



The Hoover Project is launched

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As part of the [“Sto Lat Razem”](#) campaign, which celebrates 100 years of Poland`s independence and Polish-American relations, the City of Krakow together with the U.S. Consulate General in Krakow, the American Chamber of Commerce and in cooperation with partner institutions is pleased to announce the “Honoring Hoover” project.

Part of the project will be the **“Hoover Table Charity”** action where entrepreneurs as well as residents of Krakow as well as tourists may raise money for disadvantaged children.

President Herbert Hoover was an extraordinary person and an American friend of Poland, who worked to assemble humanitarian aid for Poland after the 1st and 2nd World Wars. As the head of the American Relief Administration (ARA), Hoover initiated and organized efforts to help Poles with the key goal to save Polish children from hunger and disease and to bring relief to the devastated country`s economy.

One of Herbert Hoover`s most notable charity events was the **“Invisible Guest Dinner”** organized in 1920 at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York. The event idea was to raise funds for Poland in the aftermath of World War I. 1000 people responded to Herbert Hoover`s invitation, each paying \$1,000 dollars to attend. The meal was intentionally modest. Guests - America`s most powerful business tycoons were seated at wooden tables and food was served on metal plates without napkins. The dinner was based on the typical size of meals available for a Polish child, with a monetary value of only 22 cents. The meal consisted of potatoes, rice and a cup of cocoa. There was also an empty chair placed in the center of a wooden table to symbolize an absent child`s life. A candle was then placed on the chair to represent the child`s fate coming to an end. This dinner was an enormous success, as it raised **one million dollars** in aid for the Polish people and was thereafter called the Million Dollar Dinner.

The goal of this project is to enable participation of underprivileged pupils from day-care facilities in Krakow in an Adventure English Language Camp and refresh the general knowledge about Herbert Hoover`s great story.

All HOOVER TABLE project details can be found on the website: www.hoovertable.pl.