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About Us & Our Mission

Who We Are

Founded in 2004, the United Macedonian Diaspora (UMD) is the leading non-governmental, non-partisan, non-political educational advocacy organization promoting the interests of Macedonians and Macedonian communities worldwide. Headquartered in Washington, D.C., UMD’s presence is felt throughout the U.S., Canada, Europe, and Australia, with membership spanning six continents.

Our Vision

We envision an influential, respected, and united Macedonian diaspora committed to building and sustaining the global Macedonian community. Macedonians are responsible for one another.

Our Objectives

- Safeguard Macedonia’s name and culture as well as the human rights of all Macedonians
- Unify the Macedonian diaspora
- Promote universal ideals of peace, freedom, self-determination, equality, and justice
- Advance ethnic Macedonian heritage, language, and identity
- Preserve Macedonian traditions via charitable, educational, and social programs
2020 | YEAR IN REVIEW

- over 75 congressional meetings
- 6 interns hosted
- 67 virtual events & 407,000 views
- 7,000+ registrants from Diaspora Right to Vote Campaign
- TRIPLED size of Australian team
- 6 new global board members
- 30+ weekly economic briefs
- 100+ guests at charity ball

UMD Generation M’s “Together from Home” campaign donated $50,000 for the creation of a new pulmonary clinic in Skopje to combat COVID-19
Advocacy in the Pandemic

Although UMD was unable to host many of the in-person events, they quickly adapted to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic.

The events that we look forward to hosting again in the future include Birthright Macedonia, 40 Under Forty Gala, Ajvar 5K, Macedonian-American Leadership Conference, and the Canadian-Macedonian Leadership Conference.

While it is unfortunate that these events had to be put on hold, UMD was able to host a variety of online events for our community members to attend. Collecting over 400,000 virtual attendants across our events, UMD plans to continue hosting some events virtually so the global diaspora can participate.
What We Have Done

Advocacy, Education, Human Rights, & Policy

2020 posed a variety of unique challenges to UMD in our mission of advocacy for the Macedonian people, and education of officials about the difficulties which many Macedonians face on a daily basis.

The year started strong, with 17 congressional meetings in January, and three members of Congress joined the Congressional Caucus on Macedonia and Macedonian-Americans in February.

In January, the UMD team met with the Public Affairs Alliance of Iranian Americans (PAAIA) team to discuss mutual issues affecting Macedonian Americans and Iranian Americans including immigration reform in the US, and a discussion of each group’s history.

Additionally, UMD President Meto Koloski and UMD National Advocacy Director Marija Georgievska met with Congressman Raul M. Grijalva staffer Sayanna Molina discussing issues concerning the Macedonian-American community in Arizona.

In March, UMD managed to garner over 7,000 registrants for the Diaspora Right to Vote global campaign. The same month, UMD also helped enlist Senator Mike Braun to the Congressional Macedonia Caucus, testified before the Ohio state legislature on the ways Macedonian-Americans have impacted Ohio history, and began the “Macedonians Count” campaign for the US census, which would be continued into October.

In April and May, UMD President Metodija Koloski wrote an Op-Ed which was published in Balkan Insider and subsequently appeared as a guest on a Balkan Insider fireside chat. Also in May, UMD educated members of the European parliament, following a pair of ECHR rulings against Bulgaria.

In June, UMD remembered Macedonian victims of communism at the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation’s 13th Annual Roll Call of Nations Ceremony. In the same month, UMD became a civil society organization member of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, and Generation M members submitted a report to the UN on Macedonian religious freedom issues in Bulgaria and Greece.

In July, we made a submission to the Australian Senate Inquiry into issues facing diaspora communities. UMD then organized a global candlelight vigil in front of Greek embassies to honor Macedonian victims of genocide in August. In October, Congressman Andy Levin joined the Congressional Macedonia Caucus.

In November, we testified before the Australian Senate on issues affecting the Macedonian community, and we sent a video submission to the UN Forum on Minority Issues.

UMD is a non-partisan 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit charitable organization. As such, UMD does not endorse or oppose political parties or candidates. Meetings are solely to educate policymakers and the public on issues concerning Macedonians.
2020 Year Summary

January

In January, UMD submitted a response to Australian Senate Inquiry into Nationhood, National Identity and Democracy.

On January 13, UMD issued a statement congratulating Honeyland on being nominated for the Oscars. Honeyland represents a unique achievement for Macedonian film and culture, being the first Documentary to ever be nominated for academy awards in two different categories. In order to advocate for Macedonian culture, UMD hosted numerous screenings of Honeyland, sharing the Macedonian film with an American audience.

In late January, UMD held 17 meetings with Congresspeople to advocate for expanding trade and creating closer partnerships with Macedonia.

On January 29, UMD President Meto Koloski and UMD National Advocacy Director Marija Georgievski met with Representative John Katko’s staffer Collin Husta, Representative Jim Sensenbrenner’s LD Erik Kinney, and Representative Joe Morelle’s staffer Maria Oparil to discuss issues concerning the Macedonian-American community in New York and Wisconsin.

On January 30, UMD National Advocacy Director Marija Georgievski and UMD Advisory Council Member Jim Pavle met with Kilili Sablan’s Staffer, Herb Yamada. UMD learned quite a bit about the Northern Mariana Islands and their indigenous peoples while educating Yamada on Macedonia.
February

In February, Congresswoman Jenniffer González-Colón of Puerto Rico, Congressman Raul Grijalva of Arizona, and Congresswoman Linda Sanchez of California joined Congressional Caucus on Macedonia and Macedonian-Americans.

On February 2, the Gen M Melbourne committee organized an event for young Macedonians from Melbourne. They met at Holey Moley for a social & networking event. The event was a success, filled with laughter, new friends, and mini-golf.

Two days later, on February 4, UMD President Metodija Koloski met with congressman Gerry Connolly at a luncheon. Connolly served as the Chairman of the U.S. Delegation to the NATO PA. Koloski thanked him for his friendship with the Macedonian-Americans in his district.

The next day, on February 5, Macedonian member of Parliament Antonio Miloshoski and VMRO-DPMNE Vice President Aleksandar Nikolosk visited UMD offices while they were in town for the National Prayer Breakfast.

On February 12, UMD issued a statement supporting SB 621 in Ohio, which would strengthen relations between Ohio and Eastern Europe, and highlighted the large Macedonian diaspora community in Ohio.

On February 13, UMD, the US European Alliance, and the Advisory Council on Bosnia and Herzegovina hosted a discussion on the need for a new US security policy in the Western Balkans in cooperation with the UK.

On February 18, UMD condemned anti-Semitic harassment directed at Macedonian Labor Minister Mizrahi and expressed support for Jews in Macedonia. With Anti-Semitism on the rise around the globe, UMD remains committed to religious freedom everywhere and supports the rights of minority groups in all countries.
The next day, Macedonian-American Tatjana Bozhinovski of Reynoldsburg, Ohio testified on behalf of the United Macedonian Diaspora before the Ohio Senate General Government and Agency Review Committee in support of S.B. 261 to create a Commission on Eastern European Affairs (photo at right). Her testimony highlighted the major contributions that Macedonian-Americans have made to Ohio’s history.

On February 22, Melbourne Generation M Young Macedonian Leaders attended the Inaugural Charity Gala Dinner hosted by the Macedonian Community Welfare Association (MCWA). The honorary patron of the event was the former President of the Republic of Macedonian, Dr. Gjorge Ivanov. The young leaders were pleased to have attended the event, celebrating the humanitarian efforts of MCWA and recognizing Australia’s aging Macedonian population.

On February 27, Generation M Melbourne representatives successfully organized a brief meeting with Dr. Gjorge Ivanov. Representatives, Marija Anevksa and Elena Sekulovska, and UMD Australia Director, Ordan Andreevski, attended the meeting and discussed various topics including the crisis in Macedonia and Ivanov’s School of Young leaders.

The same day, UMD partnered with the ASU’s Melikian Center to host a screening of Honeyland at the ASU in DC campus (photos below).
March

Throughout March, the Diaspora Right to Vote campaign globally garnered 7,000+ registrants. UMD remains committed to the democratic process and believes that it is important to ensure that everyone who is legally able to vote does so.

On March 2, UMD congratulated Ernesto Talvi, of Macedonian heritage, for becoming the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay.

On March 9, Senator Mike Braun of Indiana was the first United States Senator to join the Congressional Caucus on Macedonia and Macedonian-Americans.

On March 18, UMD swiftly and safely made the switch to Covid-safe operations, ensuring that the ongoing global pandemic would not disrupt our efforts to continue advocating for Macedonia worldwide.

On March 27, UMD congratulated the Macedonian people on the long overdue and well-deserved NATO membership, even though Macedonia was forced to change its name and despite UMD’s strong objections to the name change.

March - April

On March 13, UMD began efforts encouraging Macedonian-Americans across the country to fill out “Macedonian” for question 9 of the US census. Showing the size of the Macedonian-American community is a key element in ensuring that Congresspeople are aware of the importance of strong relations between the US and Macedonia. Past US censuses have repeatedly undercounted the number of Macedonian-Americans, so showing the true size of the community which we represent is an important initiative in our efforts.

In April, UMD partnered with the U.S. Census Bureau to encourage a complete and accurate count for the 2020 Census by utilizing social media platforms to spread the word and remind people to complete the census. The UMD profile hosted on the Census website can be seen at right.

April

On April 2, UMD Generation M hosted an event on Dealing with Financial Stress Through These Volatile Times with Elizabeth Naumovski, moderated by Generation M’s Emilija Dimitrievski and Jana Saveska

On April 7, UMD applauded all doctors, nurses, medical professionals, and first responders in honor of World Health Day.
April (cont.)

From April 9 through April 29, UMD Generation M hosted four separate hour-long virtual events with Mario Hristovski educating young leaders about Macedonian history.

On April 12, UMD utilized their social media to publish a video wishing all that celebrate a Happy Easter and Happy Palm Sunday.

On April 24, Balkan Insider published an article written by UMD President Meto Koloski discussing Macedonia’s process of joining NATO.

On April 27, UMD’s Generation M got the inside scoop for UMD Voice of inspiration and raw video of Vasil Garvanliev.

May

On May 5, UMD planned its own COVID-19 campaign for Giving Tuesday NOW. Donations were matched supporting UMD and its young Macedonian leaders’ program, Generation M.

The same day, a Bulgarian Member of the European Parliament directly attacked UMD and their efforts to protect and defend Macedonian culture, heritage, and language.

Also on May 5, UMD celebrated and supported Macedonian Language Day by encouraging all to speak, write, read, nurture, and enrich Macedonian. UMD supports opening more schools in the Macedonian language, investing in its promotion and preservation, sponsoring more teachers and professors of Macedonian, and establishing programs at world universities for the study of it.

On May 7, UMD President Meto Koloski joined Balkan Insider for a fireside chat (below).

On May 20, The US Census Bureau recognized the contributions made by UMD in the 2020 census (below).

On May 30, UMD issued a statement condemning Macedonian Deputy Prime Minister and Defense Minister Radmila Sekerinska after the latter was photographed with a UCK emblem. The UCK is a terrorist group that has perpetrated attacks against Macedonia numerous times in the past.
May (cont.)

On May 31, UMD celebrated rulings against Bulgaria in the European Court of Human Rights related to Bulgaria’s mistreatment of the Macedonian minority in Bulgaria. While it was encouraging that the ECHR is willing to call out Bulgaria’s bad behavior, it was disappointing that more members of the EU are not willing to take action against Bulgaria, despite these blatant offenses. Following these rulings, UMD educated members of the European Parliament on Bulgaria’s past offenses.

June

In June, UMD became a civil society organization member of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.


On June 10, UMD Generation M hosted a virtual conversation hour with professor Victor Friedman, during which he discussed Macedonia’s language, Bulgaria’s ideology, and Western Balkan accession to the EU.

On June 12, UMD Participated in the 13th Annual Roll Call of Nations to remember the victims of communism, remembering Macedonian victims of communism from a variety of different countries.

On June 20, UMD calls on Greece to repeal 1982 and 1985 laws that discriminate against Macedonian refugees forced out of Greece during the Greek civil war.

July

In July, UMD submitted a response to Australian Senate Inquiry into Issues Facing Diaspora Communities. This action was covered by Australian news podcast SBS Macedonian (below).

On July 11, UMD issued a statement expressing disappointment in the decision by Turkish authorities to convert the Hagia Sofia into a mosque. UMD communicated that while they value the strong relations between Macedonia and Turkey, they are nevertheless disappointed in this decision by Turkey’s leadership.
July (cont.)

On July 16, UMD hosted a virtual hour discussing the most recent Macedonian election results. On July 20, UMD issued a statement expressing strong concern due to an ongoing Cyberattack against Macedonia’s elections and calling for a response from NATO under Article 5 commitments. Macedonia is a member of NATO, and as such, she should benefit from all of the same protections as any other member.

August

In August, UMD hosted worldwide candle vigils to honor Macedonian Genocide victims in front of Greek embassies.

September

In September, UMD became a founding member of the Voices of Internet Freedom Coalition. UMD remains committed to using technologies such as the internet for good and recognizes the important role the internet can play in highlighting injustices and spreading awareness of abuses.
September (cont.)

UMD issued a statement denouncing Bulgaria’s unreasonable demands towards the Macedonian state. Bulgaria’s demands are an attempt to erase Macedonian history and destroy Macedonian culture; UMD will never stop fighting such attempts.

September - October

UMD held 23 Meetings in Macedonia with Members of Parliament, religious leaders, business leaders, academics, and diplomats. A visit to Albania also occurred to meet the mayor of Pustec. UMD maintains a strong focus on advocacy not only in the diaspora but also in the Balkans.
October

In October, Congressman Andy Levin of Michigan joined Congressional Macedonia Caucus. On October 8, UMD issued a statement commending the ruling by a Greek court that the far-right group Golden Dawn is a criminal organization. While Macedonia and Greece have disagreed on many issues in the past, and continue to disagree on several others, this ruling is an example of the right kind of thinking in Greece.

On October 15, UMD submitted a written letter to the EU, formally complaining about Bulgaria’s treatment of Macedonia in the accession process.

November

In November, UMD testifies before Australian Senate Foreign Affairs, Defence and Trade References Committee on issues affecting Macedonian community.

On November 20, religious freedom leaders sent a letter to Secretary Pompeo on the lack of Macedonian religious freedom in Bulgaria and Greece.

On November 19 and 20, UMD President Meto Koloski submitted a video for the UN Forum on Minority issues, defending the rights of the Macedonian minorities in Bulgaria and Greece, and calling for increased UN pressure on both states.

On November 30, leaders in UMD Generation M made a formal submission to the UN, calling for action to stop the discrimination against and harassment of Macedonian minorities in Greece and Bulgaria.

December

On December 10, UMD issued a statement on Human Rights Day, calling on more governments globally to recognize the human rights of all Macedonians, particularly those in the Greek and Bulgarian Macedonian minorities. This is an issue of immense importance to UMD, and we will never stop fighting for Macedonians in Greece and Bulgaria.
Cultural Preservation & Promotion

January

On January 18, over 100 guests attend the 15th Annual Macedonian Old New Year’s Masquerade Vasilica Charity Ball at Georgetown University’s Copley Formal Lounge, January 2020. The event included an open bar featuring Macedonian Rakija and Stobi Wines, a delicious and rich Macedonian menu by From Scratch Raffle, Wine Grab, Step & Repeat Photo Opportunity, and Entertainment by DJ Bobby. The sponsors included the Balkan Wine Project and Stobi Winery.

Additionally, the Masquerade featured a 10 photo exhibition, Galichnik Wedding Festival, by Dejan Stankovski. It portrayed a small story about Galichnik and the traditional Galichnik Wedding Festival. The exhibit continued at UMD in Washington, D.C., and part of the proceeds from the sale of the photographs was donated to UMD’s educational and charitable programs.

Lastly, the event included the traditional Vasilica pogacha being broken by guests, and the coin inside the bread was found by second-generation Macedonian-American, Vida McCool. In Macedonian tradition, the person who finds the coin in the pogacha will have good luck in the new year.
January (cont.)

In January, Voice of America, Macedonian language’s Aneta Sijakova interviewed UMD Miami, Florida, Chair Mishko Josifov about how our Macedonian community lives in Florida, UMD’s work, and why Miami is an amazing place to live and work in.

February

On February 9, UMD hosted an Oscars viewing party in Washington, D.C. to support Macedonian submission and award-winning Honeyland. Representatives from the British, Montenegrin, and Swedish Embassies attended. UMD congratulated the award-winning Macedonian documentary on being nominated on January 13 2020 for two Oscars: Documentary Feature and International Feature Film. The last Macedonian film to have been nominated for an Oscar was Before the Rain in 1994 (photo above).

On February 27, over 60 guests attended the joint UMD-Arizona State University’s Melikian Center screening and discussion of Honeyland at the ASU Washington, D.C. campus. Outreach like this is key to UMD’s mission of raising awareness of Macedonian culture.

“UMD understands the mission and importance of the Macedonian Film Festival ("MFF") to promote Macedonian film, including feature films, short films and documentaries. As Macedonians have been producing cinema for over a century, MFF has been effective in promoting the culture as well. UMD’s support over the years has been instrumental in the Macedonian Film Festival expanding its reach within Canada, including the USA, as well as globally.”

– Virginia Evans, President, Macedonian Film Festival
March

Hosted International Women’s Day party in Washington, D.C.

May

Launch of Macedonian Flag Day. Hundreds participate globally, and the topic reaches the top 10 trending hashtags in Macedonia (photos below).
May - July

Hosted three virtual hours on the preservation and development of the Macedonian language abroad. The Macedonian language is one of the most important things binding together Macedonians around the world, and preserving the language is an important way of fighting back against those who want to erase Macedonian culture and history.

July

Partnered with the Macedonian Language E-Learning Center for two virtual Macedonian language sessions for children.

August - September

Ilinden and Macedonian Independence Day proclamations from U.S. Presidential candidate Joe Biden; Maryland Governor Larry Hogan; Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer; D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser; Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio Mayor Don Walters; Reynoldsburg, Ohio Mayor Joe Begeny; and Lorain County, Ohio Commissioners.
September

In September, Macedonian flag-raising ceremonies were held in Avon and Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

Leadership Development

On February 2, Generation M hosts networking event for Macedonian youth in Melbourne (photo at right).

On February 22, young Macedonian leaders in Melbourne Generation M meet with former Macedonian President Ivanov to discuss ways to engage youth in helping Macedonia.

In April, Generation M Launch Emerging Macedonian Leaders Mentorship Program, with 25 mentors and mentees participating.

UMD hosted six interns in 2020. UMD’s Internship program is a powerful tool for introducing young leaders to the world of Macedonian advocacy, giving them experience in lobbying for the Macedonian community, and preparing them for larger leadership roles in the future.

15 UMD Voice articles and interviews were published on the Generation M Website.

Three Generation M leaders completed the 2020 Ivanov School of Young Leaders Program.

Generation M tripled its Australia team, grew its Canada team, and appointed Solun, Miami, and Indiana representatives.
International Policy & Diplomacy Fellows

Throughout 2020, UMD hosted six International Policy and Diplomacy Fellows. These Fellows worked extremely hard and adapted to the pandemic work style many having their internships virtually instead of in UMD global headquarters in Washington, D.C.

The program has provided a starting point for youth who aim to enter careers in fields such as foreign policy, journalism, advocacy, government, and more. Intern responsibilities included monitoring legislation and congressional hearings; acting as a liaison between UMD and Congressional offices, advocating on subjects vital to the diaspora; attending events throughout Washington, D.C.; conducting research on issues affecting Macedonia and Southeast Europe, among other tasks.

**SPRING FELLOWS**

Jesse Bauta  
Justin Griffin

**SUMMER FELLOWS**

Noah DeMichele  
Jordan Jantzen  
Lauren Krotz  
Evan Nitchov

**In Their Words**

“My time at UMD provided a chance for me to be a part of a broad array of policy and diplomacy challenges. The all-encompassing experience UMD offered helped me enhance my advocacy, outreach, and writing skills as we worked together for the betterment of the Macedonian community around the world.”

- **Jordan Jantzen**, 2020 Summer Fellow

“My summer fellowship with UMD exceeded all of my expectations! Not only was I able to learn more about Macedonian politics and culture, but I also participated in projects that greatly improved my professional, communication, and collaboration skills. I’m extremely grateful for my time at UMD and am thankful I was able to advocate for the greater Macedonian community.”

- **Lauren Krotz**, 2020 Summer Fellow
Economic Development

Over a dozen Macedonian-owned businesses in the diaspora were featured during our Entrepreneur Spotlight in UMD Impact Newsletter.

UMD published over 30 weekly Macedonia Economic Briefs.

Provided information on COVID-19 relief resources for Macedonian churches and organizations in Australia, Canada, and the United States.

In June, UMD ran a National Takeout Night campaign online supporting Macedonian immigrant-owned and heritage-inspired restaurants. These restaurants are not only key to the livelihoods of many Macedonians, but also to serve as a form of cultural expression, heritage, and outreach for the Macedonian community.

UMD partnered with Makonnect, the free Macedonian business directory to encourage Macedonian businesses to register online.

A partnership with Startup Macedonia and Business Accelerator UKIM was established to provide the know-how to startups and young entrepreneurs in Macedonia (image above). Encouraging economic development in Macedonia is a key method to encourage greater global interest in the country, and to make Macedonia a much more appealing partner for other countries.

UMD also partnered with ESNAF, OMG Its Macedonia, and Nas Nakit to help Macedonian-owned businesses.

Charitable Efforts

UMD Generation M’s Together from Home Campaign Donated $50,000 for the Creation of a new Pulmonary Clinic in Skopje to Combat COVID-19.

Administrative & Fundraising News

COVID-19 has seriously affected UMD’s operations, making significant downsizing necessary while still trying to meet the needs of our community at large.

After 10 years of 1510 H Street, NW and sharing an office with the Turkish Coalition of America and Advisory Council on Bosnia and Herzegovina, UMD moved out of its office space in August, temporarily saving UMD $1,000 a month.

UMD appointed 6 new global Board Members, 2 Australians, 1 Canadian, and 3 Americans (photos at right).
Dear UMD Members, Donors, and Friends,

Firstly, let me use this opportunity to express my thanks to Lidija Stojkoska who served as UMD’s Treasurer for the past nine years. She ensured and delivered the highest standards of good stewardship and accountability. I was honored to be mentored by Lidija and volunteer under her leadership for several months in 2020 learning the ropes before taking over as UMD Treasurer. I have huge shoes to fill, but I pledge that you will have an equally hard worker ensuring your financial support is spent wisely for UMD operations and programs that benefit our global Macedonian community.

2020 was an unprecedentedly difficult year for UMD. The financial impact on UMD was deeply felt. Due to COVID-19, UMD canceled all in-person programs and events, and closed its full-time office space in Washington, D.C. Starting mid-March, we completely switched to virtual operations and programs.

Having said the above, I am pleased to submit to you my first financial report as UMD Treasurer – the 2020 UMD financial report.

Over 4,250 volunteer hours went into UMD’s programs thanks to our volunteer leadership and our internship program. We closed the year with a positive change in net assets totaling $39,739.60. UMD’s membership dues and donations revenue in 2020 amounted to $92,209.76 - a decrease of 17% from 2019. On a positive note, thanks to the efforts of UMD Board Member and Generation M Global Co-Chair Petar Petrovski, UMD received a $100,000 grant from the company Jefferies for COVID-19 medical relief efforts in Macedonia. Additionally, UMD collected $4,804.30 in special events revenue, specifically from the 15th Annual Macedonian Masquerade Ball. In 2020, UMD reported investment earnings of $1,814.07 from the UMD Funding the Future Endowment portfolio housed at the Cleveland Foundation.

Based on member suggestions and the UMD Board’s approval, UMD used 47% of the operational budget on educational and philanthropic programs and 27% on cultural programs. Educational and philanthropic programs included: medical equipment for Macedonian hospitals, educational advocacy efforts, human rights, and religious freedom promotion in Southeast Europe, Census campaign, UMD’s internship program, economic development/mentorship program. Facebook live events, community outreach, and roundtables at the UMD office prior to the pandemic, and more. Cultural programs included: the 15th Annual Macedonian Masquerade Ball, Macedonian film screenings, Macedonian Women’s Day.

UMD is committed to the highest standards of good stewardship and accountability and will continue to act in a fiscally responsible manner to safeguard UMD and its future. Once again, we thank you for your support of UMD’s critical educational programs for the Macedonian people.

UMD’s paramount belief is that we must strengthen our Macedonian heritage and identity, to invest even more in education, in our community, our children, and you!

Your suggestions, thoughts and contributions are imperative to our programs, and we would love to hear from you! Please e-mail me at treasurer@umdiaspora.org with any questions or suggestions.

UMD is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit charitable organization, tax ID # 20-5182996.

Katerina Trajkova
UMD Board Member & Treasurer

“I’ve learned that you shouldn’t go through life with a catcher’s mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back.”

- Maya Angelou
2020 Financial Report

Revenue
A. Special Events & Programs: $4,804.30 2.416%
B. Membership Dues & Donations: $92,209.76 46.377%
C. Grant: $100,000.00 50.295%
D. Investment Income: $1814.07 0.912%
Total Public Support & Other Revenue: $198,832.13 100%

Operating Expenses
A. Educational & Philanthropic Programs: $75,209.85 47%
B. Cultural & Other Programs: $43,241.57 27%
C. Management and Administrative: $27,014.70 17%
D. Special Events: $13,622.41 9%
Total Expenses: $159,088.53 100%

Net Assets: $39,739.60

Revenue Diagram
- C: 50.295%
- B: 46.377%
- A: 2.416%
- D: 0.912%

Operating Expenses Diagram
- A: 47%
- B: 27%
- C: 9%
- D: 9%
2020 Macedonian Companions

UMD recognizes the generosity of our Macedonian Companions. 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.

Macedonian Companions provide vital financial support for UMD to continue preserving, promoting, and protecting the Macedonian heritage worldwide.

What is the Macedonian Companion Program?

The Macedonian Companions program will ideally constitute 300 supporters, each contributing a tax-deductible donation of $1,000 (or more) annually. These funds enable UMD to preserve Macedonia’s heritage and to champion our struggle for justice. The UMD Advisory Council provides oversight and accountability for the use of these funds on an ongoing basis.

The United Macedonian Diaspora thanks our 2020 Macedonian Companions for their generous contributions to UMD’s programs throughout the year.

Aleksandar & Vesna Andreski
Daniel & Sue Argiros
Bill Argo
Terry Argo
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Only those who donated $1,000+ during the 2020 calendar year are recognized as Macedonian Companions.
The goal of UMD’s “Funding the Future Endowment” is to secure our ongoing global impact, charitable efforts, while continuing to meet our core objective: Successful Macedonian Communities for future generations.

$10 MILLION GOAL

We need Inaugural Endowment Visionaries with an initial investment of $100,000 (Lifetime Visionaries), $50,000 (Founder’s Circle), $25,000 (Chairman’s Circle), $15,000 (President’s Circle), $10,000 (Sons and Daughters of Macedonia) or more per year or spread out over 2, 3, 5, and 10 years. All Donations are Tax-Deductible These generous donors will be recognized as Inaugural Endowment Visionaries.

The United Macedonian Diaspora Endowment Fund, “Funding The Future Endowment Fund” offers all Macedonians and Friends of Macedonia Worldwide a unique opportunity to help support the continual promotion and advocacy of Macedonia and Macedonian people around the World while at the same time allowing our donors to leave a lasting legacy for generations to come. Listed below are ways to give both now and in the future allowing for planning strategies that not only will help UMD carry out its mission but will also help you to potentially minimize your tax implications.

The United Macedonian Diaspora thanks our Lifetime Visionaries and Sons & Daughters of Macedonia for their continued generous contributions to UMD’s programs throughout the year.

LIFETIME VISIONARIES

The Bitove Foundation
Marian Ilitch
The Late Michael Ilitch

SONGS & DAUGHTERS OF MACEDONIA

John & Elizabeth Anevski
Goran & Divna Popovski
Donald & Henrietta Sazdanoff
Nicholas Thaw & Irena Gapkovska
Global Leadership

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