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SUSK attends United for Ukraine Gala with PM Harper

On the evening of Thursday September 11, 2014 several SUSKites attended the United for Ukraine fundraiser gala held in Toronto. The event was hosted by the [Canada Ukraine Foundation](#) a charitable foundation whose aim is to coordinate, develop, organize and deliver assistance projects generated by Canadians and directed to Ukraine.

The United for Ukraine gala was organized in order to support the Ukrainian relief effort. This fall, CUF is partnering with [Operation Rainbow](#) to send a medical team to perform post-traumatic and acute trauma surgeries on those injured during the Euromaidan protests and the illegal Russian occupation of Ukraine. In addition, CUF will oversee a fundraising campaign – the “Ukraine Rebuilding Fund” – to assist in the rebuilding of the social infrastructure destroyed in the conflicts, focusing first on Eastern Ukraine.



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The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada, delivered the keynote address, emphasizing Canada's continued support for Ukraine: "*We may not be Ukraine's most powerful friend,*" he said, "*but we will always be its most certain.*" To the Ukrainian people, Harper said, Canada says: "*Remember that during your struggle for peace and freedom, Canada is – and Canada always will be – at your side.*" Listen to the Prime Minister's full speech here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JTYmPuXg5_U&feature=youtu.be

A special address was also given by hockey legend Wayne Gretzky, whose grandparents are of Ukrainian heritage:

<https://www.facebook.com/video.php?v=701446313269084&fref=nf>

The Prime Minister also announced that Canadian election observers would be deployed to monitor Ukraine's parliamentary elections in late October, and that he would be receiving Ukraine's President, Mr. Petro Poroshenko, on his first official visit to Canada this week.

SUSK commends the Prime Minister for his continued support for Ukraine and looks forward to President Poroshenko's upcoming visit. SUSK would also like to congratulate the Canada Ukraine Foundation on an incredibly successful gala that demonstrated the unified support of Canada's Ukrainian community for Ukraine.

For additional photos from the event, please visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.715529808502567.1073741841.180500188672201&type=3>

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