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[00:00:00] **Speaker 1** INTERVIEWER And can you say your full name for the camera? Yes.

[00:00:03] **Speaker 2** There are combined t r a s h aba.

[00:00:10] **Speaker 1** And when did you first come to the US canopy? When did you first move here?

[00:00:18] **Speaker 2** And that was the same day when the war started. We we I mean, me and my wife came to the U.S. and because our family where there. I mean, kids and my grandmother, my parents in law, they were there. And then that's almost 11 months ago.

[00:00:45] **Speaker 1** So. And before that February, did you think about leaving Ukraine?

[00:00:52] **Speaker 2** No, of course not. We we were. And so we have a family in Oregon, Wisconsin. So then every every two years we were always about our family. So that like for holiday, for vacation, that was it was for fun. And we have never thought about to leave my country and to play in the in the U.S. so.

[00:01:24] **Speaker 1** How do you like Wisconsin?

[00:01:26] **Speaker 2** Too cold, but close to my soul. In Ukraine, in in the western part of Ukraine we have is the same with thought. That's okay for.

[00:01:35] **Speaker 1** Me. Yeah. Do you think that Ukraine will ever be a place you can move back to?

[00:01:45] **Unidentified** I don't understand. I can't.

[00:01:47] **Speaker 1** Repeat. Do you think that you would want to move back to Ukraine?

[00:01:51] **Speaker 2** Yes, of course. This is my nephew. It's a difficult question now, and I. We are. I mean, me or my wife, we are not have planned long term plans now because, you know, we didn't planned before this situation. So now we are thinking about for a short period our future life. So and of course, I want to. Come back to my country, to my city, to the Ukraine.

[00:02:38] **Speaker 1** Yeah. What is it like working at this warehouse, volunteering here? Oh.

[00:02:46] **Speaker 2** It's first time when we came to the U.S.. Doc told me I know how to help you because I. I don't feel it. I didn't feel it very well at that time. And he told me I know how to help you, how to how help your country. And that's to become volunteers. So I was confused. I didn't know what I should do. I didn't know what it mean to be willing to do so. And then we, me and my wife and I and my sister in law, we are Ukrainian. So we we became become a members of humanity as a medical organization, Ukrainian medical organization of North America. And we come and came our Rotarians. So. And. And when that seven and 11 months passed. So now we are working with the biggest volunteer organization in the U.S.. Like her, Tamia and A are like help. Heroes have helped heroes like Crane like to be an Angel. And we work not only about the medical equipment here, but we are talking about and working with generators. We sometimes sit around the table. We are talking about biggest projects like ambulances and artists and projects. So that's to people and to youth means to it. It's it's like a it's like a science, big science to be able to in this difficult way. But I'm happy that's useful for me and to be useful for my country, for my people, for you, for Ukraine. Yeah, I'm happy to do that. Yeah.

[00:04:57] **Speaker 1** And how has your medical background helped you?

[00:05:03] **Speaker 2** And I have to add important, important roles in this project. First of all, I'm a private driver for my brother in law. And the second one I'm in I'm a physician from Ukraine, so I'm an physiologist. So that's really helped me to have to start our medical staff to package it that. And we have I mean, my me and my wife, we have a lot of friends who are physician now or who were a physician in Ukraine, and they are still in Ukraine now. And we are in touch with them. We are connected with them. We know that. What do they do? They need at present time, especially for for Frontline. So we have some friends who are now are in frontlines in Ukraine. That's that's really helpful for me. And flowers volunteer in spokes.

[00:06:14] **Speaker 1** And do you feel that volunteers support has increased or decreased in the past year?

[00:06:20] **Speaker 2** It's it's like a rollercoaster. You know, sometimes you have no time to call and say, because and my wife, she has a casual normal life. A normal life because she has a job. Right. Her schedule a job. I mean, I have not I and my brother in law, we have not normal job because we are all in tears. So. And. Sometimes we don't have a time to call. Sometimes it's. We have a I have my mom, my brother in law. He always in the B he he always busy because he's the brain of this project, so. Yeah. And you guys you can help us to to to tell about our story to tell about problem which we have now and to tell that about the develop that people. Yeah.

[00:07:26] **Speaker 1** Thank. Chris. And what would you say to Americans who think that the war doesn't impact them?

[00:07:42] **Speaker 2** And maybe I, I repeat, but we are thinking we are Ukrainians. Fight, fight not only for Ukrainian land, for the motherland. We are fight for West. Traditions. We fight for freedom for a whole so that it's. It's a built in civilian world. I know. I Can I say right?

[00:08:18] **Speaker 1** Yes.

[00:08:19] **Speaker 2** Like. Huh. So you, the the United States always help. Help. To be free to help other countries are the nation to be that part of. There's a big freedom. Big fruit. To be a part of this big world.

[00:08:53] **Speaker 1** I don't know. Fight for freedom. Yeah.

[00:08:56] **Speaker 2** So and I want to say of course, I want to say thank you for your support. To my country.

[00:09:06] **Speaker 1** Thank you. What do you want to say? Anything else? No. Okay. You can be done.

[00:09:13] **Speaker 2** You did it.