

THE SPJST FOUNDATION

Guardian of Our Past, Present, and Future



INTRODUCING THE SPJST FOUNDATION

*Effective philanthropy requires a lot of time and creativity —
the same kind of focus and skills that building a business requires.*

Bill Gates

The SPJST Foundation was established as an independent 501(c)3 non-profit corporation in 2012 by SPJST to administer to the growth and development of the Czech Heritage Museum and Genealogy Center in Temple, Camp Kubena in Ledbetter, and any future endeavors of significant merit and in line with the Foundation's objectives.

The Foundation is managed by a Board of Directors, consisting of 11 members. Four of the 11 Directors of the Foundation consist of the SPJST President, Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, and Controller. Seven of the 11 Directors of the Foundation consist of the seven SPJST District Directors.

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Historic SPJST Lodge 19, Velehrad Lodge Hall on the Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center campus in La Grange. Funding for the hall's relocation and restoration was provided by the SPJST Foundation.



LOOKING AHEAD

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The Mission

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The Vision

The SPJST Foundation will assist projects that celebrate the cherished traditions, customs, heritage, and language of SPJST's forefathers.

Giving

The SPJST Foundation offers a thoughtful way to pay forward a person's life and accomplishments. Gifts may include cash, securities, real estate, personal property, life insurance, gift annuities and charitable remainder trusts. For information on establishing a legacy gift, please contact SPJST Foundation President Brian Vanicek at 254.534.2902 or vanicek@spjst.com.

In the year 2000, I read a book called *The Cathedral Within* by Bill Shore, the founder of Share Our Strength, a national nonprofit organization established to support anti-hunger and anti-poverty efforts worldwide. I was so taken by the book's ideas on foundation building and their applicability to SPJST that I took notes — and held on to them. Almost 20 years later, Bill Shore and Share Our Strength are still going strong and The SPJST Foundation is a reality!



Like the cathedral builders of olden days, the visionary leaders described in Shore's book shared a single desire: To create something that endures. The older I get, the more I can relate to that idea. The great cathedrals did not soar skyward because their builders were seeking quick and easy construction projects. The vast majority of those who worked on these projects did so knowing that they would not live to see the final finished achievement. This didn't diminish their dedication or craftsmanship. The evidence suggests it enhanced it.

As in constructing a cathedral, building The SPJST Foundation can be an exciting and satisfying process that establishes a legacy for generations to come. It can provide the bedrock of financial support necessary to assist projects which seek to keep alive the cherished traditions, customs, heritage, and language of SPJST's forefathers.

Your legacy and planned gifts will enable The SPJST Foundation to pursue innovative opportunities and ideas including facility construction, educational initiatives, partnerships, and exhibit development. The SPJST Foundation offers a meaningful way to honor a loved one in your life.

Recent SPJST Foundation initiatives include the publication of *Czech Songs in Texas* by the University of Oklahoma Press and scheduled for release in July 2021, the relocation and rededication of the historic SPJST Lodge 19, Velehrad lodge hall on the property of the Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center in La Grange (2019), the SPJST Founders' Day Celebration at Lodge 1, Fayetteville (2018) and Hurricane Harvey Relief Effort (2017).

Thank you for your kind attention and for the positive difference that you can make!

Brian Vanicek
President
The SPJST Foundation

AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE SPJST FOUNDATION LEGACY TEAM

The SPJST Foundation assists projects that seek to keep alive the cherished traditions, customs, heritage, and language of SPJST's forefathers. Camp Kubena in Fayette County and the Czech Heritage Museum and Genealogy Center in Temple represent two of these initiatives.



Camp Kubena

Camp Kubena in northern Fayette County, Texas recognizes the opportunity that it has to make a positive difference in the lives of young people and others by developing a greater appreciation, understanding and involvement with the nature world. Future plans include the renovation of existing camp facilities as well as offering programs that reconnect children and adults to natural world.

Czech Heritage Museum

The Czech Heritage Museum in Temple, Texas is a "must-see" for visitors to the city and state. Through displays and collections, the museum preserves the culture, the memories and the proud history of Texans of Czech ancestry. Museum needs include support for conservation, research, educational outreach and performance, exhibition support, collections management and infrastructure.



***Y**our legacy is more than a bank balance.
It's the impact that you make on your community
and your family. Establishing a planned gift on
behalf of your family creates a charitable legacy that
can make a positive difference far into the future.*

The SPJST Foundation is currently seeking Capital Fund contributions to support these kinds of initiatives. A charitable legacy gift to The SPJST Foundation will offer a meaningful way to honor a loved one in your life.

To discuss how you or your organization can participate in an SPJST Foundation legacy gift, please contact SPJST Foundation President Brian Vanicek at 254.534.2902 or vanicek@spjst.com

HOW YOU CAN GIVE

POTENTIAL BENEFITS TO YOUR ESTATE

Gift of Cash

A quick and easy gift

An income tax deduction and immediate impact for us

Gift of Securities

Eliminates tax on capital gains

A charitable deduction plus no long-term capital gains tax

Gift of Personal Property

Share your enjoyment of a collection or other personal item

A charitable deduction based on the full fair market value

Bequest

Defer a gift until after your lifetime

Donations that are fully exempt from estate tax

Gift of Life Insurance

A larger gift with little cost

Current and potentially future income tax deductions

Gift of Real Estate

Eliminates capital gains tax on the sale of a home or other real estate

An income tax deduction, plus reduction or elimination of long-term capital gains tax

Retained Life Estate

Gives your personal residence or farm, but you retain life use

Tax advantages plus continued use of the property

Charitable Remainder Annuity Trust

Secures a fixed life income while avoiding market risks

Tax benefits and often a higher rate of return

Charitable Gift Annuity

Supplement income with payments that are partially income tax free

Current and future savings on income taxes for life for one or two individuals

PERSONAL ACCOUNTS



“ I encourage you to give generously to the SPJST Foundation, which is dedicated in assisting and promoting the organizations that have, and continue to preserve the cherished traditions, history, and culture of the brave Czech, Moravian, and pioneers who dared leave their homeland in order to seek the ‘American Dream’ in the State of Texas.

The SPJST Foundation fosters the active groups that offer opportunities of an educational family experience to the public.

We owe it to the coming generations! We can, we will, we must.

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Jerry Milan

President, SPJST Lodge 154, Fort Worth

President, Czech Heritage Museum and Genealogy Center

“ As a lifelong member of SPJST and someone who has been involved with the SPJST Youth Program since the age of five, I am very adamant about keeping and promoting the Czech heritage and everything SPJST stands for. Being a full-blooded Czech, I am proud of my heritage and strive to keep the history and customs of my ancestors alive.

The Czech Heritage Museum in Temple is an excellent way to educate others about the rich Czech heritage. It is also able to promote SPJST and the benefits we provide. Camp Kubena in Fayette County provides a safe environment for our SPJST youth to attend camp. Youth members from across the state of Texas are learning how to bake kolaches, make homemade noodles, and dance the *Ceska Beseda*. At SPJST camp, they learn to sing Czech songs and dance the polka and waltz. Camp Kubena is also a place for other organizations to enjoy the serenity and amenities SPJST has to offer.

Supporting The SPJST Foundation will help to ensure that the Czech Heritage Museum and Camp Kubena continue to operate so that these time-honored traditions continue for many generations to come.



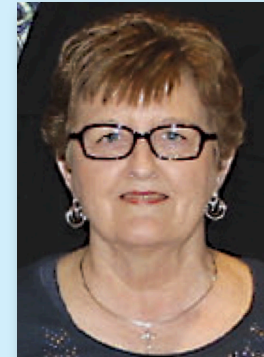
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Susan Skrabanek

Sales Agent/Reporter, SPJST Lodge 17, New Tabor

“ SPJST youth members of today deserve to experience the richness of the Czech culture. Donations to The SPJST Foundation will ensure that the Czech culture, traditions, values, and sense of fraternalism will be preserved and enjoyed by future generations. ”

Rita Spinn
President, SPJST Lodge 80, Holland



“ The SPJST Foundation is an important part of our heritage that should be supported so that present and future generations understand and appreciate what our forefathers endured and overcame when they immigrated to the United States. Preserving the past and educating the present and future generations will ensure that this will be done.

The Czech Heritage Museum contains educational and informative material which can be passed on to future generations. Camp Kubena provides a place where youth and adults can be connected to nature and learn about customs and traditions that are important and should be shared with future generations to preserve our heritage.

The customs, traditions, heritage, and language of our forefathers must be preserved for future generations to ensure that they will not be forgotten. ”

Janice Jahns
President, SPJST Lodge 88, Houston

“ I encourage every SPJST lodge and SPJST member to support The Foundation. This is our chance to perpetually support the Czech Heritage Museum and Genealogy Center. It is up to US — Let's do it! ”

Jerry Sijansky
Vice President, SPJST Lodge 79, Corpus Christi



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