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Operation Classroom Co-Chairs

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Dear Metropolis and Chapter Presidents,

We hope this message finds you and your families well. As Co-Chairs we wanted to inform/remind you of the Operation Classroom Initiative adopted by the National Philoptochos in 2019. This Initiative is an ongoing project that is meant to support students and teachers in schools across our country. Below you will find information regarding this Initiative and the steps necessary to insure the participation of your Metropolis chapters. We kindly ask that you please forward this message and the attached documents to all of your chapters and encourage their participation.

OPERATION CLASSROOM INITIATIVE MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of the Operation Classroom Initiative is to assist and offer support to teachers and students in underserved schools and provide resources that may not have been available through the local school district.

GOALS:

- Each Metropolis President should assign a Metropolis Operation Classroom Chairman.
- Each chapter should assign an Operation Classroom Chairman and form a committee.
- Each chapter designs the program to fit the needs of their community.
- Each chapter will record the following data: name of project, how many children served, and the amount of money spent on the project.
- Chapters and Metropolises are encouraged to promote their projects on social media such as Facebook, Instagram as well as submitting to communications@philoptochos.org for the Philanthropy Witness.
- Chapters are encouraged to embrace and engage other ministries within the church to work together on projects.

LIAISONS

- Each Metropolis is assigned a liaison, who is a member of the National Philoptochos Operation Classroom Initiative. Some Metropolises may have more than one OC committee member within their Metropolis.
- Liaisons will communicate with the Metropolis Chairman to offer support and record data.

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- Each Metropolis Chairman will reach out to chapters to offer them guidance and support, and work with Liaisons to record data.
- Liaisons should encourage each chapter to use their creativity, resources, and outreach within their community. Inspirational outreach benefits all.

ONGOING

- Please use the templates provided for reporting and collecting data. These completed forms should be sent to the Operation Classroom Co-Chairs.
- All data received will be compiled on an Excel spreadsheet.
- Templates will be shared with all Metropolis Presidents (via their OC liaisons) to be distributed to all chapters.
- Reports should be provided to the OC Chairs semi-annually using the following time frames:
 - June-December 2022
 - January-June 2023
 - July-December 2023
 - January-May 2024
- Templates available online at <https://www.philoptochos.org/operation-classroom/>

As always, we thank you for all that you do for Philoptochos by helping those less fortunate. If you have any questions regarding Operation Classroom or its implementation, please don't hesitate to reach out to either Pam (speropam70@comcast.net) or Joyce (jspanakis@me.com). We are happy to help you in any way we can.

Your Sisters in Christ,



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