

ABOUT THE NATIONAL PHILOPTOCHOS CHILDREN'S MEDICAL FUND AND THE GREEK ORTHODOX LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY, INC.

The National Philoptochos Children's Medical Fund was established in 1989 to raise funds for children's hospitals and research programs, as well as special programs that serve the needs of ill and fragile children, along with assistance to individuals and their families throughout the United States and in other parts of the world.

The Children's Medical Fund Luncheon, the principal fundraising event of the National Philoptochos Society, is a biennial event and since its inception in 1989, has raised over \$3.7 million and disbursed over \$3 million. The event is held every two years on a rotating basis between the Direct Archdiocesan District and the 8 Metropolis Philoptochos Societies.

This year's event, the sixteenth National Philoptochos Children's Medical Fund Luncheon, is being held under the auspices of His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Geron of America, and the blessing of His Eminence Metropolitan Evangelos of New Jersey and is hosted by the Metropolis of New Jersey Philoptochos at The Venetian in Garfield, New Jersey on November 11, 2017. Metropolis of New Jersey Philoptochos President Anastasia Michals is chairing the event.

Grants in excess of **\$250,000** are being disbursed at the 2017 luncheon to 15 programs located in New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia and the Philadelphia metropolitan area, all part of the Metropolis of New Jersey. The balance of the funds raised in association with this year's event will be disbursed to cover the medical expenses of needy children throughout the United States during the interim period until the next luncheon as well as to fund children's medical programs and projects at our National Philoptochos Conventions.

The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, Inc. is the philanthropic arm of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. The Society was founded in 1931 by Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras, who was then Archbishop of North and South America.

The mission of the Society is to help the poor, the destitute, the hungry, the aged, the sick, the unemployed, the orphaned, the imprisoned, the widowed, those with disabilities and the victims of disasters through its National and Metropolis Boards, more than 400 chapters and 25,000+ members.

Since January 1, 2002, the National Philoptochos has disbursed **\$23,857,906** nationally and internationally to its various philanthropic commitments, programs, projects and special appeals.