

## PHILOPTOCHOS DISBURSES A TOTAL OF \$1,737,511 IN 2017

The National Board of the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, Inc. announces that as a result of the hard work of every Philoptochos chapter across the nation and with the support and cooperation of their entire parish families, funds totaling **\$1,737,511** were disbursed from January 1 – December 31, 2017. These donations are in addition to other philanthropic assistance provided by the Metropolises and over 400 individual chapters across the country. Following is a listing of the National Philoptochos Ministry Commitments/Programs and Special Collections along with the programs and organizations that benefited:

St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church and National Shrine at the World Trade Center	\$200,000	To the St. Nicholas Shrine Building Fund
St. Basil Academy Vasilopita Sisterhood Fund	\$300,000 \$10,765	For operational expenses \$7,492 for graduation ceremonies \$3,273 for Christmas and graduation gifts for the children
Hellenic College/Holy Cross Scholarship Fund	\$68,700	\$60,700 for Fall and Spring scholarships; \$8,000 to students for special merit awards
Lenten Appeal Fundraiser	\$86,500	For refurbishment of Polemanakos Dormitory, purchase of athletic equipment and IT upgrades.
Aid to Greece and Cyprus	\$110,000	<p><u>Greece</u> \$10,000 to Apostoli Demetreion Center, Moschato, Athens for the care of underprivileged children \$20,000 to Apostoli of the Holy Archdiocese of Athens for the soup kitchen program \$10,000 Lyreio Paidiko Idryma, an orphanage of Saints Anargyroi of the Holy Trinity in Mati, Attiki</p> <p><u>Cyprus</u> \$10,000 Holy Metropolis of Morphou \$10,000 to the Holy Metropolis of Konstantia Amohostou \$10,000 to the Holy Metropolis of Kyrenia \$10,000 to FCAO for donation to the Church in occupied Yialousa, Cyprus \$20,000 to Ermes Department Store in Nicosia, Cyprus for children’s clothing in occupied Cyprus.</p>

		\$10,000 to the Ecumenical Federation of Constantinopolitans for their humanitarian assistance to expatriated Greeks of Constantinople
Archdiocesan Presbyters Council/National Sisterhood of Presvyteres Benevolent Fund (APC/NSP)	\$35,000	For assistance to Clergy and their families in need.
Autism Assistance Fund	\$44,812	\$15,000 Syndesmos Agia Atoma Me Aftismo, Limassol, Cyprus \$29,812 for assistance to individuals
Cancer Fund	\$38,147	For assistance to individuals
Children's Medical Fund 2017	\$253,700	Please visit our website at <a href="http://www.philoptochos.org">www.philoptochos.org</a> for details on grant recipients
	\$ 4,509	Assistance to Individuals
Children's Medical Fund 2015	\$ 5,000	St. Mary's Children's Hospital Bayside, NY to benefit children with complex medical conditions
Ecumenical Patriarchate	\$100,000	For Patriarchal ministries
General Medical Fund	\$12,700	For assistance to individuals
International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC)	\$55,000	\$20,000 for the Podoconiosis Project in Ethiopia \$20,000 for agricultural development in Kosovo \$15,000 for Hurricane Harvey Relief to victims
Orthodox Christian Missions	\$45,000	\$15,000 for the Guatemala Health Care Team for medical supplies \$10,000 towards the matching grant for missionary training and equipment for the new missionaries in Guatemala \$5,000 for missionary work in Tanzania c/o St. Barbara Church in Santa Barbara, CA \$7,000 for St. Nicholas Children's Fund in Uganda in support of 10 girls' education and health for one year. \$8,000 to the Orthodox Christian Network for 8 episodes of "This Week in Orthodoxy."

Orthodox Christian Fellowship	\$33,700	For the OCF Student Leadership Board
Retired Clergy and Widowed Presbyteres Benevolent Fund	\$70,000	General donation
St. Photios Shrine	\$26,500	\$25,000 General donation \$ 500 for Greek Landing Day \$ 1,000 for Pilgrimage Sponsorship
Support a Mission Priest (SAMP)	\$36,000	For a general donation to benefit 60 mission priests at \$600 each for a full year
75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Founders Fund	\$ 3,531	To the Shepherd Center of Kansas City for emergency Meals on Wheels Project
Social Services	\$57,997	\$47,997 for assistance to individuals \$10,000 to Homefull of Dayton, OH for job placement and training of homeless adults
National Philoptochos Emergency	\$ 35,000	\$20,000 to the Holy Metropolis of Mytilene for assistance to earthquake victims \$15,000 to the IOCC for Hurricane Harvey Relief
Louisiana Flood Relief 2016	\$ 28, 875	To the Metropolis of Atlanta Philoptochos for assistance to the flood victims
Hurricane Harvey Relief 2017	\$ 42,000	Assistance to 35 individuals
2017 Hurricane Relief Fund	\$ 34,075	\$ 18,000 Assistance to 15 individuals \$ 10,000 to IOCC for the Puerto Rico Hurricane Irma Relief Fund \$ 6,075 to IOCC for Hurricane Maria Relief Fund in Puerto Rico

The ladies of the Philoptochos Society express their heartfelt gratitude to Philoptochos chapters and parishes across the nation for support of their philanthropic programs in 2017. Without the cooperation of the entire Greek Orthodox community, our work would not be possible. For more information on National Philoptochos ministries and commitments, please see: [www.philoptochos.org/outreach/commitments](http://www.philoptochos.org/outreach/commitments).