

Game Developers are Donating to Help Ukraine

VOCABULARY WORDS

1. besieged /bə'seɪd/ to be surrounded with armed forces
Example: The army had besieged the castle.
2. rival /'rɪvəl/ a person, group, etc. competing with others for the same thing or in the same area
Example: He has no serious rival for the job.
3. grant /grant/ a sum of money given by a government or other organization for a particular purpose.
Example: The school was provided an educational grant that will cover most of the students' expenses.
4. proceeds /'prəʊsɪdz/ the money that you receive when you sell something or organize a performance, etc.
Example: She sold her car and bought a piano with the proceeds.
5. extraordinarily /ɪk'strɔːdn̩,erəl̩,ek'strɔːdn̩,erəl̩/ in a very unusual or remarkable way.
Example: He was able to show us how people can behave extraordinarily.



Game developers are raising money for Ukrainians both inside and outside of the **besieged** company, with donations **rivaling** the **grants** from the U.S. government.

What are game developers doing for Ukrainians?

Ahead of the release of their new gaming season, Fortnite developers Epic Games announced that all the **proceeds** would go to a variety of organizations providing aid and relief to Ukraine—and on the first day they raised \$36 million, growing to \$144 million in two weeks.

What did Epic Games announce?

How much did they raise on the first day? How much did it reach in 2 weeks?

Epic has said that the money will go to Direct Relief, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations Children's Fund, and the World Food Program.
What are the 4 organizations that will benefit from Epic's donation?

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Gamers and the video game industry are popular for being **extraordinarily** generous, and other game companies are also pitching in millions.

What are gamers and the video game industry popular for?

The companies Microsoft (the creators of the Xbox); League of Legends developer Riot Games; and the digital store Humble Bundle have all announced donations. Net proceeds of those recent sales—totaling more than \$26 million—will also go toward Ukrainian relief. (Good News Network)

What are the other gaming companies that announced donations?

DISCUSSION

1. How can the world be a better place through the power of gaming?
2. How can people be encouraged to give more?
3. What are some fundraising ideas?
4. What do you think are some important charities people should give to?
5. Should rich people and corporations be forced to give to charity?
6. Do you think it is better to give time or money?