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# ExpresSVI

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## Merry Christmas! Веселого Різдва!



Нехай народження малого Ісуса та початок Нового Року принесуть Вам радість нового життя та успіхів у всіх Ваших особистих та спільних справах.

May the birth of baby Jesus and the start of a new year bring the joys of new life and success in your personal and community endeavours.

**Warm wishes for the Christmas season from the board of directors and administration of SVI.**

## St. Vladimir Institute welcomes a new Board of Directors and Executive Committee

In a "first" for the Institute, 63 members attended our December 6 Annual General Meeting virtually. All required business was conducted online, including the election of new board members. At a subsequent board meeting, the executive committee for 2020-21 was elected.

**President:** Alla Shklar  
**Treasurer:** Michael Kalimin

Gerry Fedchun  
Ivan Franko  
Gregory Hamara  
Adrienne Hordienko Hewryk

**Vice President:** Tania Washchuk  
**Secretary:** Mark Olynyk

Mark Mykytiuk  
Halyna Perun  
Adam Shipowick  
J.W. (Bill) Strus  
Maxim Tarnawsky

# A new strategic plan charts the course for SVI

The 2019-20 Board met in a series of Saturday morning online visioning meetings and further strategic planning sessions this year to set the direction of St. Vladimir Institute for the next five years.

## STRATEGIC PLAN 2020-25

### Mission statement

To be a Canadian centre of excellence and innovation by promoting, educating and nurturing all aspects of Ukrainian culture and intellectual heritage, and to strengthen the identity and community of individuals of Ukrainian descent.

### Vision statement

To be recognized as a hub of Ukrainian community activities and a leading Canadian and International resource centre for teaching, learning and advancing Ukrainian and Ukrainian Canadian culture.

### Strengthen our financial position

#### Goal:

- To create a self-sustaining business model

#### Outcomes:

- Ensure continuity for successive board members
- Annual planning process
- Create a staffing model
- Maximize rental income
- Grow donor base (alumni, members)
- Create an endowment fund
- Capital improvement fund
- Maximize return on investments
- Fundraising strategy

### Refine our residence model

#### Goal:

- To be self-sustaining, in demand, and fully occupied

#### Outcomes:

- Self-sustaining, revenues cover expenses and improvements
- Separate, secure space apart from tenants
- Appeal to students, visiting scholars with full amenities

### Engage with our community

#### Goal:

- To engage with local communities, Ukrainian Canadian organizations and other organizations in Ukraine
- To increase visibility, engagement and membership

#### Outcomes:

- Attract marquee, high-profile tenants
- Usage of facilities by academics and academic institutions
- Awareness of SVI in local and Ukrainian Canadian communities
- Appreciation of needs for community
- Grow membership and participation
- Recognized as multi-denominational, diverse and inclusive centre

## Modernize our facility

### Goal:

- To update and modernize the facilities in order to meet the needs of student residents, tenants, partners and the Ukrainian Canadian and local communities.

### Outcomes:

- Engagement with SVI and community at large
- To have a contemporary, welcoming facility that is in demand
- To facilitate traffic for partners/tenants

## Enhance cultural programming

### Goal:

- To provide engaging programming for a diverse audience
- To develop and coordinate programming with partners and external organizations

### Outcomes:

- Build excitement, maximize attendance
  - Variety and balance of program types
  - Connect with Ukrainian and non-Ukrainian groups
  - Support from Ukrainian media
  - Understand ROI of programs
  - Attract think tank type of events
  - Leverage partners' programs
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## Our halls are alive with the sound of music

### Sonia Holiad, Executive Director

On the 25th day of September, 1961, the Honourable John Yaremko, then Provincial Secretary and Minister of Citizenship, affixed his seal on the Letters Patent that created St. Vladimir Ukrainian Institute, renamed St. Vladimir Institute (SVI) by Supplementary Letters Patent in 1976.

"St Vlad's," or "The 'Tute," as it would become known at the time, was to be a residential facility for "Ukrainian-Canadian students attending public, vocational and trade schools, colleges and universities or other educational institutions in the said City of Toronto."

With 46 units, the Institute went on to provide a home-away-from-home to thousands of students, some of whom moved their own children into the residence decades later.

Although I'd been active at SVI since my university days, I wasn't ready for the whirlwind of student activity when I took on the role of Executive Director in September 2019. My personal "office door always open" policy, with the dining room just 27 feet away, put me in the middle of endless comings and goings, loud and lively conversations, an often blaring television, spontaneous singing and occasional talks with students who leaned on my doorframe and struck up conversation. I learned to focus on work while filtering out the sounds of CP24, SCI-FI Channel reruns, and noise from all directions.

Then came COVID-19 and our flock of residents quickly dwindled. A handful stayed through the summer but we rarely saw them. With most of our tenants working from home and our building closed to the public, there were weeks when the Institute felt like

a ghost town.

September brought 17 students -- some new and some returning -- and a fresh perspective on our residence. Gone was the daily cacophony of sounds from the dining room. In its place were audible snippets of intriguing conversation floating into my office: discussions about everything from pressing social issues to the logistics of launching an opera company, from the finer points of complex audio-visual equipment to spirited analysis of classical composers and their creations. There were theories on behaviour and stories from childhood. There were socially distanced video games on our big screen. But, best of all, there was live music.

A number of our current residents are music students because music courses offered some component of in-person instruction during the fall term. Other residents not studying music are simply musically gifted. With a small cohort and a largely empty building, every space became rehearsal space. Jenn's virtuoso violin riffs, Emily's rich woodwind notes, and Charlotte's soaring soprano vocals carried from the banquet halls on our lower level. Ben's operatic baritone flowed from our theatre, and Tilman could be found sharpening his viola skills with repeated scales, his easel set up outside the lower floor elevator. Victoria parked her electric piano in an alcove of our lobby. Michael passed through the main-floor corridor, mask in place, growling "I Was a Teenage Werewolf" or fearlessly singing a Broadway hit. Occasionally, Thaddeus set up his synthesizer and gathered a few residents to jam on the stage. In our pandemic-altered world, it was a joy; different and yet very much in tune with the vision of our founders, many decades ago.



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St. Vladimir Institute is deeply grateful to each and every donor and sponsor of our organization. With your support, we can continue our commitment to fostering knowledge and appreciation of the Ukrainian spiritual, cultural and intellectual



**heritage.**

*The following is a list of donors from September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020. We make every effort to ensure accurate reporting. Please notify us of any error or omission and we will correct our records.*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>
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Anonymous	57.60	General Donation
Anonymous	5.00	General Donation
Antonyshyn, Ted	115.00	General Donation
Balan, Boris	250.00	In Honour of Halyna Perun Birthday
Balan, Boris	500.00	In Memory of Myroslaw Diakowsky
Balan, Boris	200.00	Koliada 2020
Balan, Boris	950.00	General Donation
Balan, Vasyl	100.00	In Memory of Myroslaw Diakowsky
Balaura, Jaroslava	100.00	In Memory of Myroslaw Diakowsky
Baziuk, Marta	40.00	In Memory of Myroslaw Diakowsky
Baziuk, Natalia	700.00	Koliada 2020
Benda, Stan	100.00	General Donation
Berezowsky, Ihor	50.00	In Memory of Myroslaw Diakowsky
Bilous, Doris & Walter	100.00	General Donation
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Bodnarchuk, Sonya	250.00	General Donation
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Chepesiuk, Anna	100.00	Koliada 2020
Chepesiuk, Martin	500.00	Koliada 2020
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Chrebto-Humenuik, Helen	200.00	In Memory of Myroslaw Diakowsky
Chwaluk, Zenon	50.00	In Memory of Myroslaw Diakowsky
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Diakowsky, Daria	100.00	In Honour of Michael Shipowick 100th Birthday
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Dmytryshyn, Rob & Lehkyj, Natalia	500.00	General Donation
Dozorsky, John & Olga	100.00	In Memory of Myroslaw Diakowsky
Dubyk, Myroslava	250.00	In Honour of Halyna Perun Birthday
Dubyk, Myroslava	150.00	Kobzar Literary Award Gala

Dutka, Antonia	30.00	Koliada 2020
Dutka, Dmytro	150.00	Koliada 2020
Estate of Nadia Kryschuk	200.00	Estate Disbursement
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Estate of Nadia Szenhereta	50,000.00	Estate Disbursement
Ewaschuk, Anne & Harry	100.00	In Memory of Myroslaw Diakowsky
Fedchun, Gerald	200.00	General Donation
Franko, Ivan & Karen Yarmol-	200.00	In Memory of Myroslaw Diakowsky
Franko, Roma Zoria	200.00	Koliada 2020
Franko, Stefan	200.00	Koliada 2020
Frenkel, Natalie	50.00	In Memory of Myroslaw Diakowsky
Gereliouk, Nadia	100.00	General Donation
Gereliuok, Nadia	300.00	Kobzar Literary Award Gala
GHS Consulting Inc.	2,500.00	General Donation
Haley, Elsie	150.00	In Memory of Myroslaw Diakowsky
Hamara, Ginny	100.00	Koliada 2020
Hamara, Gregory	100.00	In Memory of Myroslaw Diakowsky
Hamara, Gregory	250.00	Waschuk-Smerechuk Tribute
Hamara, Gregory	100.00	Koliada 2020
Hamara, Gregory	75.00	In Memory of Steve Stanko
Hamara, Gregory	300.00	Kobzar Literary Award Gala
Hamara, Gregory	75.00	In Memory of Kuch Walter
Hamara, Gregory	102.00	Donation-In Kind
Hamara, Gregory	32.95	Donation-In Kind
Hasey, Darcia	50.00	Koliada 2020
Hemstead, Anna	75.00	In Memory of Myroslaw Diakowsky
Hirnyj, Lada	100.00	For Educational Events
Holiad, Sonia	100.00	In Honour of Halyna Perun Birthday
Holiad, Sonia	100.00	In Memory of Myroslaw Diakowsky
Holiad, Sonia	250.00	Waschuk-Smerechuk Tribute
Holowash, Walter	100.00	In Memory of Myroslaw Diakowsky
Hordienko, Irene	100.00	In Memory of Myroslaw Diakowsky
Hornich, Adrian	100.00	General Donation
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Hyduk, Sandra	100.00	In Memory of Myroslaw Diakowsky
Hyduk, Sandra	150.00	General Donation

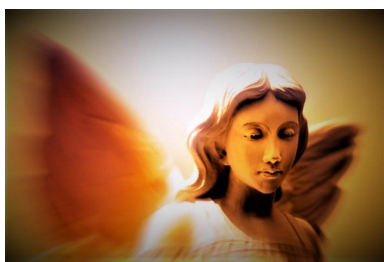
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Kachkowski, Cecilia & Albert	25.00	General Donation
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Kalimin, Michael & Luba Linok-	100.00	General Donation
Kalimin, Michael & Luba Linok-	97.17	Donation-In-Kind
Kalimin, Michael & Luba Linok-	314.14	Donation-In-Kind
Kalimin Foundation, The	5,000.00	Redevelopment Project
Kalimin Foundation, The	1,000.00	Koliada 2020
Kalimin Foundation, The	500.00	Waschuk-Smerechuk Tribute
Kazymyra, Nadia	200.00	General Donation
Kelebay, Luba	100.00	Koliada 2020
Kereliuk, Adele	300.00	General Donation
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Kohut, Tatiana	50.00	In Memory of Myroslaw Diakowsky
Korobaylo, Lesia	100.00	In Memory of Myroslaw Diakowsky
Kos, Adrian	100.00	General Donation
Kostiuk, George	250.00	Koliada 2020
Kostyniuk, Nestor	100.00	General Donation
Koszarny, Victor	100.00	In Memory of Myroslaw Diakowsky
Koszarycz, Roman & Anna-Marie	200.00	General Donation
Kowalik, Adam & Oksana	100.00	General Donation
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Kulyk, Robert	1,000.00	General Donation
Kulyk, Robert	100.00	In Memory of Myroslaw Diakowsky
Kulyk, Roman	250.00	General Donation
Kuplowska, Olga	100.00	In Memory of Myroslaw Diakowsky
Kuplowska, Olga	100.00	In Memory of Eugene Yakovitch
Kuplowska, Olga	100.00	In Memory of Walter Kuch
Kuplowska, Olga	100.00	General Donation
Kuryliw, Oksana & Leeson, John	100.00	In Memory of Myroslaw Diakowsky
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Kuryliw, Valentina	250.00	In Memory of Eugene Yakovitch
Laskiewicz, Eugene	125.00	General Donation

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Lehkyj, Natalia	100.00	Donation-In-Kind
Leshchyshen, Bohdan	150.00	Koliada 2020
Liber, Peter	50.00	Koliada 2020
Lill, Kevin & Marion	200.00	In Memory of Myroslaw Diakowsky
Macintyre, Brett	100.00	In Memory of Myroslaw Diakowsky
Makarchuk, Mitro	50.00	Koliada 2020
Melnyk, Tania	100.00	In Memory of Myroslaw Diakowsky
Metulynsky, Oksana	250.00	In Memory of Myroslaw Diakowsky
Mishchenko, Nick	100.00	In Memory of Myroslaw Diakowsky
Mykytiuk, Claudia	100.00	In Memory of Myroslaw Diakowsky
Mykytiuk, Claudia	100.00	General Donation
Mykytiuk, Mark	50.00	Donation-In-Kind
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Nykilchuk, Nicholas	20.00	In Memory of Myroslaw Diakowsky
Olynyk, Mark & Daria	100.00	In Memory of Myroslaw Diakowsky
Olynyk, Mark & Daria	100.00	In Honour of Halyna Perun Birthday
Olynyk, Mark & Daria	500.00	Waschuk-Smerechuk Tribute
Olynyk, Mark & Daria	100.00	General Donation
Ostapchuk, Nadia	100.00	In Memory of Myroslaw Diakowsky
Ostapchuk, Victor & Halyna	100.00	In Memory of Myroslaw Diakowsky
Oudovik, Larisa	25.00	General Donation
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Semeniuk, Alexandra	150.00	In Memory of Myroslaw Diakowsky
Serray, Andrew W.	40.00	General Donation
Shipowick, Taras & Murray, Pearse	150.00	In Honour of Michael Shipowick 100th Birthday
Shipowick, Taras	150.00	In Memory of Myroslaw Diakowsky
Shipowick, Lesia	500.00	In Memory of Myroslaw Diakowsky
Shklar, Alla	500.00	In Memory of Myroslaw Diakowsky
Shklar, Alla	350.00	Koliada 2020
Shklar, Alla	250.00	Waschuk-Smerechuk Tribute
Shklar, Alla	1,000.00	General Donation
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Strohyj, George	1,000.00	General Donation
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Sydorenko, Halyna	250.00	General Donation
Tarnawsky, Maxim	300.00	Koliada 2020

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Tereshyn, Andy	250.00	In Memory of Myroslaw Diakowsky
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Wawryshyn, Michael	150.00	General Donation
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Wilson, James	150.00	Koliada 2020
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Zaparyniuk, Marianna	100.00	In Memory of Myroslaw Diakowsky
Zaparyniuk, Marianna	150.00	Kobzar Literary Award Gala
Zaparyniuk, Marianna	50.00	In Memory of Eugene Yakovitch
Zaparyniuk, Marianna	100.00	In Honour of Michael Shipowick 100th Birthday
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**Join us for VIRTUAL Malanka on January 15, 2021!**  
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