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Dear Friends,

The time has come for the Council to make its annual appeal for your continued financial support for the Polish Studies at the University of Toronto.

Polish language skills are becoming ever more significant to Canadian youth as the Polish economy expands and opens itself to foreign investment. Poland is also assuming a far more significant role in European affairs which engenders greater pride and interest in Polish Language studies at the university level.

The Polish Studies Fund, invested by the University, is currently valued at about \$417,000. That total aggregates funds raised by the *Council* and donations in the *Roman Wrzesnewskij Polish Endowment Fund*, *Adam Mickiewicz Foundation Fund* and the *Veterans of the Second Corps of the Eighth British Army Fund*. This success represents a tremendous step and commitment towards our goal of ensuring the Polish Studies Program and courses will be supported in perpetuity.

Over time, the Polish Studies language programs at the University need to become fully funded and self-sufficient. The goal of the Council is to continue to support elementary, intermediate and advanced Polish language courses.

The Polish Language and Literature Program has its own web pages within the Department of Slavic Languages on the University website. We encourage you to visit that site, and get information about the vibrant activities carried out by Professor Tamara Trojanowska and Dr. Łukasz Wodzinski and their associates. You may easily access those pages under "Links" on the Council's website.

The Council has asked that I take over as Acting Chair, while Maciej (Mark) Zaremba will continue as Treasurer and I am asking for your financial support for our goal. All donations are welcome. There are many ways of giving. One way is to fill out the enclosed card and mail it with a cheque, another is to pay via credit card. For those who might consider giving securities, life insurance proceeds or bequests, please visit our website. Receipts for income tax purposes will be issued for all donations.

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