

Charity Concerts Help Save Polish Children's Lives

By Barbara Aleksandrowicz

On Saturday, January 17, 2004, Taneczna Orkiestra Swiatecznej Pomocy Foundation (The Dance Orchestra of Christmas Charity Foundation), the Polish American equivalent to The Great Orchestra of Christmas Charity Foundation, received over \$14,000 from sponsors and contributors through a charity concert given by many great Polish and Polish American artists. The event took place at the "Cracovia", Polish Peoples Home in Wallington, New Jersey.

Performances were given by young and talented dancers of the Joseph's Dance Studio (some of which are U.S. dance champions); the Master of Illusion, Magician Marian Bogdanowicz, a guest from Poland; Wojciech Korda - a musician and vocalist from the legendary Niebiesko-Czarni Group; a young and talented artist Hubert Kuba Wesner; a rising music star Joe Delezynski; and the incredible Andrzej Zielinski of Skaldowie. The audience also enjoyed a per-



Jozef Palka, a founder and the director of The Dance Orchestra of Christmas Charity Foundation.

formance given by Duet Cyganski - Dzanny and Elizabeta.

Among the generous contributors were Zygy Rozalski, manager for boxer Andrzej Golota, and Anna Lasota. Sponsors of the event were: Golden Eagle (Alfred and Maria Lemanski), Piast (Henryk and Maria Rybak), Quality Meat Market, Stas Meat Market, Jubilee, Polonia Meat Market, Garfield Bakery, Krystyna Bakery, Mieszko, Banas Bakery and Iwona Podolak of Polskie Biuro.

In total, after two concerts (the first one was held on January 10, 2004 at Clark, NJ), the foundation received over \$21,000.

The Dance Orchestra of



Young dancers of Joseph's Dance Studio.

Christmas Charity Foundation was founded by Jozef Palka, a director of Joseph's Dance Studio four years ago. Palka, who is also president of the foundation, puts a lot of energy and heart in organizing such events that can help to save Polish children's lives. "They are many wonderful people who help. I want to thank them all from the bottom of my heart" - Palka said.

The Great Orchestra of Christmas Charity Foundation (GOCC) was founded by Jurek Owsiak in 1992. GOCC is the biggest non-governmental and non-profit organization in Poland, operating on a nationwide scale and focused exclusively on children. The foundation saves lives by buying highly professional medical equipment for public hospitals. It has helped to equip pediatric divisions of cardio-surgery, neonatology, oncology, nephrology, newborns and divisions for children under 5 years old, as well as emergency rooms. From the moment of its inception until 2003, the foundation supported 13 gigantic projects and provided \$44 million in

financial assistance for Public Hospitals in Poland. GOCC objectives, included in the status document, are also health promotion and education in the field of preventive treatment.

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L to R: Wojciech Korda of Czerwono-Czarni and Hubert Kuba Wesner.

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