

# Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

### **UECC Food Drive commemorating the Ukrainian Great Famine - Holodomor of 1932-1933**

*Jenkintown, PA – November 12, 2007.* The Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center (UECC) a nonprofit organization in Jenkintown, Pa is having a Food Drive commemorating the Ukrainian Great Famine of 1932-1933 - Holodomor.

Millions of Ukrainians died of hunger from 1932 to 1933 following the collectivization of farming in the Soviet Union by Joseph Stalin. Famine was particularly severe in Ukraine, which was a regional breadbasket and was strongly opposed to the move. At the same time the communist government attempted to wipe out Ukrainian intelligentsia and nationalists, with estimations of the number of victims ranging from 6 to 10 million.

At this time, the Ukrainian-American community in the United States is joining the international community and Ukraine in commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Great Famine of 1932-1933 – the Ukrainian Holodomor. The anniversary is marked on November 24<sup>th</sup>. The UECC wants to help bring attention and pay tribute to the millions of innocent victims of this famine and help obtain recognition of the Ukrainian genocide. If the world recognizes the Holodomor as genocide, then Ukraine can increase the awareness of the fact that engineered famines are still being used as a weapon. This awareness will eventually help prevent these deplorable acts elsewhere in the world.

Please bring your nonperishable foods to the UECC between November 17th and December 8th, 2007, the day of the UECC Christmas Bazaar. The items collected during this time will be donated to the Ukrainian American Senior Citizen Association of Philadelphia and will be distributed to needy seniors in our community. For additional information, please contact the UECC Office at 215.663.1166.

Suggested non-perishable and packaged items (sugar free, no salt, low sodium are best): Canned tuna/meat; canned vegetables; canned fruit; canned soups; rice/pasta/grains; canned beans; dry beans; fruit juices; coffee/tea and cereal/oatmeal. Monetary donations are also welcome. Be sure to make out all checks to the Ukrainian American Senior Citizen Association. Donate now and make a direct impact! Show you care and help us address the problem of hunger in our community today! The UECC thanks you for your support.

The Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center, founded in 1980, is a non-profit organization whose objective is to preserve and promote awareness of Ukrainian heritage throughout the Philadelphia community. The UECC is located at 700 Cedar Road in Jenkintown, PA 19046 and can be reached at 215-663-1166 or e-mail at contact@ueccphila.org. Visit us on the web at www.ueccphila.org.

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