

TRAGIC DEATH OF YOUNG CROAT WHO CAME TO CANADA IN SEARCH FOR A BETTER LIFE – WE ARE SEEKING YOUR HELP!

Branimir Poljak† (29) tragically died as a result of injuries sustained in a recent car accident near Dauphin (Manitoba). Last year in May, Branimir left his homeland of Croatia, including his mother and sister, extended family and friends, to come to Canada to work on a farm in Manitoba – in search of a better life and with the hope of being able to financially help his family back home. He had big aspirations, however, they unfortunately came to an abrupt end on November 14, 2015.



Branimir Poljak (1986-2015)

With no family in Canada, his mother and sister, who live modestly in his hometown of Koprivnica, are left in a very difficult position: the challenge of arranging, and the inability to pay, to have his body brought home for a proper burial. It will cost approximately \$15,000 to transfer his body home to his family.

While we did not know Branimir (nor do we know his family), as a community, we relate to his aspirations and sympathize with the pain and agony that his family is experiencing, and wish to ensure that he is properly laid to rest in his Homeland and that his mother has an opportunity to say goodbye to her son.

We are sending out this plea to members and friends of our Croatian-Canadian community and asking you to contribute to help with this enormous financial burden for the family. Whatever amount you are able to donate will help defray the expenses.

A trust account has been set up at CIBC for purposes of donations “In Trust for Branimir Poljak”:

Transit Number: 00002
Institution Number: 010
Account Number: 7050380

You can contribute either by: (a) going to any CIBC branch across Canada and making your donation to the account above; or (b) sending an INTERAC e-transfer to TheBranimirPoljakFund@gmail.com, which funds will then be deposited into the said account.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and compassion.

God Bless!

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