



Rich in tradition, generous in compassion

Summer 2014

Financial Hardship
income below
U.S. poverty guidelines

Health Condition
poor or incurable illness

Age
helping seniors age
with dignity



*Effect change
Make a positive
difference in someone's life*

People contribute because

- ◆ They are passionate about a cause.
- ◆ They desire to give back.
- ◆ They Want to have a positive impact on society and the world.

Only 10% of high net worth individuals give tax write-off as a reason to give.

According to a study conducted by the Philanthropic Initiative in Oct. 2013

Polish people are resilient. We survived wars, communism, and political and economic upheavals. Poland, as a sovereign state, was eliminated for over 120 years. Some of us choose to immigrate to the United States. Most succeed in their new surroundings but a few fall on hard times.

We are writing to you today to urge you to help support those who fell on hard times in our Polish community. We need to expand our assistance and we need your help.

Polish Assistance's mission is to provide assistance, primarily financial, to persons of Polish origin who are at risk or needy.

Once an applicant becomes our beneficiary, we are often committing to his/hers support for their remaining

lifetime as often these individuals have little chance for quality of life improvement.

As the official poverty guideline starts at \$11,670 per person and \$15,730 of income for a family of two, we sadly report that most applicants meet these criteria. In a majority of the cases, these individuals are seniors with serious health issues that have no means of supporting themselves. We also give assistance to patients at Coler-Goldwater Specialty Hospital which is a "long term acute care hospital", the city's safety-net provider of healthcare services. Emergencies happen and, at times, we give assistance for a very short time. We have also supported churches' efforts in granting assistance

during the holidays.

Another pressing issue we cannot ignore is the growing number of families that are homeless or at risk. At the end of last year, the homeless population had peaked at more than 52,000 in the metropolitan New York area - the highest number on record since the Great Depression. We intervened on behalf of the homeless of Polish origin with the Department of Homeless Services and we will continue to support this cause.

Your generosity will help us continue to improve the quality of life for these needy individuals. With the help of donations from supporters such as you, we will continue to provide assistance so that our elderly can live out their years with dignity and not go hungry.

Your donations help

Grant Committee, through an application process, reviews requests for assistance. Each recipient is reapproved annually.

In May we approved two more individuals to receive assistance and have another one pending more information. Recently we increased financial assistance

to nine of our current recipients. We lost one woman during the year to death from ovarian cancer. Financial situations in two of the cases has changed enough that we can stop the assistance and reallocate to those who need it more. One individual will stop receiving assistance in six

months giving that person time to adjust.

We need to be prepared for a heavy winter in New York. On the other hand, we also need to consider the needs of a ninety year old living in the summer heat in Florida without an air conditioner.

Please, help us help them.



Please note that the 2015 Ball will be held on a Friday

“Anything done for another is done for oneself “

Pope John Paul II

Polish Assistance provides financial support to needy persons of Polish origin who are facing unforeseen hardships.

Please help support our efforts

- Make a donation** — by making a donation you will become a member of Polish Assistance.
- Attend our fundraisers** — and bring your friends. It is an opportunity for you to socialize while proceeds go to help those in need.
- Join our Professional Network Group** — from Wall Street to Main Street, we share ideas, contacts, and goals of professional development while enjoying social networking.
- Volunteer**—we need helping hands to organize our events.
- Leadership opportunities** — consider serving on one of our committees. Just a few hours of your time will help us expand our activities.
- Expand our community** — Do you know someone who would care about our cause and who would also like to receive invitations to our upcoming events? We do not share or sell our donor information. Our mailing lists are used exclusively by Polish Assistance. Submit names to office@polishassistance.org.

2014 Membership Campaign

Please donate

On behalf of those who benefit from your donations

Thank you

Charity begins at home but to really make an impact it has to spread to those outside.

I want to help carry out Polish Assistance’s mission to help those in need in the Polish community.

Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code

E-mail

Telephone

We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Membership Categories

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| Benefactor | \$1,000 and more |
| Sponsor | \$500 to \$999 |
| Patron | \$100 to \$499 |
| Donor | \$ 50 to \$ 99 |
| Student Member | \$ 25 |

Please make your tax deductible contribution payable to Polish Assistance, Inc. and mail to

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You can also donate on line at
www.polishassistance.org



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