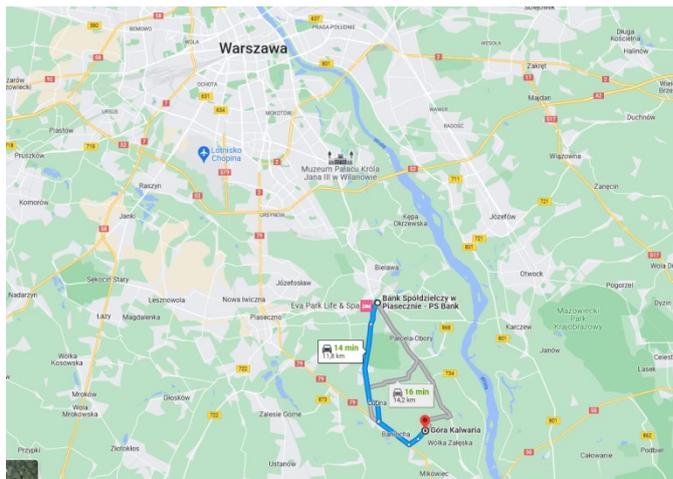


## Minibus for the REFUGEE SUPPORT AND EDUCATION CENTER

### The Project

In order to support the refugee support and education center, the Rotary Club Warszawa Fryderyk Chopin has decided to shift its main global grant project – the minibus for the Orphanage in Pęcbery – into a project that would in its initial stage, support the commuting of Ukrainian refugees from the refugee shelter in Tomice to the Refugee Support and Education Center in Konstancin. The project is endorsed and supported by Rotary Club Warszawa Konstancin and also co-funded by Rotary Club Warszawa Józefów.



The refugee shelter in Tomice, located in an old military base, is located about 11 km away from the refugee center, in the middle of the forest. The nearest bus station is over 2 km away and is not serviced by a direct public transportation to Konstancin. By setting up a direct connection, the shelter for the duration of its existence, could enable the refugees living there to use the services provided by the center.

The refugee center in Tomice has housed around 280 refugees and is currently at the level of about 100 refugees domiciled there. The number of refugees housed in the shelter is gradually fading away, however, as more prime locations in city center are being closed (Torwar, Arena Ursynów, etc.) the last refugees may also be moved to the more remote locations like Tomice, and hence its existence will be longer than most government provided refugee facilities.

Once the refugee shelter is no longer in operation, the minibus will be transferred to provide daily services to the Orphanage in Pęcbery ([www.capow.com.pl](http://www.capow.com.pl)), which is in line with the original global grant project undertaken by Rotary Club Warszawa Fryderyk Chopin. Both the orphanage and the refugee shelter are run by the same local authority – the county of Piaseczno (*Starostwo piaseczyńskie*), hence the sustainable usage of the bus would be

ensured. The underlying need for a minibus by the orphanage in Pęcchery is explained in detail in the presentation prepared by the orphanage, available at <http://rotaryfryderykchopin.org.pl/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Childrens-Homes-in-P%C4%99chery.pdf>

A public fundraiser has been launched by the partners of the project to raise money for the minibus two days before the start of the war, and hence not received the expected traction in social media. Given the shifted needs, the fundraiser will be revised and the underlying event – the bicycle charity ride from Poland (Warsaw) to Italy (Siena) – will be revised and reoriented to the support of both projects jointly. The crowdfunding is available at the following address: <https://zbieram.pl/pechery>

### **Costs of the minibus**

The estimated cost of the minibus is about 40.000 USD. A detailed offer is being obtained

### **Role of Rotary**

The role of Rotary clubs and districts would be to obtain funding and supervise the usage of the bus to ensure the transportation to the refugee center and the subsequent transfer of the usage of the bus for the purposes of the orphanage.

As of 15 April 2022 the following funding has been secured (fx rate: 1 USD = 4,26 PLN):

- 20.000 PLN (4,760 USD) – Piotr Kotowski Foundation
- 20.000 PLN (4,760 USD) – RC Warszawa Fryderyk Chopin
- 10.000 PLN (2,380 USD) – RC Warszawa Konstancin
- 5.000 PLN (1,190 USD) – RC Warszawa Józefów
- 1.500 PLN (350 USD) - crowdfunding

Further potential sources of funding to be secured:

- Rotary Foundation Disaster Response Grants (25.000 USD per district)
- Rotary Club donations
- Private donors
- Private fundraisers
- Corporate donors

To make contributions please forward funds to the following bank accounts:

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USD donations: PL 53 1140 2004 0000 3112 1498 7798

EUR donations: PL 20 1140 2004 0000 3912 1498 7806

PLN donations: PL 70 1140 2004 0000 3302 8088 9422

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We ask for your support and contributions in making this project a long lasting success!

The signatories of the Refugee Support and Education Center project:

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Rotary Club Lewes-Rehoboth Beach (Delaware, USA)

Rotary Club Long Neck Sunrise (Delaware, USA)

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