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KY Author Plans to Publish Children's Book in Ukrainian; Needs Sponsor Support

Nicholasville, Ky. – Jodie Campbell is publishing her first children's book in October. With support from sponsors, she's hoping to release the book in Ukrainian, as well, to show support for refugees in America.

Campbell is a public health nurse who is on a journey to fulfill a lifelong dream: self-publishing her first children's book, titled *There Was a Zookeeper*. She has been working with illustrator [Alexey Chystikov](#), a native of Kyiv, Ukraine.

“Working with Alexey has opened my eyes to a violent struggle happening a world away,” said Campbell. “Alexey is one of many people living in a country under constant fear and attack. Meanwhile, he simply wants to work, create art, and make children smile. That is an inspiration to me.”

Campbell wants to publish her book in the Ukrainian language in hopes of supporting refugees from the warzone who are living in America. She has met with numerous immigrants in her job as a nurse, and she wants to offer a token of hospitality to those with whom she has connected.

Additionally, a percentage of the proceeds from the book sales will go directly to Chystikov.

“Alexey has become a close friend,” said Campbell. “This book wouldn't be what it is without his talent and his heart. I want him to be safe and well, and I am honored to offer anything that will keep his morale up during this trying time.”

The English version of the book is currently being printed. A release date will be announced soon.

Businesses are invited to sponsor the special edition Ukrainian version of *There Was a Zookeeper*, and various opportunities for recognition available. Donated dollars will cover translation, printing and shipping costs and help Campbell connect with agencies and organizations who can act as distributors to Ukrainian refugees in communities across the country.

Those who would like to sponsor the Ukrainian version of *There Was a Zookeeper* can contact Jodie directly at 304-552-4111 or jodiecampbellauthor@yahoo.com. They can also visit the sponsorship page online at www.jodie-campbell.com/specialprojects.

To learn more about Campbell's work and her continued partnership with Chystikov, visit www.jodie-campbell.com or view her Facebook page at www.facebook.com/jodiecampbellauthor.

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