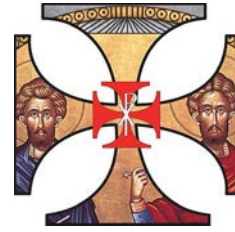


National Philoptochos Society 2014-2016 Committee Report



United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)

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- UNICEF saves the lives of children by providing healthcare, clean water, food, immunization and education in over 190 countries.
- UNICEF provides emergency relief and helps children forced to flee their homes due to conflict, poverty and catastrophes.
- UNICEF is committed to promoting equity for children; it fights child labor and child trafficking.
- Because of our relationship with UNICEF, Philoptochos is recognized as a Civil Society Partner of UNICEF.
- Philoptochos members have attended numerous meetings in NYC including the NY Interfaith Community Leaders Forum, the UNICEF Annual Meeting, and the USA Fund for UNICEF "Children First," which is dedicated to fostering children's rights, their survival, development, nurturing and protection.
- The Committee investigated the role of UNICEF in helping refugee children in Greece and the plight of unaccompanied minors and reported that due to government regulations of the EU and Greece, UNICEF's role is limited in assisting unaccompanied minors.
- The UNICEF Committee unanimously recommends that Philoptochos support the UNICEF U.S. Fund "Children First." The UNICEF U.S. Fund raises awareness of child trafficking in the United States.
- UNICEF is supported through a discretionary chapter commitment in December.
- Philoptochos members are urged to get involved by contacting UNICEF offices in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles and San Francisco. In turn, UNICEF strives to build awareness of their lifesaving work that saves and protects children all over the world. The local branch offices, listed above, are willing to address Philoptochos at Chapter and Metropolis meetings. Furthermore, there are numerous opportunities for Philoptochos and UNICEF to work together. Individual Chapters and Metropolises are encouraged to explore these possibilities.

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