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Anita Baglaneas Devlin To Speak At Children's Medical Fund Luncheon

The National Philoptochos Society is pleased to announce that Anita Baglaneas Devlin, an advocate for addiction recovery, will be the guest speaker at the 16th National Philoptochos Children's Medical Fund Luncheon. The Luncheon, which is being hosted by the Metropolis of New Jersey Philoptochos, will take place on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at The Venetian in Garfield, NJ. Ms. Devlin, and her son Michael Jr., are the co-authors of S.O.B.E.R., a book chronicling their family's journey from addiction to recovery. A Greek-American and a daughter of a Greek Orthodox priest, Ms. Devlin's compelling story demonstrates that no one is immune from addiction and there is 'no room for judgment and shame because we are all God's children.'

"We are so happy to have Anita Baglaneas Devlin as our honored speaker at the Children's Medical Fund Luncheon. Opioid and heroin addiction are sweeping across the country, especially in the northeast. This timely presentation by Anita will not only move us, but will also help us to recognize the symptoms of addiction and understand treatments that are available for the entire family," said Anne Michals, President of the Metropolis of New Jersey.

The event on November 11 begins with a reception at 11:00 am, followed by the Luncheon at noon, where the recipients of grants and awards will be announced. The afternoon will also feature a raffle with beautiful prizes and our Shoppe Philoptochos with Philoptochos logo items for purchase. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact CMF2017@philoptochos.org.

The Children's Medical Fund

Since its inception, the National Philoptochos has raised approximately \$3.3 million for the Children's Medical Fund and has awarded over \$2.8 million in grants to hospitals and organizations that care for children with critical and life threatening illnesses. The remaining funds have been disbursed for children in need through grants handled by the Social Services department at the National Philoptochos office. Donations to the Fund can be placed at: <http://bit.ly/1MpMsF3>.