National Philoptochos Newest Initiative
The mission of the Operation Classroom Initiative is to assist and offer support to teachers and students in underserved or underfunded schools and provide resources that would not have been available through the local school district.
Operation Classroom Committee goals continue:

• Every **Metropolis** is to have an Operation Classroom Chairman who will work with an Operation Classroom committee liaison.

• Every **chapter** is to have an Operation Classroom Chairman in place.

• Chapters are to share how they are implementing Operation Classroom in their Community and Metropolis.

• Every chapter is to identify a school educational institution or program to assist.

• Initiatives and planning for the 2020-2021 School year should be underway.
• Metropolis President Appoints A Metropolis Chairman And Committee
• Chapter President Appoints A Chairman And Committee
• Operation Classroom Committee Member Works With A Metropolis As A Liaison
Operation Classroom has been accepted enthusiastically by chapters.

One of the best features of this initiative is the approach that one size does not fit all.

Operation Classroom program is designed to be flexible with each chapter designing their outreach to schools and teachers as needed.

Each chapter should choose how they can best help in their community.
GETTING IT ROLLING

- Find a teacher or educator in your parish
- Locate a school in your parish’s neighborhood
- Work with the school social worker or liaison
- Work with the school administrator
OPTIONS....

CHAPTER PROJECTS

SO MANY OPTIONS
STUDENTS NEED SUPPLIES

CHAPTER PROJECTS

OPERATION BACKPACK

Operation Backpack: Embraced By Many Philoptochos Chapters Across The Nation

Many Students Are Not Able To Provide Their Own Supplies
WOW! NEW BACKPACKS!

Embraced By Many Chapters

Operation Backpack
NEVER TOO YOUNG TO HELP!

Youth And Community Working Together!
PUTTING IT TOGETHER
PACKING UP

ALL SET FOR DELIVERY
PHILOPTOCHOS AND YOUTH WORKING TOGETHER TO HELP OTHERS
EVERYONE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

COMMUNITY HELPERS

OPERATION BACKPACK

THANK YOU GOYANS!

EVERYONE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!
SMILES...PRICELESS

FUN TO GET NEW THINGS!
NEW SUPPLIES

SUPPLY DRIVES

NEVER ENOUGH SUPPLIES
Beginning of Year School Supply Drive:
We have partnered with our local elementary school for about 7 years now.
• School Supply Drive: School Supply Drive for McMeeen Elementary School.

• When we delivered the items I think the Asst Principal was expecting something a fraction smaller. They had to scramble a bit to find more space but were very pleased.

• The donations included:
  • 89 spiral notebooks
  • 4150 sheets of loose leaf paper
  • 160 markers
  • 682 crayons
  • 170 pens
  • hundreds of post-its
  • 564 pencils
  • 98 highlighters
  • … and much much more.
THANK YOU FOR HELPING!

Learning to give back to others

KIDS AT WORK
THANKS GIRLS!

SUPPLY DRIVE!

Thank You Future Philoptochos Members!!
SUPPLIES

DISINFECTANT WIPES
PAPER TOWELS
CRAYONS
MARKERS
NOTEBOOKS
GLUE
AND SO MUCH MORE
MAKE UP THE
STUDENTS’ SUPPLY
LISTS.
GETTING ORGANIZED!
GETTING THE ASSEMBLY LINE STARTED

- Tissues
- Disinfectant Wipes
- Paper Towels
- And More.....
SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Purchasing School Supplies For Students

FUN TIMES!
Getting The Supplies Boxed Up And Ready To Be Delivered To The Schools.
OTHER OPTIONS

COMFORT CLOSETS

OPTION FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
PROJECT: COMFORT CLOSET

• Toiletries
• Shampoo
• Soap
• Deodorant
• Toothpaste
• And more are collected and placed in school comfort closets.

OUTREACH TO MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
COMFORT CLOSET

PROVIDING PERSONAL HYGIENGE ITEMS FOR STUDENTS

STUDENTS SHOP AS NEEDED
PERSONAL HYGIENIC KITS

ITEMS IN DISCREETLY PACKED

READY FOR DELIVERY

THANK YOU!
Hygiene Kits For Middle And High School Students

SAVE THOSE MAKEUP BAGS!
MORE ESSENTIALS

CLOTHING DRIVES

ESSENTIALS THAT ARE NEEDED
• Undergarment Drive: Our Undergarment Drive for the elementary school we have adopted. The school administrators informed us that many of the children do not have adequate undergarments. So our Philoptochos and our parish made sure that they would.
Project Warmth: Our parish family collected and donated a vast array of winter items to help keep children warm in Greater Omaha.
CLOTHING DRIVE

Students Needing Clothes For Their School Uniform
LITERACY

BOOKS FOR ALL!

PUTTING BOOKS IN CHILDRENS' HANDS
BOOK DRIVE

Philoptochos Making It Possible For Every Child To Own A Book

Keeping Literacy Alive

LET'S READ
Getting Books Into The Hands Of Children
BOOK DRIVE

Boxes Of Books Ready To Deliver To Students

SUPER IDEA!
Literary Character Day: Literary Character Day at McMeen Elementary School in Denver CO. The students dressed as their favorite literary character and our chapter enjoyed visiting every classroom to take photos and hear about the wonderful books they had read. (Some characters were boys and girls like you and me no costume required!) A great day!
WORKING WITH STUDENTS

HANDS ON ACTIVITY

TUTORING
AFTER SCHOOL SUPPORT

Thank you!

LET'S SUPPORT OUR FUTURE
It's difficult to learn on an empty stomach.

Keeping our kids fed.

Food drives.
“Many of the families that utilize the food pantry do not have a way to heat meals. Our families have expressed their thanks for the items provided based on their requests. The grab-and-go foods, cereals and pop-top foods have been beneficial in meeting their food needs.”
Families In Need Of Meals

- Packing Food Boxes: food is packed up for children and families
FOOD DRIVE

ASSEMBLY LINE FOR MEAL PREPARATION
SERVING WARM MEALS

No Child Should Be Hungry

PHILOPTOCHOS AT OUR BEST

NOTHING LIKE A WARM MEAL!
PUTTING TOGETHER WEEKEND PACKAGES
BE FLEXIBLE

OTHER OC OPTIONS

SO MANY OPTIONS!
• Students Receiving Tickets To The Movie Theater For Reading
• Hat Mitten And Coat Recipients
CARE PACKAGES

SNACKS

ART SUPPLIES

THE NEED ONCE THE PANDEMIC CAME
GREEN THUMBS AT WORK!

MAKING OUR SCHOOLS BEAUTIFUL
Homecoming Basket for a family at our local elementary school: We had a boy and his mother who had been on the move from an abusive husband. They had been living with a friend for the school year and right before school ended the friend said they had to move out. In just a few days we were able to collect as many household items as we could to give them a fresh start in their new apartment.
Remembering Children During Christmas And Other Holidays
• **Giving Tree Project**: Each year several families from two schools are adopted. We work with the school administrators to determine the families in most need. Our parish is very involved and we collected over 200 gifts for the families this past Christmas. We have been doing this for several years.
Christmas for School Families: Each year we partner with a local organization that matches us with school families that are in need during Christmas. Sometimes the school counselor gives us the names of a family. We have a wish list for each family and our parish helps them have a lovely Christmas. We also provide a turkey or ham for their Christmas Dinner. Here are photos from two different years. We have been doing this for about 7 years.
EVERYONE NEEDS NEW KICKS!

ROCKIN’ IN MY SCHOOL SHOES
PICK A SHOE!
ANY SHOE
NEW KICKS

AND THE SHOPPING STARTED!
COMMUNITY AWARENESS

IDEAS TO RAISE OC AWARENESS

GETTING THE COMMUNITY INVOLVED
Chapters Raising Funds And Creating Awareness For Operation Classroom
Getting Everyone Involved

Please help St. Katherine's Ladies Philoptochos fill backpacks with school supplies for local children in need.

Join us on Sun., March 15th for our first Community Breakfast: A Time To Come Together...

to pick up a list and a bag to fill. We will be collecting every Sunday after liturgy in the Meletios Charubas Hall until May 31st.
Picnicking In The Comfort Of Air Conditioning And No Bugs!

The Best!
COMMUNITY AWARENESS

PICNIC LUNCH FOR ALL!

Entrance Fee:
Bring School Supplies
Or Monetary Donation
Informing Community About The Needs Of Students

- Ask And Answer Question Time....
- How Can We Make A Difference?
JUST IMAGINE THE SMILE ON KIDS WHEN THEY GET THESE NEW BACKPACKS

THE RESULTS...

Great Job Philoptochos!

Helping Others Puts A Smile On Your Face!
OC PROJECTS

- PROVIDE VIRTUAL RESOURCES
- FOOD PANTRY
- ART SUPPLIES
- BOOKS FOR STUDENTS
- BEACH BAG PROGRAM
- HEADPHONES FOR LAPTOPS
- PE EQUIPMENT
- LAMINTATED DESK MAPS
- HOLIDAY TREATS
- HAT SCARF GLOVES DRIVE
- TUTORING

OPTIONS: LIMITLESS
MORE OC PROJECTS

AS YOU CAN SEE SO MANY OPTIONS IN HELPING STUDENTS

INCREDIBLE!
GRATITUDE

PHILOPTOCHOS IS APPRECIATED

HEART WARMING

THANK YOU
THANK YOU FOR THE BOOKS

Philoptochos Making A Difference In Children's Lives

ENDEARING!
Thank you so much for supporting Redford Union High School teachers with your generous donation of classroom supplies. Your support of teachers allows us, the students, to have productive classes that will help us both Academically and Socially. It creates a healthy learning environment. This will help us achieve our goals and create new dreams for a brighter future. Your generous contributions are appreciated.

Friends at St. Constantine and Helen Philoptochos,

Devinus Strange
J.R.

Emma Wright

Brooke Mossey

Luke D.

Carlos I.

Eric B

Michelle J.

Shonie

Ameera

Pawna V

Susan Klein

Ruths English teacher

Ruhs

Journey

Song, Thank you!

Chelsea, thanks you!
THANK YOU!

THANK YOU FOR LETTING US MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

PHILOPOTOCHOS ENGAGING HANDS ON
EVERYONE NEEDS A HUG!

PRICELESS!
CONTINUE OUTREACH

• What Will The Upcoming School Year Look Like?
• More Online Resources Will Be Needed
• No More Sharing Of Supplies
• Be Flexible And Continue To Reach Out To Teachers And Schools

THE NEED WILL BE GREAT!
Thank you to all the Chapters for their support in the Operation Classroom Initiative.

...for getting our youth and other members of your parish involved in this worthy initiative.

...for developing an awareness of Philoptochos’ good works in your parishes and your communities.

Continue your Good Work for 2020-2021.

We are all in this together!

Thank you to the OC Committee.

We are making a difference one step at a time.
This Has Been A Very Fulfilling Project For Our Philoptochos Knowing That We Are Addressing A Local Need And Making A Difference In Teachers’ And Students School Days

Saints Anargyroi Ladies Philoptochos Hamilton New Jersey