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**SASKATOON'S UKRAINIAN COMMUNITY TO COMMEMORATE
75TH ANNIVERSARY OF HOLODOMOR FAMINE-GENOCIDE**

“They put a gun to your head and made you swear you would bring in grain the next day. Everyone cried. There was nothing left to bring!” Hanna Ikasivna Cherniuk, Holodomor survivor

Seventy-five years have passed since famine raged through Ukraine eradicating the lives of millions of children, women and men from one of the world's most bountiful lands. *Holodomor – one of the most heinous crimes in the history of mankind, was the result of a deliberate political strategy masterminded by Stalin and was carried out by Soviets who confiscated every last bit of food from Ukrainian peasants who were resistant to collective farming and who represented the backbone of the Ukrainian people. At the height of the Ukrainian famine in 1933, an estimated 25,000 people died each day

Saskatoon's Ukrainian community will participate in a world-wide commemoration of the Holodomor 1932-33 on the fourth Saturday in November. On that day, November 22, 2008, the public is invited to meet at the University of Saskatchewan memorial gates (on College Avenue, in front of the University Hospital) at 2:00 p.m. From there a procession of all participants will proceed to St. Thomas More College where an interdenominational *panakhyda* prayer service will take place in the chapel. Following the service, at 3:00 pm, a program will be held in the St. Thomas More Auditorium. The commemorative event is open to all. The general public is invited to attend. Admission is free of charge.

Throughout the year Ukrainians successfully engaged politicians, researchers, journalists and citizens in a discussion of this often forgotten genocide. The International Remembrance Flame, which visited Saskatoon April 29th, successfully toured 34 countries, reaching Ukraine on November 1. There it will visit all 24 *oblasts* provinces, culminating its tour with its arrival in the capital city of Kyiv on November 22 for the national commemoration.

To date, the Holodomor has been recognized as an act of genocide by 13 countries including Canada and the USA. The legislatures of the western provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, have all passed bills recognizing the Holodomor as an act of genocide.

In Ukraine, the Security Service (SBU) opened its archives and published a list of perpetrators of this crime; a National Memorial Book will include a registry of Holodomor victims and testimonies of survivors; a memorial complex and museum is being erected in the capital city of Kyiv.

By sheer magnitude, losses during the Holodomor surpassed those of the Ukrainian nation during the Second World War. Ukrainians worldwide continue to suffer the consequences of this merciless act.

Ukraine remembers – the World Acknowledges!

*Holodomor – Death by starvation

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