



The presence of Poles in Canada has been traced back hundreds of years. Poles have been coming here in pursuit of happiness, prosperity and freedom, contributing in return to the progress and development of their adopted country. Thanks to the multicultural policy, promoting equal standing for Canadians of diverse background, culture and religion, they could retain their

POLISH SPIRIT

We are proud to present the contributions that Canadians of Polish origin have made to Ontario's heritage in community work, politics, culture, science and engineering.

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Polish Canadian Women's Federation was founded in 1956 by Jadwiga Dobrucka to assist women of Polish origin in preserving and sharing their cultural values, and contributing to Canadian society. It is a nonprofit, charitable organization, an active member of Canadian Polish Congress, National and Provincial Council of Women, World Polish Women's Federation. During fifty-three years of its operation it has grown to over twenty branches across Canada. Dedicated to the preservation of Polish cultural traditions, Polish Canadian Women's Federation is actively involved in Canadian life.

Sixty top achievers presented in the exhibit have been carefully selected by the Nominating Committee, appointed by the Polish Canadian Women's Federation. The Committee has adopted the following criteria for selection of candidates:

- Polish roots
- Lifetime achievements recognized by Order of Canada or Order of Ontario
- Contribution to specific fields documented by awards, distinctions, and other recognized records of achievements
- Minimum ten years of professional or community activities
- Regional representation

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