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## **Community College helps others around the world**

### **Triton College Collects Donations for Ukraine**

*Students and Staff Collect First Aid, Medical Supplies and Diapers, among other Products*

RIVER GROVE, Ill. – Triton College students and staff collected donations for Ukraine from March 2-11. Twelve carloads full of supplies were donated to Ukraine Aid and Rebuilding Fund Inc.

Triton counselor Leslie Wester said students collected first aid supplies, gloves, hats, scarves, flashlights, diapers, blankets and medical supplies, among other products. She explained that many students have direct ties to Ukraine and wanted to help.

“Some students have immigrated to the United States from Ukraine or Eastern European countries directly,” Wester explained.

Wester said the idea of collecting supplies grew from students who were seeking counseling services to talk about the stress of the events happening in Ukraine. In the midst of their counseling sessions students expressed how they wanted to be proactive and help those who are struggling.

Triton's Counseling Department partnered with TRiO Student Support Services, Student Life, Triton College Student Association (TCSA) and Phi Theta Kappa to collect donations. Wester said they received additional help from the academic Engineering department in the T Building. Product drop-offs were located around campus.

"Meest-Karpaty, a local shipping company, was a donation site to ship items directly to Ukraine," Wester said. "We also donated monetary gifts through Together Rising."

Going forward, Wester said the Counseling Department will continue to offer support to students struggling with the impact of the war. She said the Counseling Department is in the planning stage of creating a discussion group to allow students to have a safe space to talk and share.

To donate, visit [ukraineaidandrebuidingfundinc.com](http://ukraineaidandrebuidingfundinc.com) or [togetherrising.org](http://togetherrising.org).

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