

PHILOPTOCHOS DISBURSES A TOTAL OF \$1,373,376 IN 2018

The National Board of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, Inc. announces that as a result of the hard work of every Philoptochos chapter across the nation and with the support and cooperation of their entire parish families, funds totaling **\$1,373,376** were disbursed from January 1 – December 31, 2018. These donations are in addition to other philanthropic assistance provided by the Metropolises and over 400 individual chapters across the country. Following is a listing of the National Philoptochos Ministry Commitments/Programs and Special Collections along with the programs and organizations that benefited:

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center	\$65,000	To the St. Nicholas Shrine Building Fund
St. Basil Academy Vasilopita Sisterhood Fund	\$300,000 \$27,166	For operational expenses \$20,000 for furniture & furnishing upgrades in boy's and girls' dormitory \$3,266 for graduation ceremonies \$3,900 for Christmas and graduation gifts for the children
Zoe Cavalaris Education Fund	\$26,470	For tutoring
Hellenic College Holy Cross Scholarship Fund	\$67,000	\$59,000 for Fall and Spring scholarships \$8,000 to students for special merit awards
Aid to Greece and Cyprus	\$60,000	Greece \$20,000 to Apostoli Demetreion Center, Moschato, Athens for the care of underprivileged children \$20,000 to Apostoli of the Holy Archdiocese of Athens humanitarian relief for the 2018 wildfires in the Attica region, near Athens Cyprus \$5,000 Holy Metropolis of Limasol \$15,000 to Therapeftiko Kentro Paidion Kypriakou Erithrou Stavrou Stella Souliotis, Limasol
Archdiocesan Presbyters Council/National Sisterhood of Presvyteres Benevolent Fund (APC/NSP)	\$30,000	For assistance to Clergy and their families in need.
Autism Assistance Fund	\$19,215	\$10,000 Syndesmos Gia Atoma Me Aftismo, Limassol, Cyprus \$3,000 to Agia Elpida in Patras for salaries of 2 employees, a teacher and therapist to assist children and families with disabilities. \$3,000 to Steps PTO, for Educational Greenhouse in Parma, Ohio \$3,215 for assistance to individuals

Cancer Fund	\$53,934	For assistance to individuals
Children's Medical Fund 2017	\$75,418	<p>\$5,000 Bone Marrow Foundation, NY, for assistance to children and families preparing for and undergoing bone marrow, stem cells or cord blood transfers</p> <p>\$5,000 to La Clinica Del Pueblo, Washington, DC for the MI Refugio Program, youth development</p> <p>\$10,418 to Progeria Research Foundation, in Peabody, MA for 2-drug clinical Trial testing</p> <p>\$10,000 to Gilchrist Hospice Care for Pediatric Hospice program, hospice care and family grief support</p> <p>\$12,500 Upper Chesapeake Health Foundation, Bel Air, MD for the Hold Them Close Program-care for at Risk Mothers and infants with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS)</p> <p>\$10,000 to the Foundation for Morristown Medical Center, Morristown, NJ to expand the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit</p> <p>\$15,000 to Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, PA for Social Work Emergency Fund to provide support to families for transportation, lodging, medications, supplies and equipment.</p> <p>\$7,500 for assistance to one individual</p>
Ecumenical Patriarchate	\$125,000	For Patriarchal ministries
General Medical Fund	\$35,000	To University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL for the THRIVE Clinic Human Trafficking Survivors program support
International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)	\$60,000	<p>\$20,000 for their humanitarian relief support to victims in the deadly wildfires in East Attica, Port Rafina, and Village of Mati, Greece.</p> <p>\$40,000 for the Podoconiosis Program in Ethiopia continued support</p>
Orthodox Christian Missions	\$47,100	<p>\$32,100 to OCM for the Vulnerable Youth Initiative program-a diverse group of at-risk youth in need of mentorship, life skills and continuing high school education.</p> <p>\$15,000 to Archbishop Makarios III Ecclesiastical Seminary, in Kenya for program expansion.</p>
Orthodox Christian Fellowship	\$31,200	For the OCF Student Initiatives and Leadership Support
Retired Clergy and Widowed Presvyteres Benevolent Fund	\$10,000	General donation
St. Photios Shrine	\$20,500	<p>\$20,000 General donation</p> <p>\$500 for Pilgrimage Sponsorship</p>

Support a Mission Priest (SAMP)	\$36,000	For a general donation to benefit 60 mission priests at \$600 each for a full year
75th Anniversary Founders Fund	\$ 15,000	To the Greek American Rehabilitation and Care Center, Wheeling, IL towards the cost of Jeron Provider 790 Nurse Call System
Social Services	\$133,979	for assistance to individuals
National Philoptochos Emergency	\$ 3,500	To St. Elias the Prophet Greek Orthodox Church, in Dubuque, IA to repair and reinstall one window from the old church to the new church
2018 Fires in Greece	\$106,750	To Ecumenical Patriarchate for distribution by the Patriarchal office in Athens and in cooperation with the Metropolises of the affected areas to the victims in need.
Hurricane Harvey Relief 2017	\$1,200	For assistance to one individual
2017 Hurricane Relief Fund	\$19,500	For assistance to individuals
Convention 2018-Boston, MA	\$4,444	\$1,500 to Show Love Foundation In Birmingham, AL for food distribution to the homeless. \$2,944 to Rise Against Hunger for meal purchase and packaging during the Convention

The ladies of the Philoptochos Society express their heartfelt gratitude to Philoptochos chapters and parishes across the nation for support of their philanthropic programs in 2018. Without the cooperation of the entire Greek Orthodox community, our work would not be possible. For more information on National Philoptochos ministries and commitments, please see: www.philoptochos.org/outreach/commitments.