

GREEK ORTHODOX LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY, INC.
NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT
MAY 23, 2023



Humanitarian Relief

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Mission:

The Humanitarian Relief Committee of the National Philoptochos Board is charged with the mission to provide aid, compassion, dignity and hope to those in need in times of national and international crisis. It is through our Chapters' most generous support of our National Commitments that our committee can disburse assistance during difficult times.

The Humanitarian Relief committee has been divided into four sub committees which are the following:

IOCC: Martha Stefanidakis, Elaine Cladis, Joanne Stavrakis, Lisa Xanthos, Evelyn Tsiadis, Kathy Staten

Missions: Pam Weinroth, Jennifer Constantin, Athena Kalyvas, Stephanie Poplas

Disaster Relief: Irene Politis, Cynthia Crosson, Demetria Bakris, Despina Kartson, Georgia Skeadas

UNICEF: Marilyn Tzakis, Pat Gerbanos, Anna Vedouras

IOCC

We received a grant proposal from IOCC in the amount of \$90,000 to assist 200 Ukrainian women by offering tools and education to give them the skills to return to the workforce and making them self-sufficient. Priority will be given to displaced women in single headed families who are faced with many obstacles.

It was recommended and approved at the executive board meeting in April of 2023 and the funds were released to IOCC.

Missions

We have received an application from Holy Innocents Hospital in Kamatur, Bukedea District, Uganda for the construction of a kitchen. The hospital does not have a sufficient kitchen and since the number of patients, their relatives and staff are increasing they want to build a professional kitchen. The application was submitted with errors and incomplete information. Based on the review process and speaking with Fr.Evan Armatas, his advice was to **NOT** recommend this application for funding.

Disaster Relief

The most current disaster is Hurricane Ian which hit Fort Myers, Florida on September 28, 2022. Several families were displaced. Father Dean Natsos from Annunciation Church in Fort Myers was immediately contacted. It was explained that anyone needing help must fill out the assistance form and will be contacted by the social service chair from the Metropolis of Atlanta Philoptochos Board to look into their cases.

In participation with the Metropolis of Atlanta Philoptochos National raised \$62,495, of that amount \$21,655 was released from that fund and sent to the Metropolis of Atlanta Philoptochos to administer and disburse. The Hurricane Ian fund has a remaining balance of \$40,840. The Metropolis of Atlanta Philoptochos Chapters collected \$54,985.59. The Metropolis of Atlanta has assisted nine individuals for a total of \$38,946.61.

UNICEF

A proposal from UNICEF was received by the National office and was sent to the committee to be reviewed. It is still in the review process.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Humanitarian Relief Committee,

Irene Politis, Chair