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Founded in 2004, the United Macedonian Diaspora (UMD) is an international non-profit organization headquartered in Washington, D.C., with a mission to unite Macedonians and the global Macedonian Diaspora communities worldwide in order to promote their interests and needs.

UMD has become the largest Macedonian organization in the world by building a formidable operations network throughout the U.S., Australia, Canada, and Europe, with membership spanning six continents. It carries out many important projects focused on four core objectives: policy and advocacy, leadership development, cultural preservation and promotion, and charitable efforts.

“For ten years...you have brought Macedonians together and strengthened the connections between the Republic of Macedonia and other nations.”

Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley (2007-2015)
"UMD has become almost a household word in the Macedonian community...
Your leadership and international engagement continues to contribute to the well-being of Republic of Macedonia and the Macedonian people all over the world. Your spirit, drive and hard work made your organization what it is today – a modern respected international NGO, capable of facing the challenges of the modern era, while deeply rooted in the traditional values of the Macedonian people."

American-Canadian Macedonian Orthodox Diocese Metropolitan Metodij

"Over the past decade, UMD has not only ensured that the Macedonian-American community has a voice in our nation, but has also expanded globally to Australia, Canada and Europe, making it one of the leading organizations promoting the people of Macedonia."

Connecticut Senator Christopher S. Murphy

"Our people-to-people connections are the lifeblood of our bond. Through your work— from local communities and university campuses in states like Michigan, New Jersey and Ohio to the halls of Congress – UMD is building new bridges between Macedonia and the U.S."

U.S. Department of State Office of South Central Europe Director Thomas K. Yazdgerdi

Standing with Macedonia – Policy and Advocacy

The need for the global Macedonian community to have a professional, committed and effective voice in the world’s capitals was long unmet. However, UMD -- through your support -- has ensured that the views of Macedonians have been represented before governmental and non-governmental institutions across the globe. Over the past decade, UMD has established and nurtured relationships with literally hundreds of governmental decision makers and their staff. Those relationships continue to help foster in those individuals a better understanding of Macedonia and the Macedonian people.

"You represent a model of how one should support and help their homeland. For everything UMD has done till now, for all of your individual and collective accomplishments, I am pleased that I had the opportunity to personally present you the Republic of Macedonia’s highest recognition for the Diaspora, as gratitude for everything UMD has done."

His Excellency,
President of the Republic of Macedonia,
Dr. Gjorge Ivanov
I am grateful for the support that your organization gave me while I was a member of the United States Senate in our efforts to have Macedonia become a member of NATO.

Ohio Senator George Voinovich (1999-2011)

Macedonia’s NATO Aspirations

UMD kicked off 2014 by hosting a meeting at UMD headquarters with former First Lady of Macedonia Vilma Trajkovska, former Prime Minister of Macedonia Vlado Buckovski, Vice President of the Macedonian Parliament Suzana Salih, and Members of Macedonian Parliament Silvana Boneva and Vlatko Gjorcev who were visiting Washington, D.C. for the National Prayer Breakfast. Also visiting D.C. was Macedonian Member of Parliament and member of the Macedonia-U.S. Parliamentary Friendship Group Andrej Petrov. UMD hosted Petrov at our offices for a roundtable discussion on “Macedonia’s NATO Aspirations and Southeast Europe Regional Stability.”

In February 2014, forty members of Congress wrote to U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry to encourage efforts to make enlargement a key priority for the United States at the NATO Summit in Wales, by extending an invitation to Macedonia and Montenegro, encouraging progress in Bosnia’s implementation of its Membership Action Plan (MAP), advocating for granting of MAP to Georgia, and working on Kosovo’s eventual joining of the Partnership for Peace Program.

In March 2014, the Southeast Europe Coalition, spearheaded by UMD, in conjunction with the Congressional Macedonia Caucus hosted a briefing on the September 2014 U.K. Summit of NATO and prospects for aspirant nations, in light of the Ukraine crisis, attended by over 50 staffers.

Macedonia today is a candidate for NATO membership and we are awaiting the start of the negotiation process for full time membership in the European Union...Imagine where Macedonia would have been today if we had this organization, this kind of representatives in Washington D.C., when Macedonia proclaimed its independence.

Macedonian Member of Parliament for North America Pavle Sazdov
During UMD’s 10th Anniversary Celebration Weekend in October 2014, the White House hosted a special briefing for UMD representatives on the U.S. - Macedonia Strategic Partnership. National Security Council Director for Outreach Matt Nosanchuk welcomed UMD representatives who traveled from throughout the United States and Canada, while National Security Council Director for Balkans, Black Sea, and Caucasus Sammie Smith conducted the briefing.

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In June, UMD President Metodija A. Koloski and UMD Advisory Council Member Elizabeth Naumovski traveled to Budapest, Hungary to bestow UMD’s Goce Delchev Award upon the Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban. During the joint press conference in the Hungarian Parliament building, Prime Minister Orban urged for the start of European Union and NATO accession talks with Macedonia. He reiterated Hungary’s position that the dispute with Greece about the use of the name must not prevent the start of accession talks. The Prime Minister stated that in the past Macedonians under Communist rule suffered from the same things as Hungarians, such as the lack of freedom, the suppression of national culture and the lack of free movement. Commenting on the award, the Hungarian Prime Minister said he considered it recognition by Macedonia to Hungary and added, “these awards also symbolize a tradition ... that the fight for freedom is never hopeless.” Through its partnership with the Hungarian-American community, UMD was instrumental in succeeding in Hungary changing its policy and recognizing Macedonia by its constitutional and rightful name.

UMD also tackled energy concerns and options in Southeast Europe following the G7 summit by hosting a July Congressional briefing together with the Southeast Europe Coalition and the Richard G. Lugar Institute for Diplomacy and Congress at the German Marshall Fund, attended by 50 staffers. The briefing highlighted the search for alternative energy sources in Europe after recent political developments in the region.

“ACBH values its relationship with UMD with our mutual goal to see a Southeast Europe that is a member of the European Union and NATO and contributing to a Europe that is whole, free and at peace.”

Ajla Delkic, Executive Director, Advisory Council for Bosnia and Herzegovina

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“As a result of your efforts, the Congressional Caucus on Macedonia and Macedonian-Americans can further build on the strong friendship of the United States and Macedonia.”

New Jersey Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr.

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In early December 2014, UMD hosted a private off-the-record dinner with the new Ambassador of the Republic of Macedonia to the United States and Macedonia’s envoy for the UN name talks, Dr. Vasko Naumovski. UMD members and supporters were enthusiastic to meet the new Ambassador and exchange ideas how to collaborate and improve Macedonia’s cultural diplomacy in Washington, D.C. A week later, UMD hosted another evening with the Ambassador with the wider community, attended by over sixty guests at the Embassy.
In 2014, UMD launched a new initiative **AJDE Гласајте**, AJDE Vote to mobilize the Macedonian Diaspora abroad to vote in elections. Our Voice, Our Future is the motto of UMD’s latest campaign to raise awareness about the right to vote of Macedonian citizens who live outside of Macedonia.

UMD believes that every Macedonian in the world should see Macedonia as their homeland, even if they do not physically live in the country. According to Macedonia’s Constitution, Macedonians abroad can obtain citizenship, and thus, have the right to vote in Macedonia’s Presidential and Parliamentary elections since 2011.

**The Diaspora Right to Vote**

UMD strongly urged the Macedonia’s government and political parties to reach an agreement regarding future voting via electronic means. Such an agreement would increase the number of Diaspora votes and finally provide all Macedonian citizens abroad an equal opportunity to be able to cast their vote, which is their right and responsibility as citizens of Macedonia. UMD pressed Macedonia’s institutions to ease the process of registering to vote for Macedonian citizens abroad, including through online forms.

Furthermore, UMD advocated for Macedonia’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs to evaluate opening Macedonian Consular offices in Dusseldorf (Germany), Houston (United States), Miami (United States), Los Angeles (United States), Perth (Australia), Seattle (United States) or Vancouver (Canada), and Sydney (Australia), given the large number of Macedonians in these cities.

UMD Los Angeles Representative, current Board Member, Dimitar Nasev traveled to Skopje, Macedonia to participate in the 5th Macedonian Émigré Conference and stressed the above points with the Macedonian President, and other government officials.

**Australian Outreach**

One of the largest and most active ethnic Macedonian identifying communities in the world is in Australia. UMD’s Australian operations, headed by UMD Board Member and Australia Director Mr. Ordan Andreevski, have made substantial headway in getting Australian policymakers to call on their government and parliament to change Australian policy on Macedonia’s name recognition and to commit to building closer bilateral ties, among other things. There are now over 22 members of the Australian Parliamentary Friendship Group with Macedonia – in significant part as a result of UMD Australia’s efforts. Our work in Australia must continue to build upon the relationships we have established and nurtured with leaders in the Australian Government, the Australian Parliament, leading foreign policy think tanks like the Lowy Institute of International Policy and the Australian Institute of International Affairs, the media and universities.

“UMD has become a pillar of support for the large Macedonian Diaspora…I admire the efforts you have made over the past decade which have led to a greater promotion of the interests and needs of Macedonians around the world”

Australian Member of Parliament Luke Simpkins
In 2014, UMD unveiled its future plans for its youth initiative, Generation M, which serves to unite, empower, and inspire young Macedonians around the world. Generation M will function primarily through campus networks that serve as community centers for Macedonians. Generation M has spread both across the U.S and Canada, and now has a voice in campuses across the Midwest and the East Coast, as well as parts of Canada. Through a strong social media presence, Generation M has had tremendous success in inspiring young Macedonians to become more active in organizing cultural and social events in their communities.

Generation M founded the Macedonian-American Student Organization (MASO) at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio in November 2014. MASO’s goal is to unite OSU’s Macedonian-American and friends of Macedonia student body and educate the OSU community about Macedonian culture, history, and heritage through charitable projects, workshops, and other activities.

Since 2010, the Bitove Foundation has been very excited to partner with UMD in honoring our father and investing in the educational advancement of Macedonian students. These ardent and outstanding students exemplify part of the mandate of the Bitove Foundation to encourage the pursuit of our Macedonian cultural roots and many more generations to take pride in Macedonia.

Vonna Bitove, daughter of the late Mr. John L. N. Bitove, C.M.

“The beauty of Generation M centers around young people being the principal organizers of the path they want to take. With the full support and backing of UMD, Macedonia’s youth can step up and declare that Macedonians not only exist, but are proud to take on the challenge of working for a better Macedonia.”

Generation M United States Chair Mario Hristovski
UMD believes in the importance of celebrating and promoting excelling leaders of Macedonian heritage and endorsing them as role models for our communities. In 2014, UMD announced its first Macedonian Diaspora’s 40 Under 40. These forty rising members of the Macedonian diaspora from the U.S., Canada, Europe, and Australia outshine in their areas of expertise, including technology, business, medicine, finance, education, arts, law, and government.

Macedonian Diaspora’s 40 Under 40

- Dr. Tanja Angelovska
- Pero Antić
- Dr. Nadezda Apostolova
- Ljupka Arsova
- Atanas Nikola Atanasov
- Jenna Bitove (Naumovich)
- Dan Bucevski
- Genoveva Christoff
- Mirce Curkoski
- Brian Cvetkovski
- Avni Dika
- Blaze Dimov
- Sophie Evanoff
- Lidija L. Franklin
- Natasha Garrett
- Sase Gjorosvski
- Steve Glaveski
- Marija Gligorova
- Ivona Grimberg
- Nick Ilitch
- Dr. Jovan R. Laskovski
- Annette Mazevski
- Aleksandar Mitreski
- Jim Nikopoulos
- Thomas Panoff
- Chris Pavlovski
- Bojan Peovski
- Alexandra, Stefanie, and Katharine Petkovski
- Samuel Petreski
- Dane Popovski
- Jonathon Popovski
- Marinela Seremetkoska
- Alexandre Sévigny
- Toni Simovski
- Irena Snider
- Vasko Spaseski
- Izaac Trpeski
- Aleksandar Vasilev
Goce Delcev’s keen and famous observation about cultural competition has never been more apt than today. It is important that we celebrate our history, language, literature, and broader culture (art, cuisine, dances, folk stories, music and alike); lest we forget what uniquely makes us Macedonians.

In January 2014, UMD held its 9th Annual Macedonian Old New Year’s Vasilica Masquerade Celebration at the Embassy of Macedonia in Washington, D.C. What started as a small event in 2005 to bring together Macedonians in the D.C., Virginia, and Maryland area to celebrate the old calendar New Year’s, has turned into a must-attend event for Washingtonians.

The celebration attracted 230 people, including members of the prominent International Professionals Group of D.C., all networking, tasting traditional Macedonian foods and wine, and dancing up a storm to Macedonian dances. BlackTie DC and the Washington Post were present during the entire event to catch a pose of the night’s happenings.

BlackTie DC noted that if one wants to party like a rock star, the Embassy of Macedonia is the place to be. The Washington Post did an entire “Masked and merry” page feature in their Sunday, January 26th paper Style section “The Scene.” The Washington Post has never featured any Macedonian event prior to this one. UMD NYC representative Vera Arsova is pictured leading the traditional Macedonian dance “oro.”

Miami’s very own Bakehouse Art Complex was the venue for UMD’s first “Making Connections from Miami to Macedonia” Networking Reception at the end of January 2014. Hosted by the Honorary Consul General of the Republic of Macedonia for Southern Florida and UMD Advisory Council Member Dana Klein, NGO Art Studio Irena Gapkovska, UMD Advisory Council Member Nicholas Thaw, and UMD’s Florida Regional Representative Mishko Josifov, the reception drew over 60 guests. The Macedonian Ambassador, and Consul Generals from more than twenty different nations, such as Germany, Thailand, Brazil, Panama, Jamaica, Bahamas, Barbados, Moldova, and Estonia attended.

Cultural Preservation and Promotion

In late January 2014, UMD held a Macedonian Winter Extravaganza at the oldest Macedonian Orthodox Church in North America, Sts. Peter and Paul Macedonian Orthodox Cathedral, in Crown Point, Indiana. The purpose of the evening was to strengthen, unite, celebrate, and activate our community, while raising funds for charitable causes. Funds were raised to support the cancer treatment of Macedonian-American Donka Grackoska, who unfortunately passed away later in the year.

In April 2014, UMD hosted Balkan Echoes Director and renowned ethnographer Martin Koenig for a discussion on “Music from Macedonia: A Recording Partnership with Smithsonian Folkways.” Smithsonian Folkways Recordings agreed to produce a high quality recording featuring

“Within the last decade, UMD has organized four global conferences, bringing people together to exchange ideas and increasing people’s awareness of Macedonia’s rich history.”

New Jersey Governor Chris Christie
UMD (Canada) was a sponsor of the annual Macedonian Film Festival at Carlton Cinema in Toronto, Canada. The festival is the only one outside of Macedonia showcasing 100 years of Macedonian film culture.

In November 2014, Macedonia was one of the more than 35 nations featured during the 1st Annual International Day hosted by Congressman Donald M. Payne, Jr. of New Jersey’s 10th Congressional District, Essex County College, and Rutgers University at Essex County Gym in Newark, New Jersey. UMD’s New Jersey Representative Ana Dukoska served on the festival’s planning committee. In addition to a Macedonian table of souvenirs and traditional folk costumes, the festival featured Macedonian cuisine, a performance by the Goce Delchev Macedonian Folk Dance Ensemble of Sts. Kiril and Metodij Macedonian Orthodox Church, and remarks by Macedonia’s Consul General to New York.

On the occasion of the 23rd anniversary of Macedonia’s Independence, UMD and the Consul General of the Republic of Macedonia in New York organized the first-ever Macedonian flag raising ceremony at the Charging Bull Triangle, Wall Street area, in New York City on September 8, 2014. The flag flew for several days, and on September 11th commemorating the tragic terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. Hundreds of New Yorkers and tourists watched as the flag was raised.

As part of UMD’s 10th Anniversary Celebration Weekend in October 2014, the Library of Congress (European Division) in partnership with UMD hosted a lecture with author Dr. Ernest Damianopoulos titled “The Search for Modern Macedonian Ethnic Identity.” The room was full and a very interesting discussion followed Dr. Damianopoulos’ presentation.
Beginning over a century ago, Macedonian pechalbari (guest workers) in Australia, Canada, the United States, and other countries sent money back home to Macedonia to support their families. Today, the Diaspora needs to step up its support of Macedonia by not only sending remittances back home, but also by supporting particularly deserving charities in Macedonia, as well as investing in (or forming) business ventures in Macedonia. UMD has made numerous donations of funds, supplies and time to charities – such as orphanages and hospitals – in Macedonia. We have a duty to do much more to help our fellow Macedonians in need. Charity begins at home; by strengthening them, we strengthen our community and our values as Macedonians.

umd's premier charity fundraising event is the Ajvar 5K Run/Walk, which was held at Dahnert's County Park, in Garfield, New Jersey and drew over 120 runners and walkers of different ethnic backgrounds.

Funds from the 2013 Ajvar 5K raised collectively by UMD, the United Macedonian-Americans of Detroit, and the Macedonian-American Student Association of University of Michigan-Ann Arbor were used for renovation projects of the 11th October orphanage in Skopje, Macedonia in early 2014. In March 2014, UMD Virginia member Gordana Mirkoski visited the orphanage to see the fruits of our work, which included new bookcases, wall shelves, closets, and mattresses, and was pleased with the new additions. Mirkoska donated a pizza party for all the orphans that day, putting big smiles on everyone’s faces.

“ I commend you for all you have done to serve unserved people in Macedonia through your extensive humanitarian work, including your support of scholarships for students in Macedonia and the United States.”

-Virginia Governor Terence R. McAuliffe
UMD has worked to build strong relationships with other diaspora community organizations in Washington, D.C., and elsewhere. Through its efforts, UMD gained support for Macedonia’s NATO membership from Croatian, Polish, Hungarian, and Turkish-American communities, among others. It has taken years for UMD to build these important strategic partnerships and UMD will continue to strengthen these partnerships and build new ones.

In February 2014, a delegation of UMD leaders took part in the first-ever White House Ethnic Day attending a series of briefings on immigration, healthcare, the economy, and foreign policy with President Obama’s Chief of Staff Denis McDonough and other senior staff. During the Day, UMD leaders raised the lack of U.S. success in getting Macedonia into NATO, and the stalemate in Poland joining the Visa Waiver Program, which would pave the way for countries like Macedonia to eventually be part of the program.

In February 2014, UMD NYC Representative Vera Arsova, and UMD NJ Representative Ana Dukoska attended the Jewish Community Relations Council of New York’s 35th Annual Congressional Breakfast further strengthening our relations with the Jewish-American community. At the Breakfast, they met with Members of Congress Grace Meng, Nita Lowey, Hakeem Jeffries, Joseph Crowley.

In June 2014, UMD was part of the first-ever Immigrant Heritage Month, an initiative organized by the non-profit Welcome.us with partnership from various corporations, media outlets, organizations, celebrities, faith, civic, and political leaders. It gathered and shared inspirational stories of American immigrants to tell the story of American immigrant ancestry, highlight immigrant contributions to the economy and culture, celebrate modern immigrant families, and honor immigrants who serve our Nation in
the armed forces and through civil service. By participating in this important celebration of diversity and immigration, UMD highlighted the contributions of the estimated half a million Americans of Macedonian heritage to the American economy and culture.

The same month, UMD hosted a bridge-building dinner at its offices with the American Jewish Committee (AJC ACCESS DC and UMD) bringing together 15 young Macedonian-American professionals and 15 young Jewish-Americans professionals. The group had a wonderful conversation about the common policy and advocacy issues that concern both UMD and ACCESS, how to further engagement between the two groups, and shared interest in international travel.

Macedonians and Jews have been intertwined throughout history, and both have fought to promote centuries-long dreams of free and independent homelands; Raphael Kamhi fought in the Macedonian independence movement in 1903, and in 1911, Macedonian member in the Ottoman Turkish Parliament Dimitar Vlahov had worked with Theodor Herzl and David Ben-Gurion to deepen the collaboration between both peoples and promote a Jewish state.

In December 2014, over 100 guests attended the 2nd Annual Mediterranean Holiday Party at Acacia Bistro & Wine Bar in Washington, D.C. UMD joined the American Turkish Association of DC (ATA-DC) & Assembly of Turkish American Associations (ATAA), ItaliansinDC, Advisory Council for Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the Tunisian American Young Professionals in organizing the party. The party included traditional food and wine tastings by TV personalities and award-winning culinary chefs Amy Riolo and Muge Karslı, and a raffle drawing for holiday prizes including wines from Turkey, Italy and Macedonia.

“Since 2007, the collaboration between TCA and UMD has strengthened the historical and present ties among the U.S., Turkey, and Macedonia. Our joint efforts have developed and reinforced the longstanding and important friendship between Turkish and Macedonian Americans. TCA is proud of its heritage partnership and valued relationship with UMD, which has become an powerful voice both in the U.S. and abroad.”

-G. Lincoln McCurdy, President, Turkish Coalition of America

“AJC Washington and ACCESS DC, AJC’s young professional arm, are proud partners of UMD. During my time with AJC, I have seen our relationship grow and thrive. Last year, our young professionals met over a joint culinary program at the UMD headquarters and UMD continues to help facilitate key diplomatic relationships. The Macedonian and Jewish diasporas share the responsibility of advocating for human rights and equality. Through mutual respect and friendship, AJC looks forward to continuing our partnership with UMD for years to come.”

-Susan Sloan, Assistant Director, American Jewish Committee Washington Regional Office
On September 20, 2014, UMD (Canada) and Canadian Macedonian Place Foundation (CMPF) hosted a Macedonian Tribute Ball at the prestigious Toronto Marriott Downtown Eaton Centre Hotel in honor of two distinguished Canadians of Macedonian origin – Chris Paliare, O. Ont. (UMD Lifetime Achievement Award) and Vonna Bitove (UMD Macedonian Heritage Public Service Award). The Ball drew over 450 of Toronto’s finest, and included high-level officials from Canada and Macedonia, diplomats, business elites, and members of the media.
On October 18, 2014, UMD hosted its 10th Anniversary Gala at the Capital Hilton in Washington, D.C. attended by over 230 people. Honorary Consul of the Republic of Macedonia to the United States and UMD Advisory Council Member Lou Vlasho of Naples, Florida received the UMD Macedonian Heritage Public Service Award.
Macedonian Companions provide vital financial support for UMD to continue preserving, promoting, and protecting the Macedonian heritage globally. Membership in the Macedonian Companions program consists of an annual donation of $1,000 or more. A UMD Advisory Council Subcommittee provides oversight and accountability of these funds on an ongoing basis.

It is time for Macedonians to define their future and write the legacy our children will honor!

Become a Companion and help UMD preserve our name – Macedonia, our identity, and our exceptional heritage for generations to come! United, We Can! Companions receive a special pin for joining the program.

Alexander the Great’s Companions were the most effective military cavalry unit of the ancient world – UMD’s Macedonian Companions are the most effective supporters of the global Macedonian cause.

UMD Recognizes the Generosity of Our Macedonian Companions

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Robert Pasquale
Vlado Smilevski
Ivan Trposki

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Dear members and friends,

I am pleased to submit this report of UMD’s consolidated financial statement of activities for 2014.

2014 was a good financial year for UMD as our Canadian operations exceeded expectations. Based on member suggestions with respect to UMD’s programmatic focus, and the Board’s approval, UMD used 57% of the operational budget on educational and philanthropic programs and 25% on cultural programs.

We closed the year with a positive change in net assets of $40,257. The positive change in net assets will be entirely used to address shortfalls from previous years. In 2014, UMD globally received $213,907 in membership dues and donations. We have noticed a trend of decrease in membership dues and increase in support of specific events or programs. As both are imperative to UMD’s financial sustainability, we sincerely thank you for your support of UMD’s vital work.

It is important to reach a sustainable operational budget for UMD in 2015/2016 and it is our main focus to serve our members and their best interest as always!

We are happy to hear your suggestions or thoughts on what UMD can do to improve. UMD is committed to the highest standards of good stewardship and accountability.

*UMD is a 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit organization, tax ID # 20-5182996 and a registered Canadian charity.*

Please e-mail me at treasurer@umdiaspora.org with any questions or suggestions.

Sincerely,

*Lidija Stojkoska*
UMD Board Member and Treasurer
### Statement of Activities - 2014 CONSOLIDATED

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