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A message from the President

Dear friends and supporters of the Canada Ukraine Foundation,

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones well.

In last winter's newsletter, you learned that CUF's board had evolved and brought in several new faces. I also told you about a fairly rigorous strategic planning process which we undertook during the first COVID summer of 2020.

In this past summer's newsletter, I thanked all our partner organizations and donors, our directors, committee members and volunteers. I also welcomed Ambassador Waschuk to the board, and introduced CUF's first staff member, Julia Stech.

In this winter's update, I'm pleased to report over the course of 2021, we have made progress in pursuit of achieving our strategic objectives. In this newsletter you will read about some of our recently launched projects, including "Oxygen for Life", from our healthcare committee, and

"Let's Clean Donbas Together", a demining initiative spearheaded by our civil society committee. Both these projects fit squarely in our mandate, which includes working with partners here in Canada and on the ground in Ukraine, to achieve our objectives for the benefit of the ultimate recipient.

I don't need to tell the readers how and why CUF was established 27 years ago, but I will inform you

over these 27 years, CUF has led the provision of more than \$20 million dollars of humanitarian support through its projects, programs and partnerships.

Organizationally, CUF has a board of 28 directors, and an Executive Committee made up of the corporate officers as well as regional VPs and key committee leads. Operationally, there are both internally focused and externally focused committees, and directors might sit on multiple committees depending on their role, their skillset and their bandwidth.

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CUF President announces inaugural members of CUF Advisory Council

CUF leadership has recognized that we have individuals in Canada, Ukraine and other parts of the world who can be resources to CUF without formally joining its board. We have had guest members on some of our committees and this continues to this day. To build on our depth of understanding in the various areas of our program and project work, the CUF board recently approved the creation of an advisory council, to "provide strategic and other sector specific advice to the President, the Board, the Executive and other Board Committees of CUF on matters and areas of activity undertaken by CUF." From time to time, we will announce new advisory council members to support CUF priorities.

Today, I am delighted to announce the inaugural members of the Canada-Ukraine Foundation Advisory Council. They are subject matter experts, leaders and influencers in their respective fields, and our board and committees look forward to acquiring guidance and inspiration in their areas of expertise, as well as augmenting our youth engagement and succession planning capabilities.

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As the COO, Oksana Kuzyshyn has been integral at creating, aligning and organizing the various processes, SOPs, agreements, applications and leveraging our summer students who came on around the same time as our first staff member. Oksana, along with other members of the board, provided leadership as the students helped contribute towards accelerating the organization of the office, the digitization of the archives, and a refresh of the CUF branding and communications functions.

Julia Stech came on board in June as CUF's Executive Coordinator, and in less than 6 months has already impressed with her ability to take on vast amounts of information – from a variety of diverse voices – to appropriately identify what to prioritize and helped support both internal and external committees as they set about helping CUF achieve its mission.

The internal committees – governance, fundraising, audit/finance and marketing – have been areas of focus for me over the first half of this three-year mandate. Based upon the progress made internally, the hiring of our first staff member, and coinciding with what seems to be a swing back to near-normal activity in the external environment, I have felt my focus shift externally, towards more interactions with our partner

organizations, our projects and programs, and other external stakeholders including long-term and prospective donors.

Hopefully this update has made you better acquainted with:

- how CUF is structured and operates
- how the board and staff have made strides towards achieving our strategic goals, and
- some of our recent and upcoming projects positively impacting real lives on the ground in Ukraine, which you can read about further in this newsletter and on our website

All this work is accomplished by a dedicated staff member, a committed board, the support of our member and partner organizations, and the community overall.

Thank you all for your continued support of our mission. Please be sure to follow our social media channels. A donation or two to any of our projects or to the CUF general fund (which helps run the office and usually provides seed money for new projects) is always appreciated.

Best wishes to you and your loved ones for a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday season.

Orest Sklierenko, *President and CEO of Canada-Ukraine Foundation*

Education Advisory Council



Sergiy Kvit, an expert and a commentator on educational issues, currently is the Head of the National Agency for Higher Education Quality Assurance and a professor of Kyiv-Mohyla School of Journalism. In 2002-07, he was a Dean of the Faculty of Social Studies Faculty at the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy. He founded the Kyiv-Mohyla School of Journalism in 2001 and became a President of the Media Reform Centre, set up to initiate open debate and promote more transparent media and government. In 2005-2011, he was a Chairman of the Consortium of University Autonomy. He has been rector (president) of the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy from 2007 until 2014. Sergiy Kvit occupied the position of the Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine in 2014-2016 when progressive Laws "On Higher Education" (2014) and "On Scientific and Scientific-Technical Activity" (On Science and Research, 2015) were adopted. In 2015, Sergiy Kvit signed an agreement that allowed Ukrainian scientists and businesses to fully participate in Horizon 2020 (H2020), the European Union's flagship research program. Dr. Kvit's research focuses on educational and media reforms, mass communications, and philosophical hermeneutics; he has published several books and numerous articles. He has a Ph.D. from the Ukrainian Free University (Germany) and a doctorate in philology. He held Fulbright scholarship at Ohio University and Stanford University, Kennan Institute scholarship at the Woodrow Wilson International Centre in Washington, DC and a DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) scholarship at the University of Cologne.



Anna Novosad, served as Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine from August 2019 till March 2020. On her position managed to roll out systemic reform of higher education funding and governance, and successfully lobbied for endorsement of the new Law on general secondary education, which allowed to continue the general school reform. Prior to the Ministerial post Anna held different positions at the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine. At various times she served as a counsellor to the Minister, head of international relations and head of strategic planning and European integration, where she expanded the EU-Ukraine cooperation in science and education and accomplished the Ukraine's association to the Horizon 2020 program. Anna joined the public service in 2014, after the Ukrainian Revolution of Dignity. In 2019 was elected as a member of Ukrainian Parliament. Currently remains in education sector in expert role. Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Program 2013 alumni. US State Department Hubert Humphrey Fellowship Program fellow 2021-2022. Holds MA degree in Analyzing Europe from the Maastricht University, the Netherlands, and BA degree in Political Science from the Kyiv-Mohyla Academy in Ukraine.



Dr. Oleh Antonyshyn is a Professor in the Division of Plastic Surgery at the University of Toronto, with a subspecialty practice in craniomaxillofacial surgery. He earned his medical degree from the University of Toronto in 1980, and completed his surgical residency at the University of Western Ontario in 1985. Following his certification in Plastic Surgery, he pursued an additional 4 years of subspecialty fellowship training in craniofacial surgery including a traveling fellowship in Europe and Mexico City. Dr Antonyshyn began his clinical practice in The Division of Plastic Surgery at Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia in 1989, where he established a pediatric and adult craniofacial program. In 1992, he assumed the position of Head, Division of Plastic Surgery, Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, and in 1996, established the Adult Craniofacial Program to address the specific needs of adult patients with post-traumatic and post-ablative craniofacial deformities. Dr. Antonyshyn is an Associate Scientist, Imaging and Trauma Research at Sunnybrook Research Institute. His research focus is in 3D craniofacial computer assisted modeling and design. He is a cofounder and partner in a surgical device startup company called Calavera Surgical Design. Dr Antonyshyn is actively engaged in humanitarian surgery initiatives and global surgery education. April 2014, he travelled

to Ukraine as part of a Medical Needs Assessment team to assess the capacity to manage trauma following Maidan. Since then, he has led 6 Canadian surgical missions to Ukraine, to teach and perform reconstructive procedures in both civilian and military war casualties. Feb 2016, he received the Order of Merit from the president of Ukraine, and Nov 2018, he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal by the Governor General of Canada for his efforts. January 2019 Dr Antonyshyn launched the Sunnybrook Ukraine Surgery Education Partnership.

Youth Engagement Advisory Council



Roman Grod is the Past President of SUSK and the Vice President of the World Congress of Ukrainian Youth Organisations. Roman holds a degree in Economics from Wilfred Laurier University and is currently employed as the Lead Analyst, Canadian Markets at Rodan Energy Solutions a leading North American energy management company. Prior to his current role Roman served on the SUSK board of directors for 4 years, as Alumni Director, Treasurer, and for his last two years as President. Roman's key highlights as president were the launch of SUSK Connect, global education on the current situation in Ukraine, continuing to grow the SUSK endowment, national Holodomor advocacy, creating a space for Ukrainian Students across the country to get involved and much more. In 2021 Roman was nominated as one of the top 30under30, which recognised emerging Ukrainian diaspora youth leaders under 30.

“Stependiat” Sponsorship of Higher Education for Orphanage Students in Ukraine

“Stependiat” sponsorship program is mounted by the charitable foundation “Pryyatelі Ditey” in Kyiv under the direction of Maryna Krysa.

The goal of this project is to provide orphans graduating from an Internat (high school) the opportunity to receive a higher education from post-secondary institutions.

A Director of an orphanage tries to find placement for his students either in a local technical school or college with courses such as electricity, plumbing, masonry, culinary skills, hairdressing, massage, or transportation. He aims higher for his more promising students who are capable of tackling accounting, taxes, engineering, economics, medicine. National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy has created a “catch-up” year for such students since they’ve had a lesser quality education in an orphanage, after which they can then enter first year.

Through the Stendiat program a Director

works with Maryna Krysa to facilitate the often traumatic move out into the world from the cocoon-like safety of an orphanage. Therefore, seminars are held by Pryyatelі Ditey for groups of about 20 new students each summer, where they meet and learn survival skills from teachers and psychologists covering topics such as safety, medical care,

finances, nutrition, etc. Arrangements are made for their housing.

Sponsors are needed for their living expenses. The cost is U.S. \$600. per student per year. Most courses are 3 years, except for graduate or medical school. From this money the students receive monthly stipends for textbooks, school supplies, winter clothing, medical visits, and food. They must bring into the office the item they bought (eg. boots) and show the receipt. Guiding them to handle money wisely is a large part of their education.

Over the 20 years of this program, graduates have been successful in finding work in their field, in the government, and even in prestigious spots like the Bill Clinton Foundation. They are very grateful. From a rocky start in life, we can help these children to find success in adulthood. The Canada-Ukraine Foundation is very honoured to support the Stendiat program and administer donations from Canadian donors.





News from Dzherelo Children's Rehabilitation Centre

Dzherelo Children's Rehabilitation Centre in Lviv, Ukraine has been operating differently since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, yet it continues to meet the children's needs and many new challenges.

Much is happening: in-person services and programs are undertaken with safety protocols in place, as well as online support and instruction/education for parents, children, and youth. A home visits program for Early Intervention services was initiated. As a result, two more Dzherelo community branches opened for children and youth, and two more outreach branches are being planned. Professional development for staff was undertaken, where video interaction supervisors were trained and certified. In addition, Dzherelo Centre continues to share its knowledge and experience with teams from other cities in Ukraine, such as Vinnytsia. Dzherelo was recently recognized for its innovations and is partnering with UNESCO to expand their unique communication program through different parts of the country. Dzherelo is in the final stages of a significant structural renovations project that included the modernization of

systems in the original Dzherelo building, which were showing signs of deterioration.

One cannot overstate the importance of all the valuable support Dzherelo has received from Canada since its inception in 1993, including the four tireless co-founders, consultants for organizational development, as well as architectural and construction consultants. Canadian Armed Forces continue to volunteer and provide financial support. And volunteers from Friends of Dzherelo in Toronto provide awareness and fundraising. For all this Dzherelo is truly grateful!

This past September, these same volunteer Friends of Dzherelo raised funds through their "Mira's Treasures Pop-Up Sale" event.

They brought over two hundred participants to the Plast Huculak Centre in Toronto to donate and buy various pre-loved personal objects, clothing, books, and jewelry.

The Directors and supporters of Dzherelo Centre are dreaming BIG; they wish to expand their unique network of services in



Ukraine. Two more satellite branches are planned (no.7 & no.8) in Lviv, plus a first-in-Ukraine "Supported Living Residence" for young people and assistants. They wish to spread expertise on alternative and supportive methods of communication for children with disabilities to other parts of Ukraine.

The Director of Dzherelo Centre, Zoreslava Liulchak, writes



"In order to keep Dzherelo a valuable and unique organization, there is a great need for us to share our commitment to improve the quality of life for all our children. Dzherelo thanks you and all their many supporters for their help."

“Oxygen for Life” Program to Help Vulnerable with Critical Pandemic Medical Equipment



On October 1, 2021, CUF announced a donation to help fight the impacts of COVID-19 in Ukraine, particularly hard hit by the Fourth Wave of the global pandemic. Together with partners League of Ukrainian Canadians, Dnipro-Oshawa Fund at BCU Foundation, and the Ukrainian National Federation, CUF committed a \$30,000 CAD donation to support the “Oxygen for Life” Phase 2 program mounted by Kyiv-based civil society organization Initiative E+.

Transparency International has noted an acute shortage of hospital beds in Ukraine, with many COVID-19 patients not receiving required oxygen support, being discharged with low oxygen-saturation levels, and without provision of oxygen concentrators for self-management, due to shortages of equipment.

Kyiv-based Initiative E+, which specializes in humanitarian and charitable work across Ukraine, created the “Oxygen for Life” program at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, aiming to dramatically improve the lives of vulnerable patients recovering from COVID and other respiratory comorbidities. Supported by community volunteers, Initiative E+ operates an oxygen therapy support and exchange program with the goal of addressing critical equipment shortages, and assisting patients recovering from COVID-19. The project is particularly designed to support remote communities and vulnerable populations struggling with limited access to oxygen therapy support.

CUF's sponsorship will allow Initiative E+

to procure twenty oxygen concentrators, thus boosting its inventory of the life-saving devices by fifty percent.

Direct beneficiaries of this project will include hospitals and rural ambulatory clinics, seniors with difficulty accessing medical care, patients recovering from COVID in remote areas or with respiratory comorbidities, and long-term care residents.

“The monumental effort and delivery of oxygen and life-saving equipment from the Canada- Ukraine Foundation is desperately required,” stated Dr. John M. Quinn V, MD, MPh, PhD, expert in health diplomacy and health security, and Alumnus Scholar at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies. “The unfortunate vaccine hesitancy and scattered vaccine uptake against COVID-19 evidenced with the well-below-target penetrance in almost all regions make the Delta/Delta+ variants major threats to health and growing risk to a never-ending pandemic crisis in Ukraine. The requirement for life-saving oxygen therapy throughout ICUs, hospitals and clinics can be filled with the stopgap of oxygen concentrator support.”

CUF's medical initiatives favour local projects that provide immediate assistance, benefit the most vulnerable, and will have a lasting impact. Accordingly, all equipment obtained through CUF's sponsorship will be donated to Ukrainian medical facilities in need of oxygen therapy augmentation, post-pandemic.

“This is a prime example of how the robust Canada-Ukraine relationship, and the strong people-to-people networks between our countries can make a real difference,” said Orest Sklierenko, President and CEO of the Canada-Ukraine Foundation. “We're proud we can identify worthwhile, lifesaving projects, complete a thorough due diligence efficiently, and deploy resources in time to make a material impact on real people's lives.”

CUF Ukraine COVID-19 Pandemic Response Program

Ukraine now ranks third in the world for daily COVID-19 mortality and continues to record daily highs of new infections and deaths. This has stressed Ukraine's medical system, particularly in eastern Ukraine, where hospital congestion is the highest in the country at almost 90%. More than 75,000 deaths and more than 3 million infections have been recorded in Ukraine, and 94.2% of patients hospitalized with COVID-19 are unvaccinated.

Ukraine is dealing with persistent challenges while attempting to implement adaptive quarantine and other public health measures. The widespread vaccine skepticism, fuelled by domestic misinformation and foreign disinformation flowing from malign actors such as the Russian Federation, has created numerous challenges for the Ukrainian Ministry of Health. As well, the Ukrainian government has had to implement stiff criminal penalties for anyone caught with falsified vaccination certification owing to lucrative black market schemes. With less than 20% of its population fully vaccinated, Ukraine has one of the lowest COVID-19 vaccination rates in Europe.

In response to this crisis, Canada-Ukraine Foundation has launched the UKRAINE COVID-19 RESPONSE PROGRAM to raise \$125, 000 for targeted assistance in Ukraine that includes these three projects:

- Supporting and expanding the delivery of oxygen therapy to COVID-19 patients through our partners in Ukraine. In addition to the original CUF purchase of 20 Oxygen (O₂) concentrators and 3 continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) devices, the expansion now includes the procurement of 17 additional O₂ concentrators, 7 CPAP devices masks, personal protective equipment, and other operating costs.
- Supporting pandemic relief of the Dnipro Hospital System by covering the freight costs of a 40-foot container from Denver, USA, to Dnipro, Ukraine. The container will be stocked with donated ICU beds, Oxygen therapy supplies and other medical equipment.
- Planning an expansion of ongoing COVID-19 pandemic relief to Eastern Ukraine with input from the World Health Organization (WHO) Health Cluster and the Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

CUF has allocated \$25,000 USD to start the campaign, and encourages the community to contribute to this critical program to help provide rapid and effective assistance to those in critical condition.

In memory of Bohdan Kovaluk

(1929 – 2021)



Last summer the Canada - Ukraine Foundation lost a friend, Bohdan Kovaluk, who for decades supported CUF in diverse ways.

Despite all of life's challenges, Mr. Kovaluk was a great gentleman and highly regarded within the community. He was exceptionally committed to honouring his heritage and family.

Bohdan's daughter, Melanie Kovaluk, shared his life story:

"Bohdan passed away peacefully with his loving wife at his side on Sunday, July 11, at the age of 92 after suffering from Alzheimer's for the last ten years...."

...Born in Kolomyia, Ukraine, on January 22, 1929, the family moved to Lviv, Ukraine. His father, Mykola Kowaluk, ran a family publishing company called Vidavnistvo Record.

After the war, Bohdan joined his five sisters and his mother in Berchtesgaden, Germany, where he became an active member of the Ukrainian scouting organization Plast. He completed his High School diploma and began his Engineering studies in Luvin, Belgium.

In 1953 Bohdan moved to Montreal where he completed his engineering degree at McGill University and continued working devotedly in the Plast Ukrainian community where he was a leader and example to all."

Together with his sisters, Bohdan Kovaluk established the Melania Kovaluk Memorial Fund at the Canada-Ukraine Foundation in memory of their mother to provide scholarships to high school graduates from Melania Kovaluk's home village of Zabolotivtsi to pursue studies at a higher level. Throughout the years, Mr. Kovaluk personally helped manage the Fund, communicated with the CUF and schools in Ukraine, greeted scholarship recipients and much more.

The Canada-Ukraine Foundation thanks for all donations made to the Melania Kovaluk Memorial Fund in memory of the late Bohdan Kovaluk.

He was a man of action and great respect, and we are grateful for the gift of his life!

Вічна Пам'ять!



Summer Institute 2021

Nadia Luciwi, a previous CUF member of the Education Committee, called the 2021 summer institute program a "resounding success during these difficult times".

Teachers, using the ZOOM computer application, presented additional qualification programs for teachers in Lviv Oblast and others from Western Ukraine.

Canadian lecturers, in previous years, had worked with their facilitators planning their presentations and developing a facilitator's manual to be used in summer 2021, which will continue to be updated each year.

The eleven Canadians with over twenty Ukrainian teacher facilitators had over 200 participants in each course. The teacher participants took part in their specialty area and produced a final group assignment. Their participation and project provided them with their professional upgrade certification in the teaching profession, a requirement in Ukraine. The local certification education centre provided the required diploma, and the Canadian Institute for the Professional Development of Teachers provided a Canadian certificate.

In previous years CUF had provided funding for travel and resources for the Canadians while the local Ukrainian Departments of Education provided the funding for local accommodations and funding for the location of the programs. Both the Lviv Oblast and the City of Lviv provided necessary ministry approvals, the local facilities and infrastructure as part of their financial obligations. In addition, Ukrainian World Congress offered moral support while the Canada-Ukraine

Foundation, as in the past, provided financial support.

The Canadian members of the Institute came from various Canadian cities and New Jersey. They included Nadia Luciwi (Program Coordinator and Consultant), Bohdan Kolos (School Leaders-Principals), Sofia Berezowsky (Ukrainian Language), Borislav Bilash (Natural Sciences), Orest Haras (School Leaders-Principals), Melanie (Malanka) Kovaluk (School Psychologists), Iryna Perehinets (Teaching Foreign Languages), Mark Stadnyk (School Leaders-Principals), Christine Yurchuk (Vice-Principals), Oksana Wynnickyj/Yusupovich (Primary grades- New Ukrainian School), and Christine Zeltway (Mathematics).

The summer program emphasized the "Nova Ukrainska Shkola" (New Ukrainian School) approach, where the child should be the centre of emphasis.

Christine Zeltway emphasized, "The Institute aims to help teachers teach mathematics in such a way that it is exciting and effective, and that students enjoy the process.

The International Mathematical Literacy Assessment results of 15-year-old students (PISA) proved that Ukraine is lower than the OECD average." Therefore in all subjects, the Institute recommends that teachers focus on students, not on the subject, taking into account students' characteristics and different learning styles.

The institute team is contemplating an in-person Ukraine summer dialogue and mentoring session in 2022.



CUF Supports Humanitarian Demining in Ukraine: “Let’s Clean Donbas Together” Project

CUF is sponsoring a humanitarian demining initiative in Eastern Ukraine. The project mounted by the Ukrainian Deminers Association (UDA) aims to demine agricultural lands in the Mariupol region to make them available for use by the local citizens. CUF has donated \$13,000 USD to support the “Let’s Clean Donbas Together” project and the European Union has also contributed 40% of the total project cost towards this critical initiative.

“We at the Canada-Ukraine Foundation understand the great significance that demining of arable lands has for the local civilian population living in demilitarized zones. These lands provide them with the ability to feed their families and sell their surplus harvest for their livelihoods” – said Oksana Kuzyshyn, Chair of the Civil Society Committee.

The war in Donbas has resulted in large swaths of lands seeded with land mines, thus rendering them useless and dangerous for citizens living in the region. Some 21,000 km² of land has been armed; 7,000 km² in Ukrainian controlled regions and 14,000 km² currently under enemy control. Although the Ukrainian Armed Forces have demined some areas for

their specific purposes, local inhabitants have no safe access to the remaining lands and are left to their own devices, many nonprofessional and dangerous. These lands represent an untapped resource that has added to the region’s economic deprivation and physical hardship.

“Let’s Clean Donbas Together” project will raise awareness of the local population regarding land mines and will give them access to cultivate and harvest these otherwise unusable lands. This pilot project will also help raise the profile of the landmine issue in Ukraine and bring it to broader public attention and the attention of the Ukrainian government for federal funding.



“Save Your Granny’s Language and Culture” - CUF’s newest project in cooperation with the Temerty Foundation

CUF’s newest initiative is the “Save Your Granny’s Language and Culture” project. With the generous donation of \$25,000 from the Temerty Foundation, this nation-wide project will demonstrate and propagate the diversity of Ukrainian culture and nurture the bond between generations.

Authentic Ukrainian language and folk culture have been under immense pressure for over 300 years from Russian linguistic and cultural imperialism, political terror, and oppression. Russian linguistic and cultural interference continues to be very powerful in Ukraine – stemming from direct state sponsorship of Russian language and culture, in areas such as book publishing, music, radio and television programming.

This is a continuing problem in all regions of Ukraine. Russian-language TV shows and pop music continue to occupy a significant market share despite recent efforts at Ukrainization of radio and TV programming. The problem is the most pressing in Eastern, Southern and Central Ukraine where the majority in the two youngest generations continue to speak Russian as their first language. A major cultural reason for this in these regions is the broken bond that exists with authentic Ukrainian language and culture. Despite most people considering Ukrainian as their native language, the pace of becoming native Ukrainian speakers in everyday life is still slow.

The transfer of the older generations’ language and culture to younger generations is problematic. This transfer is not happening in many regions because of the deeply rooted attitude toward authentic Ukrainian language and culture which are often considered inferior. This project fills an urgent and wide-scale need to encourage this kind of cultural transfer from the elderly to the youth. If this doesn’t happen, authentic Ukrainian language and culture will disappear with the last generation of its carriers, especially in Eastern, Southern and Central Ukraine, and the thousand-year tradition, which has withstood the Russian cultural aggression, will disappear.



The Holodomor National Awareness Tour

7 years ago, the Holodomor National Awareness Tour took flight in Canada creating awareness about the Holodomor teaching Canadians, young and old, on board its digitally interactive Holodomor Mobile Classroom. From idea concept, to design, through build, to execution and the development of applications that run our on-board and on-line lessons, we have taken Holodomor awareness to a new level never envisioned before. Teaching about the past to prevent the reoccurrence of tragic events such as the Holodomor genocide, is what our youth, our future leaders, need to know. They need to understand that totalitarian regimes such as those of former USSR leader Joseph Stalin do not make for a utopian world, but a world of oppression, discrimination, hatred, and racism that do not have a place in our global society. HNAT's goal is just that – to teach about such events in a way that engages students and helps them understand that their voice matters in creating a just and civil society.

Through the course of our travels over the last 6 years we have:

- Had 40,032 students and educators take part in one of our 4 lessons including an online lesson for students developed during the COVID pandemic.
 - Attended 260 public events across Canada, engaging over 22,700 visitors with the Tour's materials on the Holodomor.
 - The HMC and the developers of the interactive lessons, Forge Media + Design have won 3 prestigious awards: **Golden A' Design Award 2017** (Lake Como, Italy), **Gold at the DSE (Digital Signage Expo) 2018 APEX Awards** (Las Vegas, NV), and **Gold at the Indigo Design Award 2018** (the Netherlands).
 - Produced 7 educational videos, and one award-winning documentary film on the Holodomor, which are used in classrooms and on the HMC while at community events.
- Our work is not done. There are many miles left to travel across Canada to ensure that every Canadian knows about the Holodomor genocide and the devastation it caused, not just in 1932-1933, but about the intergenerational trauma that continues today. Your financial support for our project will ensure that the memory of all the victims of the Holodomor is never forgotten.

Вічна Пам'ять!

Support the Canada-Ukraine Foundation

Your donation ensures our programs and committees receive the funding they need to provide life-changing aid to Ukraine. We appreciate any support for the continuing work of the Canada-Ukraine Foundation in delivering assistance projects, especially during these troubled times.

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