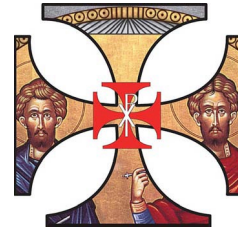


## National Philoptochos Society 2014-2016 Committee Report



### New Philanthropic Initiatives

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The mission of this committee, as revised during the February 2016 National Board meeting, is to: research and evaluate current trends and public concerns that require the Society's understanding, promotion and involvement in order to better our local, national and global communities; to develop opportunities to become involved and contribute to these worthy causes, projects and events; and to review past projects for relevancy.

The main focus of our committee continues to be that of helping victims of Human Trafficking, as well as those that are homeless and that are often part of the same group. Our National Philoptochos Website now has all of the information that we have obtained regarding Covenant House, Thistle Farms/Magdalene Homes, and similar agencies throughout the country. Since this project continues to be a work in progress, our Chapters and Members are encouraged to contact either Peggy Vranas (PBJV@aol.com) or Kathy Siavelis (gsiavelis@sbcglobal.net) with any other agencies that would be of interest to our Philoptochos Members, so that we can include them in the website.

By utilizing our Website, Philoptochos Members can obtain information, regarding specific agencies, and could then assist in some way and have an impact on helping these victims. As part of this effort, we are excited to announce, that with the help of our National Philoptochos President, Maria Logus, we have been able to obtain a speaker from a well-respected, local agency, Thistle Farms/Magdalene Homes, for the National Convention which will help us to not only educate our members, but also to help serve women who have been trafficked in their recovery journey toward self-sufficiency and independence.

Our Philanthropic Initiatives Committee has determined that in addition to Human Trafficking, we will focus our efforts on: our Veterans; Early Onset of Alzheimer's: A Family Issue; and Prison Ministry. Our committee will share any information which we obtain regarding these topics and agencies.