

National Philoptochos Society 2016-2018 Committee Report



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The Bone Marrow Foundation, Inc., New York, NY, services children and families throughout the U.S., giving financial support through their Lifeline Fund. The Fund provides assistance to eligible individuals and families who are preparing for and undergoing a bone marrow, stem cell or cord blood transplant. 100% of the funds raised are given to the families. They have long standing relationships with hospitals and other marrow facilities.

Funded: \$5,000 2017 Children's Medical Fund

- Funding for the Lifeline Fund, which will provide assistance to children and families preparing for and undergoing bone marrow, stem cell or cord blood transplants.
- Funds will be used throughout the U.S.

La Clinica Del Pueblo, Washington D.C., serves children and adolescents through a comprehensive health care and educational services. Their program, known as Mi Refugio focusses on youth development and education. Over 90% of the patients come from extremely low incomes, many working multiple jobs and lack the adequate resources or time to tend to health needs. Over 4,000 patients were served in 2017.

Funded: \$5,000 2017 Children's Medical Fund

- Funding for assistance to High School students for youth development and education as part of the Mi Refugio Program.

Ecumenical Federation of Constantinopolitans, Athens, Greece, provides food and basic needs for seniors who were displaced after the exodus of Greeks living in Constantinople in the 1960's.

Funded: \$10,000 Aid to Greece and Cyprus Fund

- Funding for food and electricity for 1 year plus.

Greek American Rehabilitation and Care Centre, Wheeling, IL, its mission is to provide quality care for residents in a safe, home-like environment. 20% of residents are there for short-term care; 80% of residents are there for long-term care, of which 70% are on Medicaid. Currently, 136 nurse call lights need to be upgraded plus additional areas for the third floor.

Funded: \$15,000 - 75th Anniversary Fund

- Funds to be used toward the cost of Jeron Provider 790 Nurse Call System.

Homefull, Dayton, OH, provides critical job training and placement for homeless adults, including peer mentoring, supervision, supplies and equipment. In 2016, fifty-five men and women participated in the training program leading to dramatic housing and income stability for clients served, particularly in their Permanent Supportive Housing Sites.

Funded: \$10,000 - Social Service Fund

- Funds to cover cost for job training and placement.

Mission Tanzania via St. Barbara's Church, Santa Barbara, CA, supports Ufufuo Health Center in Tanzania where there is limited health care. They currently are in a partnership with Columbia University in a HIV prevention, treatment and counseling program. The Center opened in 2012. The closest health centers are 200 miles and 800 miles away. It has the most state of the art equipment to train local doctors and dentists.

Funded: \$5,000 - Orthodox Christian Mission Fund

- Funds used to cover costs of medical supplies to the Ufufuo Health Center.

Orthodox Christian Mission Center, St. Augustine, FL, supports various Mission Teams throughout Central and South America and Africa. The Guatemala Health Care Mission Team consists of 10 health care providers for the Father Andres Giron Orthodox Clinic in the Village of Aguacate, Guatemala. The Team provides medical supplies and medical and dental care to 20,000 Guatemalan people who have limited access to medical care and health education.

Funded: \$15,000 - Orthodox Christian Mission Fund

- Funds used to cover medical supplies, medical and dental care and health education.

Funded: \$10,000 - Orthodox Christian Mission Fund

- Funds used for Mission Training.

Orthodox Christian Network, Fort Lauderdale, FL, provides communication of our Orthodox religion through multimedia. Their program, "This Week in Orthodoxy", highlights related events and happenings in many geographic areas across the U.S., including the plight of Christians throughout the world.

Funded: \$10,000 - Orthodox Christian Mission Fund

- Funds used to produce 10 episodes on "This Week in Orthodoxy".
- Cost of each episode is \$1,000.00.

St. Elias the Prophet Greek Orthodox Church, Dubuque, IA, is a small parish of 35 families. In 2014, the original church building became uninhabitable due to the side wall caving in and the roof being unable to support the structure any longer. The Parish voted to purchase a new building. The Philoptochos began a project to repair and reinstall 9 windows and light box frames. The project name is Philoptochos Hall of the Saints.

Funded: \$3,500 - Emergency Fund

- Funds used for repair and reinstallation of 1 window.
- The cost of each window is \$3,500.00.

St. Mary's Children's Hospital, Bayside, NY- Center of Pediatric Feeding Disorders, provides 45 minute feeding sessions for infants and children with various feeding problems from disadvantaged families. Medicaid does not cover this treatment. In 2016, 3,843 – 45 minute feeding sessions and 156 assessments were provided. The program served 175 children in 2016.

Funded: \$5,000 - 2015 Children's Medical Fund

- Funds used to cover costs of feeding sessions.

St. Nicholas Uganda Children's Fund, Chardon, OH, provides education, health and welfare of Ugandan children, teens and young adults in slum areas of Kampala, Uganda. They serve 260 orphans and children at the primary school, secondary school, business and technical, and university levels. The organization started in 2008, by Nicholas and Sharon Georges who were missionaries in the area from 2002-2007.

Funded: \$7,000 - Orthodox Christian Mission Fund

- Funds used for 10 teenage girls residing in St. Antonios Orthodox Secondary School.
 - Tuition and boarding fees
 - Clothing
 - Personal care items
 - Mattresses, sheet, and blankets
 - Comprehensive medical care
 - Transportation to and from school
- Total cost is \$700.00 per year per girl.

Shepherd Center of Kansas City Central, Kansas City, MO, provides a "Meals on Wheels" program serving homebound older adults (60 years and older) and disabled individuals.

Funded: \$3,531 - 75th Anniversary Fund

- Funds used to partly cover non-perishable items for 120 Emergency Meal Packs.
- Program serves approximately 200 individuals, many below poverty level.

STEPS PTO, Parma, OH, is an Academy of Willow Farms that services children with Autism throughout North Eastern Ohio. The program was created 5 years ago to provide and aide the students and families of the Academy. They created a project called Educational Greenhouse for Students with Autism. The students grow vegetables and distribute them back to the Community. In 2017, they served 120 students and their families.

Funded: \$3,000 - Autism Fund

- Funds used to cover remaining costs for project Educational Greenhouse.
- The program will service 140 students in 2018.
- The program provides a meaningful and vocational experience for the Students at Willow Farms.

University of Miami, THRIVE Clinic for Human Trafficking Survivors, Coral Gables, FL, the focus of the Clinic is to assist, recognize and provide expert medical care for victims of sex trafficking and labor trafficking as defined by the Federal Government. The THRIVE Clinic, (Trafficking Healthcare Resources and Interdisciplinary Victim Services and Education), was started by a group of Greek-American health providers who are on the faculty at the University of Miami. All current medical staff is voluntary.

Funded: \$35,000 - General Medical Fund

- Funds used for a part time social worker for 1 or 2 years based on hours.