



*The National
Philoptochos Society
presents the
Twentieth
Children's Medical
Fund Luncheon*

*Hosted by the
Metropolis of
Atlanta Philoptochos*



*Let us rejoice and
embrace the children*



*Thank you for
joining us to rejoice
and embrace the children.*

UNDER THE HIGH PATRONAGE OF
HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP ELPIDOPHOROS
AND
HIS EMINENCE METROPOLITAN SEVASTIANOS
OF ATLANTA

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ΙΕΡΑ ΑΡΧΙΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΗ ΑΜΕΡΙΚΗΣ

September 27, 2025

To the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, Inc.
20th Biennial National Children's Medical Fund Luncheon
Debbie George, National President & General Chair
Irene Politis, Atlanta Metropolis President & Luncheon Chair
126 East 37th Street
New York, NY 10016

Beloved sisters in Christ,

It is with sentiments of heartfelt joy and deep paternal appreciation that I greet you on the occasion of your 20th Biennial National Philoptochos Children's Medical Fund Luncheon, which is being hosted by the Metropolis of Atlanta Philoptochos. This event always beautifully embodies the love, compassion and generosity that the Church calls us to share with all our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, and most especially our precious children who face life-threatening illnesses.

For over two decades, Philoptochos has been at the very forefront of this noble effort, spearheading the charge with this remarkable Luncheon. Having raised well over \$4 million for this cause, you continue to significantly impact countless lives by providing essential medical care and hope to those most vulnerable and in need of assistance. Your dedication, of course, answers Christ's call to embrace the least of our brethren and to care for our children. And this, my dear sisters, begins to mirror some of the boundless love and care that our Loving Heavenly Father extends to all of us, His faithful sons and daughters in the world.

And so, in commending the entire Philoptochos Sisterhood for its diligent preparations and unwavering commitment, I pray that your efforts may always be abundantly blessed by God, so as to continue touching hearts and transforming lives. May the grace of our Lord multiply your compassion, strengthen your resolve and inspire many more to join in this sacred mission of love and mercy.

With paternal love in Christ,

† ELPIDOPHOROS
Archbishop of America





GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS ^{OF} ATLANTA

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΑΤΛΑΝΤΑΣ

September 2025

To Debbie George, National Philoptochos President, Irene Politis, Metropolis of Atlanta Philoptochos President & Luncheon Chair, the organizing committee of the National Philoptochos Children's Medical Fund Luncheon & all the members of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society:

My dear Sisters in Christ,

*"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God."
(Hebr. 13:16)*

I greet you with love and joy in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, as I convey my blessings for the success of the 20th Anniversary National Philoptochos Children's Medical Fund Luncheon!

Truly, hosting such a worthy cause in our Metropolis of Atlanta is a great blessing for all of us, and we are so thankful that we can participate in an endeavor which has done so much to assist children faced with serious conditions and illnesses.

I give thanks and praise to Almighty God for your caring and compassionate hearts, and for your willingness to serve these precious children and their families. Truly the sisters of Philoptochos demonstrate the message of our Lord's Gospel, understanding his words, *'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me'* (Matthew 25:40).

I am confident that this gathering will be a tremendous success, thanks to the efforts of faithful and dedicated individuals like yourselves, who devoted their time and energy to organizing this beautiful event.

May our Lord fill your hearts with joy, your days with inspiration and happiness, and may He seek to bless and uplift those whose lives your work benefits! I remain,

In the love and service of the Lord,

Metropolitan Sevastianos

+SEVASTIANOS
Metropolitan of Atlanta



Tribute



His Eminence Metropolitan Alexios

Our beloved Metropolitan Alexios served his Atlanta flock with agape and a positive vision of what we could achieve by working together in the love of Christ.

It is fitting that today we pay tribute to him on the 20th anniversary of the National Philoptochos Children's Medical Fund Luncheon. His Eminence truly loves children and Philoptochos!

He was always very proud of the 65 Philoptochos chapters in his Metropolis! He encouraged and inspired members to support those in need and expand their philanthropy to parts of the world that were not close to home.

He always understood that Philoptochos outreach never stops!

But his greatest joy in his ministry was always special love for children. It was always a sweet moment to see children of all ages gathered around him. His blue eyes would always shine and he would always speak with kindness and a delightful sense of humor!

One of his greatest legacies will be the many special events and programs that he supported for the youth of our Metropolis. He established the Diakonia Center in South Carolina to enhance the Saint Stephen Camp program.

He promoted spiritual retreats, youth rallies, and traditional Greek Dance competitions and inter-parish sports, all to bring out children closer together to develop life-long friendships in the Church.

His Eminence was once told that "children are the future of our church".

He immediately replied "You are incorrect "The Church is the future of our children"!

With his white hair and white beard, very young parishioners often thought that His Eminence was Santa Claus!

Little did they know that His Eminence was born on December 25th, 1943!

Your Eminence we thank you for all that you have done and all that you have been!

AXIOS!!



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF BOSTON ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΒΟΣΤΩΝΗΣ

September 27, 2025

**Debbie George, National President
Irene Politis, Chair, Children's Medical Fund Luncheon,
and Members of the Committee of the
Twentieth National Philoptochos Children's Medical Fund
126 East 37th Street
New York, NY 10016**

My Dear Sisters in Christ,

It is with joy that I offer my warmest greetings and congratulations to National President Debbie George, Luncheon Chair Irene Politis, and the devoted members of the Metropolis of Atlanta Philoptochos as you host the 20th Biennial National Philoptochos Children's Medical Fund Luncheon.

This beloved event carries forward a proud legacy of philanthropy and compassion. Since its inception, the Children's Medical Fund Luncheon has remarkably raised over four million dollars, supporting medical programs and facilities that provide healing, care, and hope to children in need across the country.

The dedication, love, and tireless efforts of the Philoptochos sisterhood make this ministry possible. Through your faithful service, you are living examples of Christ's call to care for "the least of these." May this 20th anniversary celebration be filled with joy, fellowship, and continued blessings as you carry forward this sacred mission.

With paternal love and blessings,

+ Metropolitan Methodios

**METHODIOS
Metropolitan of Boston**



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Beloved Members of the National Philoptochos,

But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

1 John 3:17-18

It is with a joyful heart that I congratulate you on the occasion of the 20th Biennial National Philoptochos Children's Medical Fund Luncheon! In my twenty-six years as the Hierarch of Detroit, I have witnessed the extraordinary generosity and philanthropy of our Ladies Philoptochos - locally, regionally, and nationally. It is with highest esteem that you are to be commended for your tireless energy and dedication to serving all the strata of our society, especially the most vulnerable .. With over \$4 million raised by this Luncheon in the past 20 years, you have proven most saliently that these children, threatened with serious illnesses, are provided for with the "world's goods", but more so, that they and their families understand the love of Jesus Christ "in deed and in truth" by your saving actions for them.

Congratulations once again for all the critical work that you do throughout our Archdiocese, and especially for the 20th Biennial Children's Medical Fund Luncheon!

May our Lord, God and Savior continue to bless and strength all of you abundantly so that your witness of sacrificial love to these precious children, and all whom you serve, may increase to the glory of God.

With Paternal Love and Prayers, and with Great Thanksgiving to God for Your Work and with love and appreciation from all the clergy faithful of our Metropolis,

†NICHOLAS
Metropolitan of Detroit



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH

September 2025

National Philoptochos Society Children's Medical Fund Luncheon
Debbie George, President, National Philoptochos Society,
Irene Politis, President, Metropolis of Atlanta Philoptochos Society,
and the Members and Friends of the Ladies Philoptochos Society

Beloved in Christ,

It is with great joy that I greet you on the occasion of the 20th Biennial National Philoptochos Children's Medical Fund Luncheon taking place this year in Atlanta, Georgia. I am continually inspired by the energy and imagination, enthusiasm and love with which the women of Philoptochos labor to ensure the success of the National Philoptochos Society's most ambitious fund-raising project. I pray that you not only meet, but in fact surpass your fundraising goals.

The National Philoptochos Society is the most vital, vibrant, and effective organization of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. I rejoice in all you do to bring the helping hand and healing heart of our Lord Jesus Christ to our sisters and brothers in greatest need.

In the Divine Liturgy we proclaim, "We offer to You these gifts from Your own gifts, in all and for all." This event, along with your daily philanthropic efforts, would not be successful were it not for the outpouring of love and generosity from your contributors and supporters. You have demonstrated your genuine love for the Lord and His children by offering to them the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that He bestowed upon you. For all this, you have my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation.

Yours in Christ,

+ Metropolitan Savas

**+SAVAS
METROPOLITAN OF PITTSBURGH**



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF SAN FRANCISCO ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΦΡΑΓΚΙΣΚΟΥ

September 27, 2025

✠Kallistratos the Martyr and his 49 Companions

Mrs. Debbie George, National President
Mrs. Irene Politis, Luncheon Chair
National Philoptochos Children's Medical Fund Luncheon
126 East 37th Street
New York, NY 10016

Beloved Members of the Ladies Philoptochos Society,

*"We are not asked merely to call ourselves Christians;
we are asked to be Christians through our deeds."
Saint Ignatius of Antioch*

It is with profound gratitude and heartfelt admiration that I greet you on the occasion of the 20th Biennial National Philoptochos Children's Medical Fund Luncheon. This milestone gathering marks not only two decades of unwavering dedication, but also a celebration of over \$4 million raised in support of pediatric medical care, research, and life-saving programs for children in need across our nation.

Your work is a sacred offering that is an expression of our faith in action which is a powerful witness to the compassion and mercy of the Orthodox Christian Church. Through the Children's Medical Fund, you extend healing, comfort, and hope to young people facing some of life's most difficult challenges.

This ministry is one of the most tangible manifestations of Philoptochos' mission, and it continues to flourish because of your deep love for God and your steadfast commitment to serving others. You are the hands and hearts of the Church, responding with generosity and grace to the needs of our most vulnerable brothers and sisters.

As you gather for this special luncheon, may your labors be a beacon of inspiration to others, and may our Lord bless each of you for your tireless devotion, filling your hearts with joy, your efforts with success, and your lives with the abundant blessings of His love.

With Love in Christ,

Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco

✠Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΣΙΚΑΓΟΥ

June 13, 2025

Mrs. Debbie George
National Philoptochos President & General Chair
Children's Medical Fund Chair

Beloved Sisters in Christ,
With heartfelt joy and profound admiration, I extend my warmest greetings and sincerest congratulations to you all on the 20th Biennial National Philoptochos Medical Fund Luncheon. This extraordinary milestone not only celebrates four decades of faith in action but also shines a bright light on the enduring mission of our Ladies Philoptochos to bring comfort, healing, and hope to those most in need. Through your tireless commitment, faithful stewardship, and unwavering compassion, the Medical Fund Luncheon has served as an inspiring testament to what is possible when love leads the way.

The fruits of your efforts have had a transformative impact on countless lives, especially the lives of vulnerable and sick children. In supporting medical programs and institutions that offer care to those in greatest need, you continue the healing ministry of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Who called us to serve "the least of these".

I give thanks to God for your sacred work, extend my own paternal blessings, and commend all the faithful women of Philoptochos who give so generously of their time, talent, and treasure. May this celebration serve as a source of encouragement for the road ahead, and may the Lord bless you all with renewed strength, peace, and the joy of knowing that your labor is precious in the eyes of the Lord.

With paternal love in Christ,

†NATHANAEL
Metropolitan of Chicago



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF NEW JERSEY

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΝΕΑΣ ΙΕΡΣΕΗΣ

September 27, 2025

Mrs. Debbie George, National Philoptochos President
Mrs. Irene Politis, Children's Medical Luncheon Chair
Esteemed Members of the Philoptochos Sisterhood

My beloved in the Lord,

"My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth"

– I John 3:18

It is with significant love and admiration that I write to greet all of you as you gather for the 20th Biennial National Philoptochos Children's Medical Luncheon taking place this year in Atlanta, Georgia. From its inception as the Cancer Fund Luncheon in 1989, this event has exemplified the essence of love being manifested in both deed and truth because of the outstanding efforts of the capable and benevolent women of the National Philoptochos. The upwards of \$4 million distributed to research, children's hospitals and special programs assisting children facing dire medical conditions and critical illnesses provide not only hope for these children and their families but the prospect of a solution and amelioration of their suffering. AU of this would not be possible without the generosity of all the donors and sponsors who make the event possible.

I am wholeheartedly praying to the almighty God for the success of the 20th Biennial Children's Medical Luncheon so that through it, the Church can provide the assistance to the children and their families whose conditions leave them without hope. In this way, you all fulfill Christ's command to His Apostles to "preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick" (Luke 9:2), and through this commandment, fulfill the Evangelist St. John's order to love in not only in word but in "deed and in truth".

Praying that our benevolent Lord continues to bless the ministry of the National Philoptochos Society and the lives of all the children who endure terrible suffering, I remain

With Paternal love and blessings,

Metropolitan Apostolos
† APOSTOLOS
Metropolitan of New Jersey



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF DENVER

September 27, 2025

Beloved in the Lord,

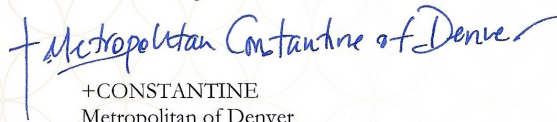
It is with much joy to offer my congratulations to you on the monumental event of the Twentieth Anniversary of the Children's Medical Fund Luncheon, held in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Children's Medical Fund Luncheon has helped so many of those in need with whatever assistance can be offered to help offset expenses for treatment. For the Metropolis of Denver who most recently hosted this event, it was heartwarming to see our communities band together for this great cause.

I offer my sincere congratulations to the Metropolis of Denver Honoree, Mrs. Stella Piches. Stella has served in Philoptochos in many capacities, most recently as the president of the Metropolis Philoptochos, along with leadership positions within her parish of Albuquerque, New Mexico, along with many other examples of faith in action.

May our Lord bring healing to those in need of His help, and may this day benefit many more of these young souls, I remain

With Blessings in our Lord,


+CONSTANTINE
Metropolitan of Denver



GREEK ORTHODOX ARCHDIOCESE OF AMERICA

THE HOLY EPARCHIAL SYNOD

September 27, 2025

To the beloved members and friends of the National Philoptochos Society,
To the gracious hosts of the Atlanta Children's Medical Fund Committee,
And to all gathered in love and service,

It is with heartfelt joy that I extend my warmest greetings and blessings to each of you attending this year's Children's Medical Fund Luncheon. We are all united in the shared purpose that brings us together today: to offer healing, hope, and compassion to children and families in need.

For over four decades, the Children's Medical Fund has stood as a shining witness to the power of faith in action. Through your generosity and devotion, countless lives have been touched-not only through financial assistance, but through the gift of dignity, support, and love during life's most difficult moments. This is the true work of the Church: to stand beside the suffering with open hands and open hearts.

To our Ladies of Philoptochos-our unsung heroes-you continue to be a living icon of our faith. Your efforts embody the Gospel in its most beautiful expression: love made tangible. I thank the Atlanta CMF Committee and the National Board for their tireless work in organizing today's gathering, and I offer my prayers that this event will bear abundant fruit for the glory of God and the good of His little ones.

May our Lord, the Physician of our souls and bodies, bless this sacred work and strengthen each of you to continue being vessels of His mercy.

With love in Christ,

† Bishop Athenagoras of Nazianzos,

Chief Secretary of the Holy Eparchial Synod
Spiritual Advisor to the National Philoptochos Society



GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS ^{OF} ATLANTA

ΙΕΡΑ ΜΗΤΡΟΠΟΛΙΣ ΑΤΛΑΝΤΑΣ

September 27, 2025

To all in attendance at

The National Philoptochos Society's Children's Medical Luncheon in Atlanta, Georgia

With heartfelt joy and deep gratitude to Almighty God, I welcome each of you to this sacred gathering of love, compassion, and healing. Your presence here today is a testament to the enduring commitment of our Orthodox Christian community to care for the most vulnerable among us—our children in medical need.

We give thanks to God for the incredible and lifesaving impact this ministry has had on countless young lives. Through your generosity and prayers, hope has been restored, healing has been offered, and Christ's love has been made manifest.

We are especially blessed by the leadership of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, who serves as Chair of the National Philoptochos Society, and His Grace Bishop Athenagoras of Nazianzos, its devoted Spiritual Advisor. Their spiritual guidance and pastoral care inspire us all.

I extend sincere appreciation to Mrs. Debbie George, National Philoptochos President, whose faithful stewardship continues to elevate the mission of Philoptochos across our Archdiocese. We also are grateful to Mrs. Irene Politis, President of the Metropolis of Atlanta Philoptochos Board, whose dedication and love have helped bring this event to life in our beloved city. Her outstanding leadership and heartfelt dedication to organizing this year's Children's Medical Luncheon have blessed our Metropolis and uplifted its tireless ministry to serve all in need.

Together with His Eminence Metropolitan Sevastianos of Atlanta, our clergy and laity are honored to host this blessed luncheon. It is a joy to welcome you to Atlanta, where the spirit of fellowship and service shines brightly.

For me personally, as Chancellor of the Metropolis of Atlanta, this experience has been unforgettable. To witness the generosity, love, and faith of our Philoptochos sisters from across the country and their generous supporters is to behold the living Gospel in action.

Thanks be to God for the healing, hope, and joy this ministry brings to our children and their families. May He continue to bless and guide all who serve in His name.

With gratitude and love in Christ,

Fr. George Tsahakis

Chancellor, Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Atlanta

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September 27, 2025

Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society
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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 20th anniversary of the Children's Medical Fund Luncheon! I am pleased to join you in celebrating the foundation that has been created and the crucial work still to be done, and I want to thank each of you for your dedication and commitment to serving children and families in need through the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society.

I have personally witnessed the compassion and dedication of the Philoptochos Society when my mother served as President of the Diocese of Atlanta Philoptochos. Through initiatives such as providing resources to underfunded schools, offering emergency relief services globally, and raising awareness on critical issues like human trafficking, Alzheimer's disease, and the Opioid crisis, the Philoptochos Society continues to empower people through programs rooted in faith, compassion, and service.

Thank you for your commitment to uplifting communities across the Southeast. Once again, I am honored to recognize this occasion.

If I can be of service to you or your family, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,



Jimmy Patronis
Member of Congress



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Brian P. Kemp
GOVERNOR

August 29, 2025

To: Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos

Greetings,

On behalf of the State of Georgia, allow me to extend my warmest welcome to everyone at the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos luncheon. While here, I encourage you to enjoy all Atlanta and our state have to offer.

Please allow me to welcome your distinguished guests and all other clergy and laity in attendance. Thank you to each of you for taking the time to be here and for your commitment to improving your communities and the world around you. Your actions and efforts are not going unnoticed!

I send my best wishes for a wonderful event full of lifelong memories!

Sincerely,

Brian P. Kemp



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To The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society,

It is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to the City of Atlanta to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Philoptochos Children's Medical Fund Luncheon.

You are a national model of excellence for service in communities in Atlanta and throughout the Southeast. Your mission to provide care with a servant's heart to those in need has improved countless lives immeasurably.

Your passion for service is evident in \$1,000,000 you raised toward the \$4,000,000 Children's Medical Fund, benefiting children's hospitals across the Southeast, including Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

We are honored that you chose the City of Atlanta for this occasion, and we wish you well in your stay in our beautiful city.

Sincerely,

Mary Norwood



The Greek Orthodox Ladies
**PHILOPTOCHOS
SOCIETY**

CHILDREN'S MEDICAL FUND
20th Anniversary



Let us rejoice and embrace the children.



Dear Members of Philoptochos & Honored Guests,

***“Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me.”
-Matthew 18:5***

With heartfelt gratitude to His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America and with the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Sevastianos of Atlanta, it is a joy and an honor to welcome you to the 2025 Children's Medical Fund Luncheon, graciously hosted by the devoted women of the Metropolis of Atlanta Philoptochos.

Since its founding in 1989, this sacred initiative has offered hope and healing to children facing serious medical challenges. What began as the National Philoptochos Children's Cancer Fund and Greek Children's Fund evolved into the Children's Medical Fund (CMF) in 1991. Nearly four decades later, we have awarded more than \$5 million in grants, supporting life-saving surgeries, therapies, research, and care that have touched the lives of thousands of children and families.

When the Luncheon first came to Atlanta for its fourth installment, Mimi Skandalakis reflected: “We could consider it a ‘pilot project.’ If successful, a different Diocese could assume responsibility every 18 months. Philoptochos chapters would work more intimately with National, and the sisterhood would grow and reach new hearts.” That vision became a beautiful reality.

Each Luncheon reflects the spirit of its host city, offering a unique expression of Philoptochos' unity, faith, and compassion. Today, we honor that legacy and the remarkable women who embody it in service. To Irene Politis, President of the Metropolis of Atlanta Philoptochos and Chair of the 2025 CMF Luncheon, along with Co-Chairs Valine Georgeson, Vickie Scaljon, Evan Mekras Scurtis, and the dedicated committee—thank you for your leadership, generosity, and love. We also extend our heartfelt appreciation to our Honoree, Stella Piches, whose devotion and example inspire us all.

The Children's Medical Fund's success is not measured in dollars alone but in the love shared, the dignity restored, and the faith renewed. Thank you to our members, donors, sponsors, and friends. Your support ensures Philoptochos will always be there to serve, uplift, and welcome each child in His name.

With love in Christ,

Debbie George
National President
Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society

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CHILDREN'S MEDICAL FUND
20th Anniversary



Let us rejoice and embrace the children.

September 2025



Dear Esteemed Friends and Philoptochos Members,

Under the High Patronage and Chairmanship of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America and with the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Sevastianos of Atlanta, with immense joy, gratitude, and humility, I welcome you to the 2025 Children's Medical Fund Luncheon, hosted with love by the Metropolis of Atlanta Philoptochos. Gathering in the spirit of philanthropy, faith, and fellowship is a blessing to uplift children and families facing life-altering medical challenges.

Hosting this Luncheon is an honor and a sacred responsibility that our Metropolis has embraced wholeheartedly. From the beginning, our goal has been to create a day filled with purpose, community, and the spirit of giving. Today, that vision has come to life thanks to the incredible dedication of so many faithful women.

To my outstanding Luncheon Co-Chairs, **Valine Georgeson, Vickie Scaljon, and Evan Mekras Scurtis**—your leadership, creativity, and tireless commitment have been extraordinary. Every detail of today's event bears the mark of your thoughtful and generous hearts. It has been a privilege to walk this journey with you.

I also want to express my heartfelt appreciation to two remarkable women whose service continues to inspire us all—**Martha Driscoll and Effie Moraitakis**. Your unwavering devotion to Philoptochos and this mission is a testament to what it means to serve with grace.

To our dedicated Luncheon Committee—you have poured your time, talents, and love into this event, and I am deeply grateful. From sponsorship outreach and logistics to hospitality and decor, your work has made this day possible and truly meaningful.

I would also like to thank the **National Philoptochos Office Staff—Amy Kalogeropoulos, Director; Elizabeth Douglass, Administrative Assistant; and Katherine Clark, Marketing and Communications Associate**—for assisting and guiding this National event. Your support and dedication behind the scenes have helped bring our collective vision to life.

A sincere thank you as well to the **National Philoptochos Board**, whose encouragement, collaboration, and leadership have been vital in carrying forward the legacy of the Children's Medical Fund.

To **His Eminence Metropolitan Sevastianos of Atlanta**, thank you for your blessing, spiritual guidance, and unwavering support of the Philoptochos mission in our Metropolis and beyond.

As we celebrate the Children's Medical Fund and the nearly 40 years of impact it has made across our Archdiocese, we are reminded that the true power of Philoptochos lies in our unity, our faith, and our shared commitment to making a difference—one child, one family, and one act of love at a time.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this day and this mission—our supporters, donors, clergy, members, and friends. Your generosity and compassion help ensure that the Children's Medical Fund continues to bring healing, dignity, and hope where needed most.

"And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart." – Galatians 6:9

With love and gratitude,

Irene Politis

Chair, 2025 Children's Medical Fund Luncheon

President, Metropolis of Atlanta Philoptochos Board



From left to right: Valine Georgeson, Evan Mekras Scurtis, Vickie Scaljon, and Irene Politis



Chairs and Committee Members



Metropolis of Atlanta Philoptochos National Board Members

With immense joy and gratitude, the Metropolis of Atlanta Philoptochos welcomes you to the 2025 Children's Medical Fund Luncheon, held under the High Patronage and Chairmanship of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America, with the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Sevastianos of Atlanta, and under the devoted Chairmanship of Irene Politis.

This gathering celebrates philanthropy, faith, and fellowship—a day dedicated to uplifting children and families facing life-altering medical challenges. Hosting the Luncheon is both a privilege and a sacred responsibility that the Metropolis of Atlanta has embraced with open hearts and unwavering dedication. From the beginning, this event's vision has been to create a day filled with purpose, community, and the spirit of giving.

The 2025 Luncheon has been guided by the extraordinary leadership of Co-Chairs Valine Georgeson, Vickie Scaljon, and Evan Mekras Scurtis. Their creativity, dedication, and tireless efforts have shaped every detail of today's event. Martha Driscoll and Effie Moraitakis's inspiration has enriched their work. Their steadfast devotion to Philoptochos continues to serve as an example of grace-filled service.

Thanks to the love and commitment of the Luncheon Committee, this vision has become a reality. Through countless hours of planning and collaboration, they have ensured that every aspect of this day reflects Philoptochos' mission—to bring comfort, healing, and hope to those most in need.

As we mark nearly 40 years of the Children's Medical Fund, we are reminded of the profound truth that guides our work:

“Let all that you do be done in love.” – 1 Corinthians 16:14

2025 Children's Medical Fund HONOREE



Stella Piches

Stella Piches is a dedicated and long-standing member of the Saint George Greek Orthodox Church Ladies Philoptochos in Albuquerque, New Mexico. With over 25 years of service, she has held numerous leadership positions within the organization and continues to exemplify commitment to the Philoptochos mission.

She previously served as President of the Metropolis of Denver Philoptochos Board, during which she notably chaired the 2023 Children's Medical Fund (CMF) Luncheon. Under Stella's leadership, the event demonstrated remarkable generosity—over \$348,738 in grants were distributed, offering vital resources to organizations working tirelessly to improve the lives of

children. The luncheon also achieved an impressive fundraising total of more than \$550,000, underscoring the extraordinary impact that can be achieved when a community unites with a shared commitment to making a difference.

In consultation with His Eminence Metropolitan Isaiah, Stella also introduced the inaugural concept of Children's Medical Fund Sunday, observed on August 20, 2023, throughout the Metropolis of Denver. Parishes were invited to highlight the purpose and importance of the fundraiser, and parishioners were encouraged to contribute whatever they could. What began as a local initiative has since been embraced more broadly and continues forward as an annual observance, expanding the reach and sustainability of the CMF's mission.

Currently, Stella serves as 2nd Vice President for the 2024–2026 term and has been a valued member of the National Philoptochos Board since 2016.

A lifelong volunteer, Stella also contributes her time to various local and National organizations. Originally from Brooklyn, New York, she remains deeply rooted in her faith and steadfast in her commitment to service and community.

We invite you to join us in recognizing and celebrating Stella's exceptional dedication and leadership.



2025 Children's Medical Fund KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Yvette Manassis Corporon

Yvette Manassis Corporon is an accomplished author whose works have captivated readers around the globe, making her an internationally best-selling writer.

In addition to her literary success, she is an Emmy Award-winning producer, recognized for her exceptional contributions to the field of journalism and entertainment. Her notable books include “When the Cypress Whispers” (Harper, 2014), a poignant exploration of heritage and resilience, “Something Beautiful Happened” (Howard, 2017), which delves into the complexities of love and loss, “Where the Wandering Ends” (Harper Muse, 2022), a stirring narrative that intertwines personal journeys with broader human experiences, and the highly anticipated “Daughter of Ruins,” set to release in October 2024 under Harper Muse. Yvette’s literary creations have been translated into 16 different languages, a testament to her universal themes and relatable characters. She resides in the

vibrant borough of Brooklyn, NY, with her loving husband, two spirited children, and their adorable little white lab, who adds joy and warmth to their home.

Yvette’s illustrious career as a journalist spans significant global events, where she has covered high-profile stories in both news and entertainment, showcasing her versatility and dedication to storytelling. Currently, she serves as a senior supervisory producer with EXTRA, a role that allows her to blend her journalistic prowess with her creative talents. Her journalistic achievements have been recognized with three Emmy Awards, as well as the esteemed Silurian Award for Excellence in Journalism, and the Award for Greek Heritage and Culture from the New York City Comptroller and City Council.

As a native New Yorker and proud daughter of Greek immigrants, Yvette draws inspiration from her rich cultural background. She pursued her education in Journalism and Classical Civilizations at New York University, where her passion for history and mythology flourished. Yvette has a unique talent for weaving together her interests, transforming obscure historical moments and myths into captivating narratives that resonate with readers, showcasing the timeless nature of storytelling.

GUEST SPEAKER



Christine Pumphrey

Christine Pumphrey, a resident of Atlanta, Georgia, opens up about her grandson’s challenging medical journey, filled with moments of both struggle and hope. Her poignant narrative emphasizes the crucial role played by the Children’s Medical Fund Luncheon, an event dedicated to raising funds for essential programs that support children and their families during difficult times. Through her testimony, she paints a vivid picture of the comfort and resources these initiatives provide, shining a light on their importance in the lives of those navigating medical hardships.

2025 Children's Medical Fund EMCEE



Emily Pantelides

Emily worked in the fast-paced world of television news for more than 12 years, including as a top-rated morning news anchor in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Emily created her business from scratch and turned Pantelides PR & Consulting into one of the most influential and most recognized public relations brands in Palm Beach County. The success of Pantelides PR and Consulting has been well documented. The South Florida Sun Sentinel nominated the firm for "Workplace of the Year", Florida Weekly named Pantelides PR & Consulting "Best Up and Coming PR Firm" and "Most Connected PR Firm." The firm's innovative and highly visible "Perfect Vodka Amphitheater" campaign was nominated for a GCPR award. The firm has been voted as the best PR firm multiple years in a row by various industry outlets like Expertise and Marcom.

Emily has been honored by the Palm Beach North Chamber of Commerce as Woman of the Year and Young Professional of the Year, and her firm was nominated for Business of the Year. Emily was also named a Magnificent Leader by the Cancer Alliance for Help and Hope. South Florida Business and Wealth named Emily an "Up and Comer." Emily was also among the prestigious list of women honored with an Athena award nomination.

Emily is heavily involved in the Palm Beach County community and currently serves on numerous non-profit Boards of Directors, including: The American Red Cross, Jupiter Police Foundation, Quantum House, The National Multiple Sclerosis Council, and The March of Dimes. She's also served on the board of The Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County, Big Dog Ranch Rescue, Best Buddies, Opera Fusion, Honda Classic CouTOURe Club, The United Way Women's Leadership Council, and the Dean's Advisory Council for the Wilkes Honors College of FAU. Emily has also been the recipient of several awards from the Associated Press, the Society of Professional Journalists, and many others, including the prestigious GABBY from the George Washington Association of Broadcasters for journalistic excellence.

Emily has single-handedly helped raise hundreds of millions of dollars for important causes in our community. She has conceptualized, created, and chaired dozens of charitable events for her clients that continue to this day. Most recently she created and chaired Cribs for Kids to benefit Clinics Can Help, which she will chair and emcee once again this year. She also served as the creator and two-time chair of the Furry Friends and Fancy Things event benefitting Furry Friends Animal Rescue. Emily also chaired the highly successful Sugar Plum Dreams Brunch for the Quantum House, three years in a row. She created the inaugural Habitat for Humanity gala at the Breakers and chaired Big Dog Ranch's 2014 and 2015 signature event Wine Women & Shoes. She also served as chair of the ARC of Palm Beach County's Cowboy Ball with her husband.

In her spare time, Emily hosts a TV segment on CBS12, writes a column called "Emily's Picks" for Palm Beach Illustrated magazine, and emcees many charitable events. Emily is married and has three children. She also has a rescue dog and cat, and would probably have many, many more if only she owned a large farm.

‘A Tribute’

Eula Carlos, Mimi Skandalakis, Dina Skouras Oldknow

Today we honor the women who brought the Children’s Medical Fund Luncheon to Atlanta and beyond. The Metropolis of Atlanta Philoptochos welcomes the third Children’s Medical Fund Luncheon held in our Metropolis (1993 and 2009). We especially honor Eula Carlos and Mimi Skandalakis for their dedication to Philoptochos and their time, talent and treasure to the Greek Orthodox Church.

With the Blessings of our Spiritual Father His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos of Blessed Memory and the vision of National Board Member Mimi Skandalakis under the Presidency of Dina Skouras Oldknow who embraced this vision with enthusiasm, the CMF which was held exclusively in New York now rotates throughout our Holy Archdiocese.

Atlanta National Board members Mimi Skandalakis and Eula Carlos with Vickie Skandalakis Scaljon as co-chairs organized the 1993 CMF Luncheon. Local honorary chair was †Presvytera Eurydice Constantinides. The Atlanta Annunciation Ypapanti Philoptochos with support of Chapters throughout the country encouraged this new direction of the CMF Diakonia with Agape.

Eula, Mimi and Vickie with Dina’s support reached out to Neiman Marcus for local participation. From this vision, today the CMF has outreach into the greater communities. Recipients were Henrietta Egleston Children’s Hospital in Atlanta and Children’s Hospital of Birmingham, Alabama. Our outreach has expanded and today we honor 19 pediatric facilities. From this beginning of rotating locations, the CMF has grown in grants, sponsorships and attendees.

We honor Mimi, Eula and Dina whose foresight brought the CMF to all Metropolises with the efforts of Philoptochos Chapters organizing unique fundraisers to help medically fragile children. Generous sponsorship and in-kind donations embrace the importance of this worthy mission.

†His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos was so enthused with the new direction and success of the CMF and Orthodox Christian dedication he bestowed the Medal of Saint Paul on Mimi Skandalakis, Eula Carlos and Vickie Skandalakis Scaljon.

With sincere gratitude for their graciousness and with respect for their unwavering dedication to Philoptochos and Orthodoxy, we salute Eula and Mimi.



1993 Co-chairs Eula Carlos, Vickie Scaljon, Dina Skouras Oldknow (National Philoptochos President), Mimi Skandalakis



MENU

Mediterranean Mezza

A vibrant selection of flavors featuring creamy hummus topped with roasted garlic olive oil and a sprinkle of sumac. Garnished with fresh watercress and layered with Persian cucumbers, heirloom tomatoes, roasted red peppers, briny olives, and crumbled feta cheese. Served with warm, grilled naan.

Greek Style Roasted Lemon & Herb Chicken

Tender chicken marinated with fresh herbs, roasted to perfection with a bright lemon finish. Accompanied by a medley of seasonal roasted vegetables and velvety shallot-infused mashed potatoes, delicately garnished for a savory balance.

Georgia Peach & Ginger Mascarpone Cheesecake

A decadent cheesecake infused with mascarpone and a hint of ginger, topped with a luscious peach coulis and finished with sea salt caramel. A sweet Southern finale highlighting the richness of Georgia peaches.

2025 CMF PROGRAM OF THE DAY

INVOCATION

His Eminence Archbishop
Elpidophoros of America

NATIONAL ANTHEMS

Christina Caralis Star Spangled Banner
Christina Polizos Greek National Anthem

WELCOME and GREETINGS

His Eminence Metropolitan
Sevastianos of Atlanta

WELCOME

Irene Politis, Metropolis of Atlanta
Philoptochos President, Children's
Medical Fund Luncheon Chair

GREETINGS and INTRODUCTION OF HONOREE

Debbie George, National Philoptochos
President

RESPONSE

Stella Piches, 2023 Children's Medical Fund
Luncheon Chair

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CHILDREN'S MEDICAL FUND MISSION STATEMENT

Since its establishment in 1989, the Children's Medical Fund has sought to provide medical assistance to critically ill Greek, Greek-American, and Orthodox children whose families are unable to afford appropriate and necessary medical treatment. The fund also grants innovative research programs to pediatric hospitals throughout the United States and organizations with special programs that care for children with critical and life-threatening illnesses.

PATRON SAINTS OF PHILOPTOCHOS, Saints Cosma and Damianos,
The Holy Unmercenaries of Asia

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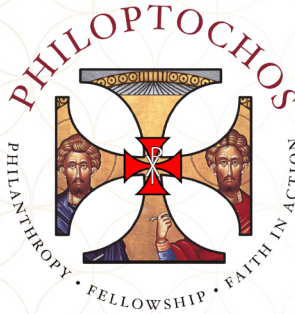
O glorious, wonderworking physicians,
having received the grace of healing,
you reach out and restore health
to those in need.
But also, by your visitation,
you cast down the arrogance of the enemy,
Healing the world through miracles.

PHILOPTOCHOS PRAYER

Your Holy Church. We bless You for the selfless sacrifice of countless generations of women who have faithfully fulfilled the philanthropic mission entrusted to them. Through Your ineffable wisdom and Your Divine power, You have enabled us to minister to those who are in need of Your love, Your comfort, and Your care. Make us instruments of Your peace and of Your hope, O Lord. Where there is pain and suffering, may we bring Your healing and comfort. Where there is loneliness and isolation, may we bring the fellowship of Your Holy Church. Where there is despair and discouragement, may we inspire hope and faith in You. Where there is hatred and strife, may we be peacemakers producing the fruits of love and reconciliation.

We also ask You, O Lord, to guide our deliberations, our decisions, our fellowship, and all our labors, so that in all we do, or say, we may bring glory to Your Holy Name, of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

His Grace Bishop Sevastianos, National Philoptochos Advisor, offered the delegates and all Philoptochos members the Philoptochos Prayer for all meetings and gatherings.



PHILOPTOCHOS MISSION STATEMENT

The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, Inc., is the duly accredited women's philanthropic society of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. The mission of the society shall be:

To help the poor, the destitute, the hungry, the aged, the sick, the unemployed, the orphaned, the imprisoned, the widowed, the handicapped, the victims of disasters, to undertake the burial of impoverished persons and to offer assistance to anyone who may need the help of the Church through fundraising efforts; and

To promote the charitable, benevolent, and philanthropic purposes of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, through instructional programs, presentations, lectures, seminars, and other educational resources;

To preserve and perpetuate Orthodox Christian concepts and the Orthodox Christian Family, and through them, to promote the Greek Orthodox Faith and traditions, in accordance with its doctrines, canons, discipline, divine worship, usage, and customs;

To promote participation in the activities of the Greek Orthodox community, with the cooperation of the Parish Priest and the Parish Council.

The charitable work of the Society shall be performed with discretion, courtesy, and kindness.

HISTORY OF PHILOPTOCHOS CMF LUNCHEON

The Children's Medical Fund Luncheon was first introduced as the **Cancer Fund Luncheon** in 1989 at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City, followed by a second event in 1990. Proceeds from these early gatherings supported Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital, the Greek Children's Cancer Fund, and the Kids-n-Cancer Program.

Recognizing the impact and the potential of this initiative, Philoptochos officially named it the **Children's Medical Fund Luncheon** in 1991. With this new identity came an expanded mission: to assist young cancer patients, provide grants for pediatric hospitals nationwide, and to organizations that care for children with critical and life-threatening illnesses.

In 1993, under National President **Dina Skouras Oldknow**, it was decided that the luncheon should rotate among major cities throughout the Archdiocese. The first city outside New York to host was **Buckhead, Georgia, in the Metropolis of Atlanta**. This historic decision opened the door for Philoptochos Chapters across the country to take an active role in shaping the event, while also allowing the National President and Board to connect with local chapters and communities on a more personal level. The luncheon quickly became not only a fundraiser, but also a unifying force across the Archdiocese.

Since then, Philoptochos has hosted **nineteen Children's Medical Fund Luncheons** biennially, rotating among the Archdiocesan District and the eight Metropolises of the Archdiocese. Each luncheon is a moving and memorable experience, featuring distinguished pediatric physicians, dedicated nonprofit leaders, courageous parents, and, most inspiring of all, children who bravely share their stories. These gatherings bring together tears and triumph, compassion and joy, leaving every attendee uplifted and deeply inspired.

Over the decades, the Children's Medical Fund Luncheon has distributed millions of dollars in grants, thanks to the generosity of sponsors, donors, and chapters nationwide. These funds have advanced innovative pediatric research, strengthened hospitals, and provided comfort and care to countless children and families in need.

This year marks the **20th Anniversary of the Children's Medical Fund Luncheon**, a milestone celebrating its remarkable history and enduring mission of love, hope, and healing.

The Children's Medical Fund Luncheon is one of Philoptochos' most meaningful endeavors—a legacy of faith, compassion, and service that continues to change lives. Truly, it embodies the call: **"Let us rejoice and embrace the children."**

CHILDREN'S MEDICAL FUND
20th Anniversary





Children's Medical Fund Past Recipients

YEAR & HOST CITY

GRANT DISTRIBUTION

1991 New York, NY	Direct Archdiocesan District	\$156,000
1993 Atlanta, GA	Metropolis of Atlanta	\$100,000
1995 Washington, DC	Direct Archdiocesan District	\$85,000
1997 Boston, MA	Metropolis of Boston	\$100,000
1999 Parsippany, NJ	Metropolis of New Jersey	\$52,000
2001 Chicago, IL	Metropolis of Chicago	\$80,000
2003 Dearborn, MI	Metropolis of Detroit	\$250,000
2005 Dallas, TX	Metropolis of Denver	\$160,000
2007 Newport Beach, CA	Metropolis of San Francisco	\$200,000
2009 Boca Raton, FL, Chair Evangeline Mekras Scurtis	Metropolis of Atlanta	\$184,353
2011 Greenwich, CT	Direct Archdiocesan District	\$203,576
2013 Pittsburgh, PA	Metropolis of Pittsburgh	\$136,900
2015 Boston, MA	Metropolis of Boston	\$142,000
2017 Garfield, NJ	Metropolis of New Jersey	\$253,700
2019 Chicago, IL	Metropolis of Chicago	\$282,035
2021 Indianapolis, IN, Chair Theone Dickos	Metropolis of Detroit	\$272,195
2023 Houston, TX	Metropolis of Denver	\$348,738

2025 Children's Medical Fund Grant Recipients



Andee's Army Brain & Spinal Cord Foundation Atlanta, GA

Funding for Hoyer Lifts to Help Children and Youth with Brain and Spinal Cord Injuries

\$25,000

This grant will be used to fund 10 Hoyer lifts-portable total body lifts for transferring children and youth under age 18 with brain and spinal cord injuries.

Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children Orlando FL

Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplant and Cellular Therapy

\$20,000

This grant will optimize dosing efficacy and minimize life threatening adverse effects for bone marrow transplant patients. In addition, families are provided assistance with meals, transportation, and childcare support during their child's treatment.

Camp UOTS Cancer Camp Coral Gables, FL

Camp UOTS CANCER CAMP

\$12,000

This grant funds tickets to visit Universal Theme Park in Orlando, FL for 35 children with cancer.

Children's of Alabama Birmingham, AL

COACHES Children's of Alabama Community Healthcare

\$20,000

This grant funds an infant Simulated Manikin simulating the movements of a newborn, a realistic interactive manikin. This manikin is used to train doctors and residents in rural areas of Alabama to practice birthing critically ill infants. Results have shown that fewer complications and healthier babies arrive at the NICU when staff have had training in critically ill infant delivery.

Children's of Mississippi Jackson, MS

Pediatric Cardiac Monitor Purchase

\$30,000

This grant will fund 3 cardiac monitors for the hospital's cardiac step-down/post surgery medical surgical unit improving outcomes for pediatric cardiac patients.

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Foundation Atlanta, GA

Enhancing Patient Comfort and Safety in Food Allergy Diagnosis

\$5,000

This grant will fund the purchase of one cardiopulmonary monitor for immediate response.



2025 Children's Medical Fund Grant Recipients

**East Tennessee Children's
Hospital Association
Knoxville, TN**

The Pacifier Activated Lullaby (P.A.L.)

\$18,000

This grant will fund 3 P.A.L. devices to encourage and reinforce effective nonnutritive sucking of premature infants. This is accomplished with positive feedback given to the premature infant in the form of music or the mother's voice to develop the sucking reflex necessary for oral feeding.

**Georgia Center for Child
Advocacy
Atlanta, GA**

**Pathways to Healing
Community Healthcare**

\$25,435

This grant will provide funds for free therapy for child victims of abuse, trafficking, violence, and trauma.

**Joe DiMaggio Children's
Hospital Foundation,
Hollywood, FL**

Expansion of Canine Clubhouse

\$15,000

This grant will provide funds to furnish one room at the Clubhouse.

**Johns Hopkins All
Children's Hospital
St. Petersburg, FL**

Sensational Kids Project

\$15,000

This grant will provide funds to obtain new special needs equipment.

**Medical University of
South Carolina Foundation
Charleston, SC**

**AccuVein devices for Pediatric
Emergency Department**

\$20,000

This grant will provide funds for 4 AccuVein devices that use near-infrared vein visualization technology to locate veins quickly and accurately for IV placement in children.

**Navicent Health Foundation-
Crescent House
Macon, GA**

**Pet Therapy for Recent House
(Child Advocacy Center)**

\$25,000

This grant will be used to expand the Atrium Health Navicent facility dog program by purchasing a facility dog for Crescent House.

2025 Children's Medical Fund Grant Recipients



**Novant Health New Hanover Regional Medical Center
Wilmington, NC** **Pacifier Activated Lullaby** **\$10,000**

This grant will provide for the Wilmington, NC purchase of P.A.L. devices for the NICU unit which will encourage and reinforce effective non-nutritive sucking of premature infants. This is accomplished with positive feedback given to the premature infant in the form of music or the mother's voice to develop the sucking reflex necessary for oral feeding.

**Novant Health Presbyterian Medical Center Foundation
Charlotte, NC** **Supporting Bereaved Families at Novant Health Hemby Children's Hospital** **\$30,000**

This grant will fund materials that help terminally ill children and their families through the dying process, grieving and bereavement.

**Our Lady of the Lake Foundation
Baton Rouge, LA** **Interactive Healing- Enhancing Therapy with Interactive Projectors** **\$26,140**

This grant will fund 4 projectors-1 mobile unit projector and 3 fixed unit projectors to enhance therapy by reducing anxiety and stress through movement and play.

**The Red Barn Foundation
Leeds, AL** **Equine Assisted Therapy** **\$14,600**

This grant funds weekly therapeutic horseback riding lessons for 2 special needs children for an entire year.

Saint Joseph's Hospital of Tampa Foundation, Tampa, FL **Angel Eye NICU Unit Cameras** **\$17,800**

This grant will fund the purchase of 5 Angel Eye NICU UNIT cameras.

**Shepherd Center Foundation
Atlanta, GA** **Adolescent Assistance Fund** **\$25,000**

This grant will fund the purchase of 12 back up wheelchairs.

**Shriners Hospital of Greenville
Greenville, SC** **Motion Analysis Laboratory (MAL)** **\$25,000**

This grant will support the operation of one of only 16 MAL's in the country. This will fund 52 patient analysis.

National Philoptochos Society Children's Medical Fund Luncheon 2025 Grand Drawing

1. **Konstantino 18K Gold Cuff with Multi-Colored Gemstones**
Donated by Irene Politis, Vickie Scaljon, Evan Mekras Scurtis, Valine Georgeson, Marty Driscoll and Effie Moraitakis
2. **Saks Fifth Avenue gift card Value: \$1000** Donated by Lekita Essa, Presvytera Mary Christy, Helen Malachias and Julie Vagelos
3. **Burberry Cameo Checked Wool-Silk Scarf with Fringed Edges** Donated by +Anne Feles, Maria Stavropoulos, Harriett Stoukas and Andrea Feles Katsimbaris
4. **Longchamp Leather Crossbody Bag** Donated by Marian Catechis, Martha Stefanidakis and Barbara Vittas
5. **Valentino Garavani Toile Iconographe Wool and Silk Shawl**
Donated by Metropolis of Detroit Philoptochos
6. **Coach Tabby Chain Clutch** Donated by Philoptochos Agape Chapter Raleigh, NC
7. **Saks Fifth Avenue Gift Card Value \$300** Donated by Evan Mekras Scurtis
8. **Krewe Sunglasses** Donated by Lekita Essa, Mary Wehbie and Sydney Langford
9. **Tiffany & Co. Sterling Silver Medium Loop Bracelet** Donated by Diana Gardianos
10. **14K Gold Necklace with faceted checkerboard-cut citrine and halo of 42 diamonds**
Donated by Cindy Crosson, Theone Dickos, Debbie George, Paula Kalevas, Dr. Stephanie Storgion Poplos and Evanthia Valassiades
11. **Neiman Marcus gift card Value: \$1000**
Donated by Metropolis of Atlanta Philoptochos Board
12. **Saks Fifth Avenue gift card Value: \$1000**
Donated by Metropolis of Atlanta Philoptochos Board
13. **Hermes Scarf** Donated by Irene Hotzoglou, Archdiocesan District Philoptochos President
14. **3 day/2 night stay for two at the Safety Harbor Resort and Spa on Tampa Bay**
Donated by Clearwater Philoptochos Chapter 5001
15. **Sandro Crossbody Bag** Donated by Maria Vogiatzi Plestis, MD
16. **Missoni Triangle Silk Scarf** Donated by Helen Kocolatos Demos
17. **Tumi Voyageur Leger Compact Black Carry-On Bag** Donated by Arlene Siavelis Kehl and Katherine G. Siavelis
18. **Kate Spade Madison Medium Top Handle Satchel** Donated by Stella Piches
19. **Apple iPad** Donated by Helen Psaras
20. **Saks Fifth Avenue gift card Value: \$300.00** Donated by Despina Kartson

- 21. Konstantino “Pythia” Sterling Silver and 18K Earrings with Green Amethyst Quartz Gemstone** Donated by Joyce Spanakis and Irene Sellas
- 22. David Yurman Buckle Classic Cable Sterling Silver Bracelet**
Donated by Metropolis of Denver Philoptochos Board
- 23. Gold Cross** Donated by Metropolis of Boston Philoptochos
- 24. Hermes Silk Scarf** Donated by Philippa Condakes, Savina Prokopios-Davos, Dr. Calliope Galatis, Eleni Kalioras, Athena Kalyvas, Jane Kourtis, Matina Pappas, Eleni Stamboulidis and Elaine Zetes
- 25. David Yurman X Classic Cable Station Bracelet in Sterling Silver and 18K Yellow Gold**
Donated by Joanne Stavrakas and Lindsay Stavrakas
- 26. Ornate Shell Box** Donated by Mary Richardson, Frances Yancey and Anna Davis
- 27. Jo Malone Basket with Perfume, Soaps, and Lotion** Donated by Effie Moraitakis, Lia Hooff and Maria Oldham
- 28. Hermes Bouquets Sellier Silk Scarf** Donated by Eleni Constantinides, Alexis Limberakis and Diane Saphos
- 29. Louis Vuitton Cashmere Scarf** Donated by Stephanie Ocker, Anna Vedouras and Diana Jianas
- 30. John Hardy Love Knot Hoop Earrings in Sterling Silver**
Donated by Helena Papadopoulos Johnson
- 31. Visa gift card Value: \$500** Donated by Stephanie Cha
- 32. Visa gift card Value: \$500** Donated by Assumption Cathedral of Denver Philoptochos
- 33. Dior Caro Dahlia Wallet in Black Cannage Calfskin**
Donated by Metropolis of San Francisco National Board Members
- 34. Hermes Festival Des Amazones Bandana Shawl**
Donated by Metropolis of San Francisco Philoptochos Board
- 35. Dior Small Saddle Pouch in Black Goatskin with Chain** Donated by Jeannie Ranglas
- 36. Konstantino Sterling Silver Bracelet with Sky Blue Topaz and 18K Gold Accents**
Donated by The Metropolis of Chicago Philoptochos Society
- 37. Sterling Silver 18” Caviar Necklace with White Ceramic 9x3 Bead Stations**
Donated by Kathleen Katrakis, Pat Gerbanas, Demetria Bakris, Anna Duros, Christina Hiotis, Marilynn Jemas, Dena Pavlopoulos, Kathy Siavelis, Arlene Siavelis-Kehl, Joanne Stavrakas, and Marilyn Tzakis
- 38. Capital Grille gift card Value: \$300** Jane Kourtis
- 39. Decorative Pillows** Donated by Emily Dermatas, Eleni Evans, and Katina Dermatas
- 40. Lagos 9mm Embrace Five Station X Caviar Bracelet**
Donated by the Metropolis of New Jersey Philoptochos Board



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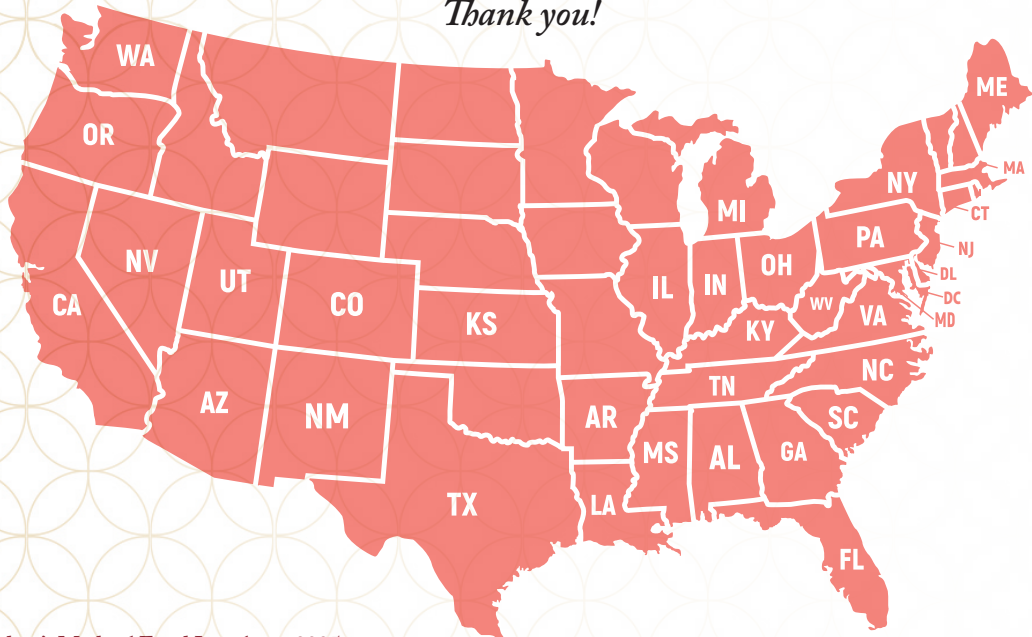
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