



Newsletter

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POLISH ASSISTANCE, INC. - POLSKA BRATNIA POMOC

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Polish Assistance needs your help We need you to make the difference.

Since 1956, Polish Assistance has been providing financial support to needy persons of Polish origin who are facing unforeseen hardships. Recipients receive assistance in meeting daily expenses, which help supplement low social security payments or cover extraordinary medical bills. Beneficiaries include the homeless, those in need of medical treatment, and the handicapped who are unable to care for themselves. Unfortunately even for those who have some type of healthcare coverage, the loss of income is another setback in an already tragic situation. Their income from other sources is less than \$500 per month per family. Consequently a monthly grant of just \$250 can increase their income by 50%.

Imagine facing severe health crisis

Imagine not being able to work

Imagine the loss of all income

Imagine running out of options.

Polish Assistance helps needy persons
of Polish origin who run out of options.

Many are destitute - A father taking care of three young children as the mother lies in a coma after a car accident. A single mother with an autistic child whose disruptive behavior causes weekly hospital trips and landlords are forced to evict them. What prospects does an 80 year old woman have with no legs? Public assistance is simply not enough. Even a monthly check of \$25 to a homeless man in a shelter is a source of necessity and self-esteem.

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Please join us at our upcoming fundraising event

54th Annual



Saturday, February 18, 2012
Grand Ballroom, The Plaza Hotel
New York, New York

Ball Chairs

Mrs. Irena McLean Laks
Mrs. Danuta Plocienniczak

White Eagle Award Recipient

Mrs. Mariola Gorska Haggart

Guest of Honor

Mr. William J. Nareski, II

Polish Assistance needs your help

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Those who support Polish Assistance do not see the faces nor do they see the impact that these donations make on someone's life. But at Polish Assistance, helping those in need is a longstanding and honorable tradition. Since its inception in 1956, Polish Assistance has eased the lives of a great number of people. In the past five years we have distributed over \$200,000 in assistance. To accomplish this, Polish Assistance solicits donations through dues and a series of fundraising activities, such as the Bal Polonaise.



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

Fundraising

Due to the economic conditions, charitable contributions in the United States have declined. At the same time, the need for financial aid has increased dramatically. This is why we appeal to you to be even more generous by donating today and attending our upcoming fundraising events.

Bal Polonaise



Our major fundraiser is the magnificent Bal Polonaise at the Plaza Hotel's Grand Ballroom in New York City. Although the ball is an opportunity to socialize and celebrate friendships, more importantly, it is a major source of fundraising for Polish Assistance. There has been a recent surge in attendance among many young professionals who have an option to attend either the entire affair or after-dinner festivities only.

Those who support this worthy cause by attending the ball are truly of various backgrounds attracting not only the Polish society but making the ball one of

The 53rd Bal Polonaise 2011

The 53rd *Bal Polonaise* took place on February 26, 2011 at the Grand Ballroom of the Plaza Hotel in New York City. The attendees celebrated the Legacy of H.S.H. Princess Grace of Monaco, honorary member of Polish Assistance. H.S.H. Prince Albert II Sovereign of Monaco was the Honorary Chairman and Guest of Honor and was represented by his ambassador to the United States, H.E. Gilles Noghes.

H.S.H. Princess Grace opened the Ball in 1982 by leading off the dancing of the Polonaise with Dr. Robert J. Campbell only months before her tragic accident, almost 30 years ago.



*H.E. Gilles Noghes with 2011 Co-chairs:
Nina Mlodzinska de Rovira, Jadwiga Palade,
Cesare L. Santeramo, K.C.S.J., Wanda Wolinski
and Mariola Gorska-Hagggar.*

A sincere and heartfelt thank you to our supporters and volunteers and especially the committee who all contributed to make the 2011 Bal Polonaise such a successful event!



The Bal Polonaise is Polish Assistance's Main Fundraiser

Please support our fundraising efforts by attending, becoming a sponsor, placing an ad in the Souvenir Journal and/or donating to the raffle. Proceeds from the above will allow us to increase our assistance efforts to help change the lives of those in need.

- **Make your reservations now.** Invite your friends to join you at this spectacular event. Space is limited.
- **Become a sponsor.** Sponsors will receive special, prominent recognition. Corporations can increase their visibility and enhance their reputation with positive exposure to a prominent group of individuals while helping to change the lives of those in need.
- **Place an ad in the Souvenir Journal.** Advertise your business or recognize a friend with a special message.
- **Donate to the raffle.** Raffle prizes with names of donors will be prominently displayed. Raffle ticket buyers do not have to attend to win.
- **Make a donation.** If you are unable to attend, you can still support the cause by making a donation to Polish Assistance. During this holiday season, for those so hard to shop for, consider also making a donation in lieu of gift giving.

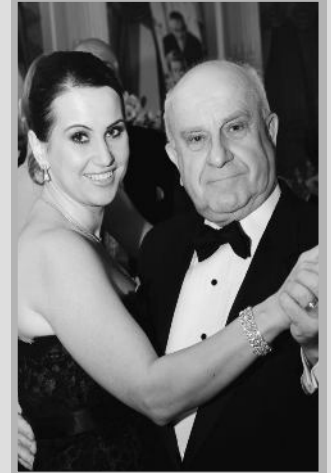
To participate, see enclosed reservation form or visit www.polishassistance.org. More details are available also by calling 212-570-6650 or by contacting: office@polishassistance.org.

On behalf of Polish Assistance,
We wish you Joyous Holiday Season

Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year

Wesołych Świąt
i
Nowego Roku!

The 53rd Bal Polonaise *continued*





*Things to be thankful for this holiday season:
 good health, food upon our table,
 a warm home for our family .
 Your support to make the same possible for the
 needy in our community*



Mission Statement
To provide financial assistance to needy persons of Polish origin; to assist such needy persons in adapting themselves to new economic and social conditions, and to help them to become better integrated in community life; to lend assistance to them in case of illness and distress and voluntarily to help them in any other possible way in case of need; to provide an information center to aid in the fulfillment of the foregoing purposes.



History



Polish Assistance was founded in 1956 by Count and Countess Jan Dembinski, together with the support of their friends: Aniela Mlynarska Rubinstein, her husband Maestro Artur Rubinstein and the cosmetics queen Helena Rubinstein. Initially, the activity of Polish Assistance consisted of small grants and loans to individuals in need. It proceeded to own and operate three homes in New Jersey for elderly Polish immigrants of limited means. Throughout the years, the Polish Assistance has helped the elderly heroes of WWII and those of the Warsaw Uprising. It also continues its involvement in many Polish causes. Under the aegis of the presidency of Teresa Sulimirski and subsequently Jadwiga Palade, the focus of Polish Assistance changed from providing group homes for elderly Poles to direct assistance for individuals.

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Polish President bestows state decorations

During his September visit in New York City, President Komorowski bestowed state decorations on 27 distinguished persons. The medals were presented to those who rendered great service to the Polish-American cooperation in science, culture, business and politics, as well as their contribution to the Polish-Jewish dialogue.

Among the decorated were: Wojciech Wołyński awarded with the Commander's Cross of the Order of Polonia Restituta, Józef Pindela Emisarski – awarded the Commander's Cross of the Order of Polonia Restituta (posthumously), Professor Piotr Chełkowski and Professor John Micgiel - the Commander's Crosses of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland, Dr David Marvell, Dr David Brożyna, Dr. Krzysztof Palczewski, Jerzy Włodarczyk, John Darnton Stanisław Trojanowski, Luna Kaufman- awarded the Knight's Crosses of the Order of Merit, Andrzej Wasilewicz and Dariusz Knapik – awarded Gold Crosses of Merit, Reverend Thomas Machalski, Alex Storożyński, Piotr Chomczyński, Professor Antony Polonsky – awarded the Officer's Crosses of the Order of Merit.

Polish Assistance congratulates all honorees and gives a special recognition to Luna Kaufman, Dariusz Knapik and Alex Strozynski who are fervent supporters of Polish Assistance



Junior Committee

involve young professionals and students in Polish Assistance fundraising activities. Monika Plocienniczak and Russell Skibicki, among others, have become regulars at the Bal Polonaise. The after dinner dancing attendance which is traditionally attended by young professionals and students reached over 40 attendees at the last ball. Many attend dinner festivities as well.

And today we are pleased to announce that the committee is welcoming its newest member, Leah Marie Dembinski, who is a great-granddaughter of our founder, Maria Dembinski.



Thank you

We are very grateful for your support through membership, contributions or advertising at one of our fundraisers during 2010-2011.

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

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Telephone: _____

Polish Assistance Membership Categories:

Benefactor	\$1,000 and more
Sponsor	\$500 to \$999
Patron	\$100 to \$499
Donor	\$ 50 to \$ 99
Supporting Member	\$ 45
Student Member	\$ 25

We thank you in advance for your generosity.

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

Polish Assistance, Inc.,
15 East 65th Street,
New York, NY 10065

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attn: FOIL Officer,
120 Broadway, New York, New York 10271

The 54th Annual Bal Polonaise

February 18, 2012
The Plaza Hotel Grand Ballroom
New York, New York

Our organization has always tried to adjust our assistance to the changing social, economic and political situations and to be there where our help is needed most. As a member of our organization or a contributor to our cause, your donations are the mainstay of our ability to help those in need. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Name _____

Corporate Name (if applicable) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

_____ Bal Polonaise Tickets @ \$375 (includes dinner and dancing)
\$395 per ticket if payment received after February 6, 2012 \$ _____

_____ After Dinner Dancing Only @ \$100 \$ _____

I cannot attend, but enclosed is my contribution of \$ _____

I would like to place an ad(s) in the Souvenir Journal
Advertising Rates:

___ Corporate Full Page (7.5"x10")\$500
___ Personal Full Page (7.5"x10")\$300
___ Half Page (4.75"x 7.5") \$175
___ Quarter Page (5.5"x 4.75")\$100 \$ _____

Membership \$ _____

Please contact me about sponsorship opportunities

I am interested in donating item(s) to the raffle

TOTAL \$ _____

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Advertising in the Souvenir Journal: Please include your message below or send your ad to:
office@polishassistance.org or fax to: 212-570-5561.

If you have any questions please contact: tel. 212-570-5560. Deadline for copy: January 26, 2012

Message:

Please use this space to tell us who you would like to be seated with and list any other individuals and their addresses that you would like us to send an invitation to.

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