

Open Letter to Our Donors

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The Centre for Ukrainian Canadian Studies acknowledges the participation and contributions of its many donors for over twenty years.

The vision is that the Centre for Ukrainian Canadian Studies should be a recognized leader in the transmission and creation of knowledge to Manitobans and Canadians dealing with the role and impact of Ukrainian Canadian culture towards the betterment and well being of Canada and Canadians. We can reach this vision through teaching, dissemination of research, and co-operative work with our communities.

But above all, this is your Centre. It serves both the Ukrainian Canadian community and the university community. With that in mind, some of you may be interested in supporting your community through a donation to the Centre for Ukrainian Canadian Studies.

Any donation will help the Centre in its important work. But the Centre does have specific needs, and you may wish to target your contributions, in consultation with the director.

For example, one of the most innovative contributions of recent years was a significant donation that allowed the Centre to be wired to the university mainframe computer, to take the first steps in computerizing the Centre and networking it to the world.

Here are some specific areas in which we need support:

- Technology changes every 3-5 years. The Centre therefore needs a technology endowment fund. This will enable us to keep up with the changing technology.
- The Centre needs a resource centre endowment. This would allow us to collect research materials for scholars, professors, students and the general public.
- A third endowment the Centre needs is a travel fund which would allow us to send our faculty to conferences and to bring in guest speakers to the Centre.

In turn what will the Centre do for you? Your name will be added immediately to our donor list (unless you wish to remain anonymous). Your name will be also added to our website. Major donors will be acknowledged by a special webpage which includes a picture of the donors as well as a description of your contribution to the Centre. For an example, visit the Charney page at:

http://www.umanitoba.ca/centres/ukrainian_canadian/donors/charney.html

In addition, you will be acknowledged as a contributor to the University of Manitoba, since the university administers all of our funds and donations.

So that your donation does not get diverted in any administrative shuffle, you or your representative can contact the director of the Centre (204-474-8907) directly, for advice on how to proceed. Or, you can contact the University of Manitoba Private Funding Office, (204-474- 9195) and tell them that you wish to work with the Centre for Ukrainian Canadian Studies. We work co-operatively and are more than willing to discuss your potential gift.

So, once again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. This is not our Centre; it is your Centre. What we are doing here is for the preservation, enhancement and dissemination of the Ukrainian Canadian cultural contribution to Manitoba, Canada, and the world.

Thank you for your support.

Dr. Denis Hlynka,
Acting Director