



Ukrainian Voices of Minnesota Traveling Exhibit

Who We Are

Green Card Voices is a Minneapolis-based, nationally growing social enterprise that works to record and share first-person narratives of America's immigrants to facilitate a better understanding between immigrants and their communities.

Working through local partnerships with high schools, universities, and community organizations since 2013, Green Card Voices works to build a platform that amplifies the voices of immigrants. Their programming includes published books, traveling exhibits, and an online video library that currently features stories of over 500 immigrants and refugees coming from over 145 different countries.

What We Do

Sharing immigrant stories is the essence of Green Card Voices. While our stories are always available at our digital library at greencardvoices.org, the most effective way to engage students and the community is through our traveling exhibit, which can be used in tandem with our books and curriculum.



About the Exhibit

A community project by Green Card Voices, the Ukrainian American Community Center and Alight, made possible by the funding of the Minnesota Humanities Center. This project highlights the stories of 22 Ukrainian newcomers and immigrants to Minnesota, ages 15 to 70.

Through trauma-informed oral history recordings, a traveling exhibit, and a bilingual children graphic memoir, the project shares diverse experiences of those who fled war, pursued education, sought health care, or reunited with family.

These narratives showcase resilience, loss, unexpected careers, and hobbies such as cooking, singing, sports, and art, fostering empathy and connection within the community and building their new home in Minnesota.

EXHIBIT CONTENTS

- 20 self-standing, retractable banners (78" x 34").
- Banners Include: full-color illustration, 300-word bio, personal quote, and QR code link to audio narratives on the Green Card Voices website.

AVAILABILITY

For booking and invoicing, please contact Co-Leader Aaliyah Hannah at aaliyah@greencardvoices.org or 612-889-7635

RENTAL FEE

\$1000 per month
\$500 conferences/events (7 days or fewer)

PICK UP AND INSTALLATION

Our exhibits are available for easy pick-up and drop off at **Extra Space Storage** located at 1717 West River Road N Minneapolis, MN 55411. Detailed information and instructions will be sent after the booking is confirmed.



ADEL KUCHYK
FROM KYIV, UKRAINE
CURRENT CITY: MINNEAPOLIS, MN

SCAN TO WATCH MY STORY

"THE TAXI DRIVER SAID, "IT'S OKAY. I WANT TO BLESS YOU," AND DROVE US TO THE MEXICALI BORDER, WHERE WE PASSED OUT IN A STRANGER'S CAR."

Adel Kuchyk was born in 2001 and grew up in a Christian household, deeply involved in her local Baptist evangelical church. Music, community service, and youth programs shaped her early years and infused a lifelong commitment to serving others.

Her passion for storytelling emerged during an exchange year in Texas during high school, inspiring her to become a journalist and later pursue journalism at a university in Kyiv. There, Adel balanced her academics online during her first year of COVID-19. Recovering from the pandemic, she was volunteering and teaching English, fueled by a vision to connect journalism with rebuilding her homeland. She planned her future meticulously, envisioning a career and a wedding by the Dniro River in Ukraine.

In February 2022, the war in Ukraine upended Adel's life. Escaping to Moldova with her fiancé Michael now husband, and later getting her younger brother from Melitopol, she navigated harrowing circumstances with faith as her anchor.

Their journey took them through Poland to Lithuania, Mexico, and the United States, where they found refuge and support from their host family in Texas. Despite barriers and financial challenges, Adel and Michael worked tirelessly to rebuild their lives.

Adel continued her journalism studies, transferring to Dorett University in Iowa, where she graduated while supporting her family and guiding them through the transition to life in America. Now settled in Minnesota, Adel works with a Jewish organization, supporting refugees and Holocaust survivors. Grounded by her faith and passion for community, Adel actively participates in her local church. Soon she'll be welcoming a new family member of her own.

Photo: Adel with younger brother and husband. Photo: Adel with friends from her university. Photo: Adel with her reporter's notebook in the Science and Technology Center at Dorett University in Iowa. Photo: Adel with her mother and younger brother.

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PROGRAMMING

The following can be provided with an exhibit for **additional charges**:

- **Educational events:** book readings, panel discussion, training or workshop.
- **Community building events:** opening reception with facilitated *Story Stitch* Circles (see more at www.storystitch.org).

