

UKRAINIAN CANADIAN CONGRESS - ALBERTA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL  
КОНГРЕС УКРАЇНЦІВ КАНАДИ - ПРОВІНЦІЙНА РАДА АЛЬБЕРТИ

PRESENTS



*Hetman  
Leadership Awards  
2024*

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**ГЕТЬМАНСЬКІ  
НАГОРОДИ**

**&**

**Ukrainian Crisis  
Humanitarian Aid Award**

Sunday, November 10, 2024  
Ukrainian Youth Unity Complex  
9615 - 153 Avenue, Edmonton

# Program



# Програма

2:00 PM – 5:30 PM

**Reception & Silent Auction Bidding | Прийом та тихий аукціон**

**Opening | Урочисте відкриття**

**Masters of Ceremonies:** Alyssa Stoddard and Alex Taraiev |

**Ведучі:** Алісса Стоддарт та Олександр Тараєв

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Canadian & Ukrainian National Anthems:** Yavir Ukrainian Male Chorus of Edmonton |

**Виконання гімнів Канади та України:** Український чоловічий хор «Явір» м. Едмонтон

**Moment of Silence | Хвилина мовчання**

**Welcome:** Orysia Boychuk, Ukrainian Canadian Congress-Alberta Provincial Council President |

**Вітання:** Орісія Бойчук, Президент Конгресу Українців Канади – Провінційна Рада Альберти

**Greetings from UCC:** Alexandra Chyczij, President, Ukrainian Canadian Congress (UCC) |

**Вітання від КУК:** Олександра Хичій, Президент Конгресу Українців Канади (КУК)

**Opening Prayer | Молитва**

**Lunch | Обід**

**Greetings from the Government of Canada:** Heather McPherson, NDP MP for Edmonton Strathcona

**Greetings from the Government of Alberta:** Honourable Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk, Parliamentary Secretary for Settlement Services and Ukrainian Evacuees

**Greetings from the Government of Ukraine:** Oleksandr Danyleiko, Consul General of Ukraine in Edmonton

**Greetings from the Legislative Assembly of Alberta:** Sarah Hoffman, NDP MLA for Edmonton-Glenora.

**Performance:** Dunai Ukrainian Dancers | Українські танцюристи «Дунай»

**Silent Auction Bidding | Тихий аукціон**

**Awards Presentation | Вручення нагород**

- Outstanding Leadership | Гетьманські Лідери
- Outstanding Youth Leaders | Молоді Лідери
- Exemplary Volunteers | Надзвичайні Волонтери
- Professional Achievement | Професійні Досягнення

**Performance:** Gerdan Theatre | Фольклорний Театр «Гердан»

**Final Silent Auction Bidding | Останній етап тихого аукціону**

**Awards Presentation:** Ukrainian Crisis Humanitarian Aid

**Performance:** Ukrainian Shumka Dancers | Танцювальний ансамбль «Шумка»

**Closing | Закриття**



*Dear Honoured Guests, Award Recipients, and Friends,*

Від імені Конгресу Українців Канади – Провінційна Рада Альберти (КУК-ПРА), сьогодні я маю честь відзначити членів нашої громади, які зробили вагомий внесок у розвиток нашої провінції Альберта та продовжують сприяти її процвітанняю.

It is with great pride and heartfelt gratitude that we welcome you to the 26th Annual Hetman Awards Celebration. This year holds special significance as we also celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress – Alberta Provincial Council (UCC-APC).

For half a century, the UCC-APC has served as a pillar of strength for our Ukrainian Canadian community, fostering unity, cultural preservation, and meaningful change. Today, we honour not only our award recipients but also the many individuals who have built this remarkable organization over the past five decades.

Since its inception, the Hetman Awards have recognized individuals whose leadership, volunteerism, and achievements have ensured the strength and vitality of our community. This year, we are also awarding the Ukraine Crisis – Humanitarian Aid Award, to acknowledge those who have provided vital support in response to the ongoing crisis caused by the invasion of Ukraine. Your compassion and leadership during these difficult times embody the very best of our community's values.

Ми щиро дякуємо кожному за внесок у розвиток нашої громади впродовж років. Завдяки вашим зусиллям — лідерським, волонтерським, професійним чи молодіжним — наша спільнота залишається сильною, єдиною та продовжує зростати.

Ваша відданість і праця надихають нас. Ви — наша гордість, і ми щиро вами пишаємося!

*With warmest regards and deepest appreciation,*

*Orysia Boychuk*

*O. Boychuk*





November 10, 2024

Слава Ісусу Христу!  
Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Dear Friends:

A warm welcome to all guests, Hetman Award recipients, and their families!

The Hetman Awards provide us with an opportunity to celebrate, with humility, but also with great pride, the enormous contribution that Ukrainians have made in building up this great nation of ours!

How beautiful is the family of our Ukrainian Canadian Community, united in faith, culture and heritage. And how wonderful it is for us a family to celebrate those in our midst who have gone beyond the call of duty in service and volunteerism. Congratulations and a special thanks to this year's Hetman Awards recipients! Truly our family is blessed!

Let us pray that God's grace and love fills the hearts of all families in their role in evangelization, and brings joy and peace to all people.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. David Motiuk  
Eparchial Bishop



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
ALBERTA

Honourable Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk, ECA

Parliamentary Secretary for Settlement Services and Ukrainian Evacuees  
Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville, MLA

## MESSAGE FROM MLA JACKIE ARMSTRONG-HOMENIUK, PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY OF SETTLEMENT SERVICES AND UKRAINIAN EVACUEES

As the Parliamentary Secretary of Settlement Services and Ukrainian Evacuees, it is my honour to congratulate all the Hetman Awards recipients on this important recognition. Preserving our vibrant Ukrainian culture and community takes time, effort, and dedication, which is exemplified by each individual receiving this award. I want to thank them for their selfless commitment to fostering community, sharing their heritage, and providing a welcoming environment for newcomers and settlers alike. It is because of the selfless efforts of so many individuals that Ukrainian culture and community continue to thrive within Alberta.

The Ukrainian community has played an invaluable role in shaping the cultural and social fabric of Alberta. Whether through the early pioneers who laid down roots in our rural areas or the dynamic influence seen in our urban centres, Ukrainian heritage has enriched the life of our province in countless ways. Today, we continue to witness this legacy as recent Ukrainian newcomers find hope and opportunity here in Alberta, further strengthening our bonds as a province.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Ukrainian Canadian Congress - Alberta Provincial Council for their tireless work in promoting Ukrainian culture and supporting both established and new members of the Ukrainian community. Your dedication over the past 50 years has fostered a sense of belonging, cooperation, and resilience that benefits all Albertans.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to the people of Alberta and for all that you do to contribute to the harmony, peace, and prosperity of our province. Congratulations on your 50th anniversary and to all the recipients of the Hetman Awards.

Best wishes to everyone thank you all for being here to celebrate with us!

Sincerely,

Honourable Jackie Armstrong-Homeniuk, ECA

Parliamentary Secretary for Settlement Services and Ukrainian Evacuees  
MLA for Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville





### Дорогі члени КУК Альберти!

Від імені Генерального консульства України в Едмонтоні вітаю керівництво і усіх членів Провінційної Ради Альберти Конгресу Українців Канади із 50-ти річчям заснування!

За роки своєї діяльності КУК Альберти зробив велику роботу у згуртуванні українців провінції, виховав не одне покоління патріотів України, примножив традиції організації, які були закладені в її основу 50 років тому.

Сьогодні КУК Альберти – це потужний голос у відстоюванні інтересів українців провінції, важливий центр збереження української ідентичності, історичної і культурної спадщини українського народу, об'єднавчий осередок української громади Альберти.

Особливо хочу подякувати КУК Альберти за неоціненну потужну підтримку України в її боротьбі проти російської агресії і допомогу десяткам тисяч українців, які прибули до провінції з початку повномасштабної російської війни.

В єдності наша сила! Тільки разом ми здолаємо будь які труднощі і переможемо наших ворогів.

Вітаю з Ювілеєм! Бажаю успішної і плідної роботи на Конференції, присвяченій цій визначній події!

Слава Україні!

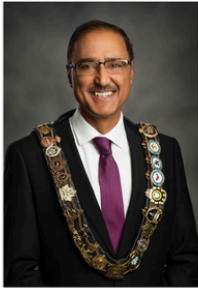
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Олександр Данилейко





# Message from His Worship Mayor Amarjeet Sohi



On behalf of City Council and the people of Edmonton, welcome to the annual Hetman Awards Banquet.

These awards honour the contributions and achievements of volunteers who work tirelessly to enhance Alberta's Ukrainian-Canadian community. Alberta has been home to Ukrainian settlers since the late 19th century, and are proudly an integral part of our cultural fabric today.

This year's awards are all the more meaningful due to the ongoing crisis in Ukraine. I'm pleased to see the introduction of the "Ukraine Crisis Humanitarian Aid Award" to recognize and appreciate the individuals who have been instrumental in helping Ukrainian newcomers settle in Alberta during this difficult time.

I thank everyone from the Ukrainian Canadian Congress - Alberta Provincial Council for organizing this event every year. I also want to express my gratitude to this year's award recipients. Your passion and enthusiasm for volunteerism helps foster relationships between our two countries, and directly contributes to our reputation as a diverse and vibrant city.

*A. Sohi*

**Amarjeet Sohi**

**MAYOR, CITY OF EDMONTON**





## A Message from Mayor Jyoti Gondek

On behalf of my City Council colleagues and all Calgarians, welcome to the Annual Hetman Awards, celebrating the significant volunteer and professional contributions of outstanding Ukrainian Albertans!

A sincere and heartfelt thank you to all the deserving award nominees and recipients. Our communities are stronger because of your innovative ideas, tireless work, and commitment to making positive change. We value your gifts of time, effort, and expertise, freely given to uphold and share your deep traditions.



Ukrainian heritage and culture continue to enrich our communities. We are grateful for the incredible and ongoing achievements of both long-time Ukrainian Albertans, and those who are newcomers to our province. Thank you to UCC-Alberta Provincial Council for your vision to encourage and recognize Ukrainian Albertans through the Hetman Awards.

Slava Ukraini!

Sincerely,

Jyoti Gondek  
Mayor of Calgary





10 листопада, 2024 р.

Пані Оріся Бойчук  
Президент Провінційної Ради Альберти  
Конгресу Українців Канади  
Едмонтон, Альберта



**Привітання з нагоди 26-ліття нагородження щорічних премій  
"Гетьманські Нагороди"**

Вельмишановна пані Бойчук та отримувачі нагород,

Від імені Конгресу Українців Канади та від мене особисто прийміть наші найщиріші вітання з нагоди отримання Вами щорічних премій "Гетьманські Нагороди", які присвячені вшануванню всіх волонтерів, які обрали віддати свій час та зусилля для збереження сили та активності української канадської спільноти в Альберті.

Ваша багатолітня праця є потужним джерелом натхнення для нашої молоді та всіх нас, доказом любові до української спадщини, її історії, традицій та українського народу.

Низький Вам уклін та глибока подяка за Вашу відданість громаді, провідницьку діяльність та невтомну працю. Бажаємо Вам міцного здоров'я, достатку, миру, щастя і довгих, многих літ!

З повагою та найщирішими побажаннями,

**Конгрес Українців Канади**

Олександра Хичій  
Президент

# Outstanding Leadership Award

*Arlene Kryschuk | Олена Кришук*



Arlene Kryschuk is a dynamic leader whose innovative approaches have significantly impacted various organizations in Ukrainian community and beyond. Since 2020, as Treasurer of the Parent Committee for the Kursy Ukrainoznavstva, she has streamlined financial processes by digitizing reconciliation documents, enhancing transparency, and reducing audit times. Arlene's leadership extended to include hands-on involvement in various projects, as she has spent hundreds of hours volunteering at Kursy and on the board of directors.

Arlene's cultural programming efforts as Komandantka at Plast Senior Ukrainian Scouting Camp brought enriching experiences to campers by incorporating performances from Ukrainian artists, fostering a deeper connection to their heritage.

At Camp Bar-V-Nok, Arlene's leadership extended beyond financial management to include hands-on involvement in grounds maintenance and volunteer coordination. Her event management skills were highlighted by a successful dance and silent auction fundraiser, raising over \$5000 for the 4 KURS tour to Europe. Her innovative ideas and ability to inspire and motivate others have consistently driven successful outcomes, making her a valuable asset to every organization she serves.

*Dr. Elaine Harasymiw | Д-р Олена Харасимів*

Dr. Harasymiw actively served in a broad range of organizations promoting the church, arts, education, women's issues, cultural heritage, and well-being. She made major contributions as an executive member to Ukrainian Self-Reliance League of Canada (USRL) family of organizations principally the local branch, provincial and national Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada (UWAC) and the Ukrainian Museum of Canada (UMC).



As an active executive member of the UWAC, St. John's Branch since 1971, Dr. Harasymiw held numerous leadership roles including that of President for a four-year term; and incoming executive members value her mentorship. She put the organization on a sound financial footing by managing casino events since 2006.

As the President of the Ukrainian Museum of Canada, Alberta Branch, Dr. Harasymiw's latest accomplishment has been to head up a committee which managed the museum's \$134,000 expansion, renovation and modernization. She spearheaded this tribute to the women who opened the museum in 1944, by building the collection, promoting the museum, and educating the public through numerous exhibits and events.

## *Ihor Kryz | Irop Kjuco*



Since immigrating to Canada in 1990, Ihor has dedicated himself to strengthening Ukraine's democracy and serving the Ukrainian community in Canada. After involving himself in the community as a volunteer and member of the League of Ukrainian Canadians, he took on the various executive positions including Secretary, Vice President and President of the organization. Meanwhile, Ihor stretched his wings in serving as a director on the Board of the Ukrainian Youth Unity Complex, including several years as Vice President, and Treasurer of

both the Alberta Foundation of Ukrainian Education Society and Alberta Ukrainian Media Association. Ihor created educational materials for Holodomor Education and support in the twinning of Alberta and the Ivano-Frankivsk region. His work in coordinating visits of numerous guest speakers from abroad has allowed for Albertans to learn from experts on history and current affairs in Ukraine. This mobilized political action of community members to acknowledge and educate about Holodomor, support publication and dissemination of books on Ukrainian history topics, expose disinformation campaigns against the Ukrainian community, and support fundraising for Ukraine during today's war. Ihor has been an excellent role model as a dedicated multi faceted leader, volunteer and positive encourager on all boards and committees he's been a part of – truly a tireless builder of our community and for a democratic Ukraine.

## *Orest Fitzowich | Opecm Piyobir*

As third generation, Orest dedicates his time and philanthropy work for the Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Parish of Calmar as President and Treasurer, Trustee for Thorsby St. Peter and St. Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Cemetery, Director for St. John's Fraternal Society, and Member of St John's Institute.

He goes above and beyond by writing historical narratives or newsletters, assisting families with funerals/burials, serving as Parish representative at Parochial District Meetings. Orest is also the main contact and planner for church building, yard and cemetery maintenance at two locations. Orest demonstrated dedication to improving the Calmar community with leading roles on the Calmar & District Recreation Board, Calmar Curling Club, Calmar Arena Artificial Ice Committee, Kinsmen Club of Calmar, and Leduc & District Crime Stoppers Board.

In addition to Teacher, Vice-Principal and Acting Principal of Calmar School, Orest encouraged students to keep up their Ukrainian heritage and greatly contributed to extra-curricular activities; organizing fundraising for the school's sports programs; taking initiative to create the PTA; entering students in the ASAA Curling Zone Playdowns for 8 years, earning several awards; and was Grad Advisor and Student's Union Advisor for 25 years. He is well-respected and appreciated by many for his accomplishments, leadership and helping others.





## *Vivian Skakun | Вів'єн Скакун*

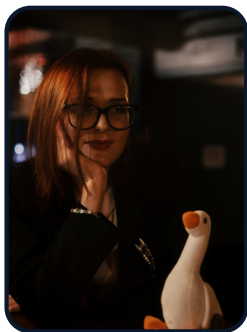
Vivian Skakun dedicated 25 years advocating for persons with disabilities; 48 years in various capacities on Western Eparchy Council, St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Sobor Parish Sustainability Committee, Ladies Auxiliary, Provincial and National Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada (UWAC).

As Gateway Association for the Mentally Handicapped Education Chair Vivian advocated for change to the Premier, Education Minister, and Social Services Minister, Alberta Human Rights Commission, Public School Trustee chair; published papers, contributed to the removal of the "noneducable clause" (Bill 27, 1988) from the school act and promoted a vision of inclusive education.

Vivian wears the Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada (UWAC) Smoloskyp (torch) with pride as it represents the love of her heritage. She authored 60 articles for UWAC magazine Promin. When writing 25-years History (1976-2001) of the UWAC Provincial, Vivian realized the importance of archives and arranged for an Archives Workshop for the Provincial UWAC Biennial Convention (2018). The acceptance of an Archives resolution she submitted to 2019 National UWAC Biennial Convention, resulted in an UWAC archives convener dedicating time to managing UWAC archives.

Vivian demonstrates great qualities of leadership, commitment, and the ability to work with and involve others. She is a dedicated leader working for the greater good of the community.

## *Outstanding Youth Leader*



## *Inna Ivchenko | Інна Івченко*

Inna Ivchenko demonstrated her leadership capabilities while still a high school student in Ukraine. She served as President of her Student Council and participated in theatre, which she continued to do in her university years. In 2019, after her arrival in Canada, she joined the theatrical group "Suzirya", first as an actor and became Artistic Director the following year. Among her productions, some of her works were compositions of Taras Shevchenko, Lesia Ukrayinka, and Mykhailo Starytsky. Thanks to her leadership, this theatre is thriving with almost 20 active actors and is popularizing Ukrainian culture in Canada.

Since December 3, 2022, Inna revived and has headed the Ukrainian National Youth Federation (UNYF) in Edmonton. Under her leadership UNYF actively supports Ukrainian culture, helps initiate new projects, and organizes rallies in support of Ukraine. In 2024, she headed the Arts and Culture Exhibit for the Ukrainian Pavilion for Edmonton's Heritage Days.

Inna has also played a leading role in organizing concerts for Ukrainian artists in Canada and arranged screenings of films from Ukraine. This not only helps in the retention of Ukrainian culture but enriches cultural exchanges between Canada and Ukraine. She is also one of the founders of the Summer Youth Camp "Hart", which combines the teaching of Ukrainian history with the development of leadership qualities and physical endurance. The camp offers workshops, lessons, self-defence training and various outdoor activities that lead to the all-round development of individuals.

## *Marko Boychuk | Марко Бойчук*

Marko Boychuk stands out as an exemplary youth leader, having significantly contributed to the Ukrainian community through his roles in the Verkhovyna Ukrainian Song & Dance Ensemble and the Ukrainian Youth Association (CYM) - Edmonton Branch. Since 2016, Marko has demonstrated exceptional leadership, starting as a webmaster for the Verkhovyna Ensemble and rising to the position of president by 2021. Under his presidency, Marko initiated the creation of a comprehensive "Policy and Procedures" manual, which amalgamates decades of knowledge and best practices to ensure a smoother transition for future leaders.



Marko's vision and strategic planning are evident in his organization of the Dunai Ukrainian Dancers' 50th Anniversary Tour, set to perform in Montenegro, Croatia, and Bosnia in July 2024.

His leadership extends to CYM Edmonton, where he served as Membership Director from 2018 to 2023. Marko organized annual Christmas caroling events, fostering community spirit and raising funds for youth programs. As the Summer Camp Chair in 2022-2023, he coordinated a camp at Pigeon Lake for 100 children, including newcomers fleeing the war in Ukraine.

Marko has volunteered with Alberta Kontakt for years, dedicating countless hours to filming, editing, and anchoring various events in the Ukrainian community in Edmonton and surrounding areas. His efforts have been instrumental in promoting and preserving our cultural heritage.

# Exemplary Volunteer Award

*Mary Zalucky | Маруся Залуцька*

Mary Zalucky can recognize a need and is committed to getting things done which has led to a lifetime of volunteer activities. She currently devotes her time to various community organizations throughout the Edmonton Region.

Mary attended a Ukrainian school (Ridna Shkola) and took part as an active member of the Ukrainian National Youth Federation (UNYF), UWO and UNUF.

Mary was elected to the UWO Executive numerous times, and became the Treasurer and then President. She regularly organized, for members, Grey Cup parties; and made group trips to Banff, Jasper, and Las Vegas. Mary was also a member of the Auditing Committee for many years.

Mary and her husband Leo were the one of the first who financed to UNF building and helped with renovation. It became the home for many immigrants from different generations.

Her volunteer accomplishments made and continue to make a significant difference in the lives of many in the community.



*Symen Kostiuk | Семен Костюк*

Symen Kostiuk is a founding member of the Ukrainian Zustrzech Society which was established in Mundare in 1996 to link members of the Ukrainian community. When Russia first invaded Ukraine in 2014, Zustrzech, with Symen's initiative, helped organize a variety of Ukrainian events in and around Kalyna County and assisted in organizing a variety of fundraising events to send non-lethal weapons and medical supplies and to volunteer battalions in Ukraine, and assisted in sponsoring medical personnel from Ukraine to visit medical facilities in Alberta, shadow Canadian doctors and raise money for medical supplies.

Since 2016 he has also served as Vice President for the Alberta Foundation for Ukrainian Education Society (AFUES), which supports the development of Ukrainian language education to promote cultural identity in Canada.

Symen is also an accomplished singer and musician and has performed with several choirs. Since 1985, he has been a member of the Ukrainian Male Chorus (Yavir) and has served on the executive organizing concerts locally and abroad. From 2008-2023 Symen has also been a member of Viter Folk Choir, serving both as chorister and musical accompanist. From 2017 he has also been a member of the Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus of North America where he participated in many projects and live performances.

## *Timko Basaraba | Тимко Басараба*

Timko's deep-rooted commitment to the community service has been instilled in him at a young age. Starting as a young educator in CYM, Timko quickly became a leader in the organization, dedicating years to shaping the experiences of youth at weekly gatherings and camps. Timko's dedication continued as he transitioned into vital logistical roles, taking charge of the smooth operation of camps and all events. His role in organizing and supplying our camps nationwide since 2009 has provided significant support to event organizers, ensuring the success of all events that Timko had been a part of.



In 2023, Timko's leadership journey expanded when he assumed the role of Parent Committee Chair at CYM. His vision for enhancing parent involvement and fostering a supportive environment has been instrumental. His proactive approach and genuine interest in others' goals have led to effective recruitment and motivation of volunteers.

Beyond CYM, Timko's contributions reflect his unwavering commitment to the broader community.

## *Professional Achievement Award*



## *Darka Tarnawsky | Дарка Тарнавська*

While Darka Tarnawsky is known for her exemplary initiative and work as founder of Bottom Line Productions and Executive Director of the Ukrainian Shumka Dancers.

Darka has never shied away from bringing her professional expertise to volunteer and help community activities be successful. As Executive Director of Shumka and President of Bottom Line, there were never 9 to 5 hours or a 5-day week. And yet on top of that commitment, Darka successfully undertakes numerous volunteer projects.

As Chair of Aid for Artists, under the auspices of the Canada Ukrainian Foundation, they very quickly raised \$200,000 to support the arts and artists of Ukraine, and funds continue to be raised.

Sviato 25, the Sherwood Park bilingual program, ACUA, AUDA, and many other organizations have experienced success due to Darka's tenacity and hard work. These organizations and the community have benefited from Darka's knowledge and contacts. Highly respected in the broader community, her activities within the Ukrainian community gain attention because of her reputation and leadership.

*Dr. Natalia Khanenko-Friesen |*

*Д-р Наталія Ханенко-Фрізен*



Dr. Khanenko-Friesen, as the director of the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies and as a community-engaged scholar, has been closely working with ASAUS and other community and scholarly organizations in Alberta, across Canada, and worldwide. In addition to her role as the director of the Canadian Institute of Ukrainian Studies, her work as a cultural anthropologist is characterized as groundbreaking by the scholarly community and presented in numerous publications.

One of her recent projects involves interviewing newcomers from Ukraine on campus and across Canada who were displaced by Russia's invasion of that country.

She was instrumental in initiating the University of Alberta's rapid response to the war, providing financial means, and raising awareness and support for units across campus to support disrupted students and scholars from Ukraine. Another key project led by Dr. Khanenko-Friesen, to house and protect critical research documents against cyber attack and destruction, is another testament to her ongoing dedication to fostering and protecting our Ukrainian community's cultural and intellectual heritage.

*Maryna Chernyavska | Марина Чернявська*



Maryna Chernyavska's over a decade-long tenure at the Peter and Doris Kule Centre for Ukrainian and Canadian Folklore (KuFC) reflects her dedication and creativity, which significantly contributed to the Centre's strategic priorities and the needs of the Ukrainian-Canadian community. As a long-term archivist at the Bohdan Medwidsky Ukrainian Folklore Archives (BMUFA), she implemented archival standards through essential policies, digitization efforts, and preservation of analog and digital materials. Collaborating with UCC-APC, archivists, and volunteers, she played a crucial role in rescuing the archival collections of the Ukrainian Canadian Archives and Museum of Alberta.

Her initiatives, such as the Sustainable Ukrainian Canadian Heritage program and the Indigenous Ukrainian Relationship Initiative, have also made lasting impacts on academic and broader communities.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Maryna maintained KuFC's high service standards, organized webinars, and a major online event for community archivists. In response to Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, she was instrumental in the U-ART initiative, run by KuFC, CIUS, and KIAS, facilitating secure data storage for endangered Ukrainian cultural heritage. She also helped archive numerous eyewitness reports through the Writing from the War project.



# *Ukrainian Crisis Humanitarian Aid Award*

The Ukraine Crisis Humanitarian Aid Award recognizes extraordinary Albertans whose volunteer efforts have contributed to the well-being of displaced Ukrainians in Alberta or supported humanitarian aid for Ukrainians in Ukraine impacted by the war. This is a special award due to the extraordinary crisis in Ukraine because of the Russian war on Ukraine.

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**William Brese**  
**Вільям Бріз**

Bill has supported newcomers by using his network of friends, church and community to find furniture and household items that would otherwise have been donated or discarded, and coordinated with Catholic Social Services to connect newly arrived or arriving Ukrainian families that need furniture in their rental apartments.



**Yevhen Burlaka**  
**Євген Бурлака**

From the first day of the aggressive invasion of Ukraine, Yevhen helped collect and send medical supplies, military equipment, and other necessary items to Ukraine, and with UNYF he has carried rallies for support, fundraising concerts and events for the Ukrainian Armed Forces and humanitarian organizations.



**Olena Danyleiko**  
**Олена Данилейко**

Olena has been instrumental in supporting displaced Ukrainian newcomers through drama and dance at the "Dzherelo" theater studio under the Olha Basarab UWO, where she volunteers with children and teachers. She led projects like fundraising through cookie sales for newborns in Ukraine and organized a cultural charity evening. Active at events like the Heritage Festival, Olena's efforts show her commitment to Ukraine's future and the Ukrainian community in Canada.



# *Ukrainian Crisis Humanitarian Aid Award*

**Diana Kotsyuba**  
**Діана Коцюба**

Diana has strengthened Edmonton's Ukrainian community by organizing rallies for Ukraine, volunteering at Ukrainian schools and events, and enhancing communication through a bilingual website, newsletter, and social media for the Ukrainian National Youth Federation (UNYF).



**Christine Kuzyk**  
**Христина Кузик**

Christine developed an English language program in Calgary that helped nearly 6,000 Ukrainian evacuees acquire basic skills. She also organized summer camps, art therapy, and mental health initiatives at Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church.



**Eugenia Leskiw**  
**Євгенія Лєськів**

Eugenia's volunteer duties included collecting household items and clothes and delivering them to Ukrainian families, supporting with Ukraine – English translation, funded to send Ukrainian evacuees kids for free to Kyiv's-K-H Ukrainian camp.



**Dr. Oleksandr Pavlenko**  
**Д-р Олександр Павленко**

Dr. Pavlenko and his team supplied hospitals in Ukraine with high-tech medical equipment, which helped reduce mortality when treating wounded patients. Currently, Dr. Pavlenko is training local doctors to deal with PTSD disorders for the wounded Ukrainian soldiers.



# *Ukrainian Crisis Humanitarian Aid Award*

**Carol Slukynski**  
**Керол Слукінски**

Carol, co-founder of Hosting Ukrainians in Fort Saskatchewan, has helped over 500 Ukrainian families with housing, jobs, language classes, and mental health support, raising over \$65,000. She also organized cultural events and volunteer efforts to provide essential supplies for newcomers.



**John Stadnyk**  
**Іван Стадник**

John has fostered a relationship between Tryzub and the Ukraine Nightingale Project (UNP) and through his stewardship, the organizations have raised over \$150,000 in support of resettlement of Ukrainian Families displaced by war in Ukraine.



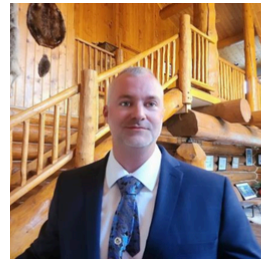
**Vegreville and Area  
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VSWU supports Ukrainians by assisting newcomers obtaining health insurance, government assistance, social security numbers, opening bank accounts and more. They financially assisted over 120 newcomers, since March 2022, having raised \$120,000 to offer support in their settlement.



**Kristopher Yarish**  
**Крістофер Яріш**

Kristopher has significantly supported newly arrived Ukrainians by securing employment for seven individuals at an oil site despite language barriers, organizing a children's tubing event, donating to a Ukrainian school, and raising \$5,000 through a golf tournament.





# Hetman Awards

The Hetman Awards were established by the Ukrainian Canadian Congress - Alberta Provincial Council in 1998 to recognize significant volunteer achievements of outstanding Ukrainian Albertans. The Annual Hetman Awards are dedicated to the celebration of all volunteers who have chosen to give their time, effort and expertise in order to keep our Ukrainian Canadian community in Alberta strong, vibrant and active.

Each recipient is recognized symbolically in the name of Ukraine's Hetmans, who were outstanding leaders that fought for generations for their country's independence and cultural preservation.

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