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### NATIONAL PHILOPTOCHOS ANNOUNCES DISBURSEMENT OF \$30,000 IN EMERGENCY RELIEF FOR VICTIMS OF HURRICANE HARVEY

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**New York, NY:** The stewards of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, committed to making a difference in the world, are limitless in their compassion for serving the victims of disasters. Once again, National Philoptochos answered the call in the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Harvey's historic flooding in Texas. Fifty-five inches of rain fell, depositing 24.5 trillion gallons of rainwater on the effected areas. This is three times the amount of water that Hurricane Katrina produced.

On August 31, 2017, the National Philoptochos approved a disbursement of \$30,000 to IOCC as an immediate and initial contribution to benefit victims. As the needs of the communities are better identified in the coming weeks and months, Philoptochos will continue to provide aid and comfort locally with hands-on support on the ground and nationally with additional financial support.

Since 2004, National Philoptochos has distributed over \$600,000 around the world to victims of disasters, including:

- Floods in Iowa, Nashville, Pakistan, Mississippi, Serbia, Louisiana, West Virginia, and Texas
- Earthquakes in Haiti, Nepal, and Mytiline in Greece
- Florida Hurricanes, Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Sandy, and Hurricane Matthew
- Fires in Greece and San Francisco
- Tsunami in Japan
- Taiphoon in Hong Kong
- Tornado at Ionian village

The National Philoptochos Emergency Fund makes it possible for Philoptochos to respond with immediate aid when disasters strike. Heartfelt thanks go to the more than 400 local Philoptochos chapters across the US, along with their communities, without whose support the work of the National Philoptochos would not be possible. Working together, with the love and blessings of God, we will continue our work to lessen the pain, loss and suffering of the most fragile in our society.

To support the National Philoptochos Eergency Fund, please log on to <http://bit.ly/1MpMsF3> to make your donation.

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