

Solidarity according to women



Warsaw - December 6, 2014 During the premiere, Halina Koralewski talks about her involvement in getting the NBC's footage. Next to her the movie directors: Piotr Śliwowski and Marta Dzido

I volunteered to help two independent movie directors from Poland, who undertook an incredible task of documenting a role of women in a Solidarity movement. The directors found a unique recording done by the NBC TV station in 1982 showing release of Polish women from prison in Gołdap, in the northeastern Poland.

The price for the rights to a 2 min recording with sound was \$14.400. The directors asked me to find organizations and private sponsors among Polonia as their efforts for getting support for the hour and half movie exhausted resources in Poland. Having to do with a documentary recording the first time, I was surprised how expensive it was. I found a person responsible for the recording and began the six month long negotiating process. After countless emails and telephone calls I was able to bring the price down to \$9000. At the same time, I was sending letters (over 100) asking for donations various organizations located in New York and in NJ, as well my friends and family members.

None of the organizations responded, except one; the **Polish American Charitable Foundation** - their president, Virginia Sikora together with the Foundation's directors fully supported the project and provided funds for the rights to the recording. The remaining funds collected by me from individual donors (\$4500) were used for purchasing the recording from the BBC. The movie premiered in Warsaw, in December 2014. I volunteered for this project because in



my opinion every document showing role of women, in a unique world phenomenon, as the Solidarity movement was, should be available for the public regardless of the price, because it is a part of our history. I am very grateful, that such a reputable organization like PAC Charitable Foundation and a handful of my friends share the same views and displayed deep patriotism by supporting my action.

To see a trailer of "Solidarity According To Women" go to:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mXhq4EXilQc>

To read about women in Solidarity go to:

www.watchdocs.pl/2014/.../solidarnosc_wedlug_kobiet-film-10-pl.html