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Dear Members of the Greater Seattle Polish Community,

Today we are writing to you because you are a member or supporter of our community, and I am inviting you to participate in the **2019 Annual Polish Community Fundraiser**.

We have great traditions, culture and history, and together we can preserve them for future generations. We want to share our heritage with members of the broader community through the Polish Cultural Center (PCC), Annual Bazaars, Pierogi Fest, Polish Festival Seattle, Seattle Polish Film Festival, and other events. Our main purpose is to support each other in times of need, to assist newcomers to settle, to help our kids discover their roots, and to provide for all of us this comforting feeling that we are part of something great, that's worth preserving. This is what our community is all about.

Our community has changed significantly in last ten years as did Seattle. To adapt to these changes, we constantly think about new ways to make it more attractive. We have tons of ideas on how to make the Polish Cultural Center more interesting and engaging and for activities and events that all generations of Poles in Seattle area can enjoy and participate in. In order to make this transition to serve evolving future programs, **we need your help to accomplish it!**

That's why we are inviting you to participate in the **2019 Annual Polish Community Fundraiser**. Ten years ago, our community raised a sizable amount of funding for the Polish Hall expansion. This was a huge success and a great proof of our strength and generosity. Based on this experience and success, Seattle Polish Foundation, with the support of all Polish organizations in Seattle, decided to make this year's Fundraiser a community-wide event.

Our community fundraiser coincides with the Seattle-wide GiveBIG campaign. If you usually donate through GiveBIG, you are welcome to do so again - search for "Polish" on the GiveBIG site to find SPF. However, please be aware that in 2019, the GiveBIG campaign charges significantly higher fees than in the past; hence, donating directly to Seattle Polish Foundation is the most cost effective way to apply your generosity.

Please consider donating

- **to expand and transform activities at the Polish Cultural Center** into a broad offering that supports multigenerational needs of the Polish community in the Seattle Area;
- **to support any local Polish cause or event**, from Festivals and cultural events to improving infrastructure at the Polish Cultural Center
- **to create a solid financial foundation** for our community's future

To learn more about SPF, please visit [Seattle Polish Foundation website](http://www.seattlepolishfoundation.org) where you'll find information about our projects, volunteering, the process of applying for corporate donation matching, and more.

To make a donation online, please visit <https://www.seattlepolishfoundation.org/donations/>. Or you can send a check written to *Seattle Polish Foundation* to the SPF address:

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Many local corporations offer donation matching. If you work for one of those companies, we encourage you to apply for a match. Donation matching can double our funding and accelerate our programs.

Thank you for your generosity. Our goals are audacious but that's what this community deserves. Together we can make it happen.

John Golubiec

President, Seattle Polish Foundation