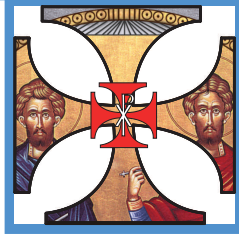


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## PHILOPTOCHOS PERSPECTIVE CHILDREN'S MEDICAL FUND SPECIAL LUNCHEON EDITION



Thank you, each and every one of you, for your support of the Children's Medical Luncheon...for your donations to sponsorship, your donations for underwriting, your donations for the raffles, and most importantly for being a part of National Philoptochos' "Rejoice and Embrace the Children" Medical Fund Luncheon hosted by the Metropolis of Chicago Philoptochos.

The Luncheon was an outstanding success with more than 1,150 guests, over \$500,000+ raised in sponsorship donations and over \$50,000 in raffle donations. Our guest speaker, Fr. Mark Munoz of Holy Anargyroi, Rochester, MN, was fabulous and I saw many tears in the audience because his words were so inspiring and moving. Archbishop Elpidophoros spoke eloquently, in part saying, ***"Nothing you do is small or insignificant, everything you do & each member has great value."***

I must recognize the hard working and dedicated women who were part of all of the CMF committees. Their dedication to this wonderful cause was apparent everywhere...the program book, the decor, the entertainment, hospitality, invitations and so much more. I am so blessed to have had the opportunity to work with such a wonderful group of Philoptochos members...it was a total team effort of faith, hope and love.

During the program a new Philoptochos video, ***"Come Join Us"***, was shown. It is touching and inspiring and you can view it on YouTube at the link below. Take the time to watch it and show it at your next meeting.

[https://youtu.be/E\\_Xm0EAyYCU](https://youtu.be/E_Xm0EAyYCU)

Again, thank you for your efforts to support the Children's Medical Fund Luncheon and to "Rejoice and Embrace the Children".

Pam Argyris, General Chairman, CMF



His Grace Bishop Apostolos, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros, His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael, National Philoptochos President Maria Logus.  
 Top Row: 2019 Children's Medical Fund Luncheon Co-Chairs: Marilyn Tzakis, Pam Argyris, Irene Arsoniadis, Georgia Sarlas.



## **National Philoptochos Executive Board**

Bottom Row: Joanne Stavrakas, Jeannie Ranglas, His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros, His Grace Bishop Apostolos, National Philoptochos President Maria Logus, Evan Mekris Scurtis.

Top Row: Theone Dickos, Eleni Constantinides, Georgia Vlitas, Stella Piches, Aphrodite Skeadas, Crystal Thomas, Martha Stefanidakis, Irene Steffas, Irene Politis, Barbara Pasalis, Pam Argyris.



We Welcomed His Eminence Metropolitan Nathanael, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros, His Grace Bishop Apostolos.



During the Seventeenth National Philoptochos Children's Medical Fund Luncheon, His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America designated the Sunday of the Good Samaritan each year (which is the 8th Sunday of Luke according to the Kanonion) as **National Philoptochos Society Sunday.**



## Metropolis of Chicago Philoptochos Board



Bottom Row: Carol Stamas, Marilyn Tzakis, Georgia Sarlas, Irene Arsoniadis, Pam Argyris, National Philoptochos President Maria Logus, Christina Hiotis, Kathy Katrakis Pat Gerbanas.  
Top Row: Eugenia Splinter, Netsa Antonakos, Joanne Stavrakas, Lena Angelos, Kathy Walstrom, Lori Voutiritsas, Peggy Vranas, Georgia Gavaris, Mary Baryo, Olga Paxinos, Demetria Bakris, Voula Andrews, Arlene Siavelis-Kehl, Kathy Siavelis, Marilynn Jemas.



*"The CMF 2019 was Extraordinary."*

***Maria Logos, National Philoptochos President***

*"The Children's Medical Fund Committee thanks everyone for supporting the CMF Grand Drawing."*

***Georgia Sarlas, Co-Chair***

***Sponsorship:*** *"Part of the funds raised at The Children's Medical Fund Luncheon will go to help hundreds of children in need. The 17 Grants were awarded to Children's Hospitals, Care facilities and programs. Your gift to the National Philoptochos Children's Medical Fund helped to save many children's lives!"*



***Marilyn Tzakis, Co-Chair***

*"The Metropolis of Chicago Philoptochos was very honored and extremely proud to host the 17th **Children's Medical Luncheon**. The CMF has always sought to provide medical assistance to critically ill children whose families are unable to afford appropriate and necessary medical treatment. CMF also provides grants for innovative research programs to pediatric hospitals & organizations throughout our Metropolis with special programs that care for children with life threatening illnesses. Thank you to everyone who attended our event."*

***Irene Arsoniadis, Co-Chair***





OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF CHICAGO

LORI E. LIGHTFOOT  
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, Inc., is the philanthropic society of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America who works to raise funds for those in need; and

WHEREAS, since 1989, the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos has hosted the biennial Children's Medical Fund Luncheon to raise funds for families who can not afford necessary medical treatment; and

WHEREAS, the Fund also provides grants for research programs at pediatric hospitals throughout the United States and organizations with programs that care for children with critical and life threatening illnesses; and

WHEREAS, since the first Luncheon, the National Philoptochos has raised more than \$1.7 million for the Children's Medical Fund and has awarded over \$2.8 million in grants to hospitals and organizations including Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital, the Greek Children's Cancer Fund, and the Kids-n-Cancer Program just to name a few; and

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2019, the Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, Inc. will host the 2019 Children's Medical Fund Luncheon to continue their mission to raise much needed funds for children and families in need in Chicago and around the country;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LORI E. LIGHTFOOT, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim November 16, 2019 to be NATIONAL PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY'S REJOICE AND EMBRACE THE CHILDREN DAY IN CHICAGO and urge all residents to join in supporting this important organization.

Dated this 7th day of October, 2019.

  
Mayor





***“Alone We  
Can Do  
So Little.***

***Together  
We Can Do  
So Much.”***



***His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros’ moving  
speech can be viewed at this link:***

***<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zqokQAv7EBk>***

***National Philoptochos President Maria Logus’  
speech can be viewed at this link:***

***[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4N6HnkOKW\\_4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4N6HnkOKW_4)***



***Come  
Join  
Us!***

Jeffrey Michals, husband of the late Anne Michals, delivered a moving tribute to his wife. Anne served as Chairman of the 16th Annual Children's Medical Fund Luncheon (2017) held in New Jersey. Anne was a believer in the power of philanthropy, both as a healer and as a reminder that all things are possible through God's Love. Anne liked to say that her most important work was being a faithful steward of the Church and Philoptochos, which gave her the opportunities to put her faith into action. Anne often said, "It was the greatest thrill of her life to be able to work with so many inspiring stewards of the Greek Orthodox Church and to be a part of bringing them all together in the Metropolis of New Jersey."



Fr. Mark Munoz was the keynote speaker and told a touching story about his own daughter, Nina, who also spoke about her experience. Fr. Munoz is the Spiritual Advisor of Philoxenia House in Rochester, MN. The Philoxenia House Ministry offers free temporary housing to individuals and families visiting the Mayo Clinic. He is also Proistamenos of Holy Anargyroi/SS Cosmos and Damian Church in Rochester. His moving Keynote Speech can be viewed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uDpaEUz7kMk>





**V. Rev. Fr. Timothy G. Bakakos,  
Chancellor of the Metropolis of Chicago**

**Barbara Pasalis, Secretary, National  
Philoptochos Executive Board**



**Andrea Darlas,  
Master of Ceremonies**



**Ekaterina Dimakis, Consul General  
of Greece in Chicago**



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# CMF RESERVATIONS



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**Thank You To Our 1,168  
Luncheon Guests!**



# CMF Philoptochos Shoppe



Items for purchase in the Philoptochos Shoppe may be viewed online at:

[philoptochos.org/shoppe/](http://philoptochos.org/shoppe/)







***Philoptochos Friends Bring Out  
The Best In Each Other!***

# GRAND DRAWING









- NATIONAL PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY  
*Children's Medical Fund*  
 Luncheon 2019  
**GRAND DRAWING**
1. KONSTANTINO 18K YELLOW GOLD BLUE TOPAZ CROSS W/ STERLING SILVER CHAIN - Donated by Konstantino & Helen
  2. LAGOS STERLING SILVER 18K GOLD TORSIDE STATION BRACELET - Donated by Lagos
  3. \$1000 SAKS FIFTH AVENUE GIFT CARD - Donated by Saks Fifth Avenue
  4. 18K WHITE GOLD & DIAMOND EARRINGS W/SMOKEY QUARTZ - Donated by Saks Fifth Avenue
  5. BLACK FUR TRIMMED CASHMERE CAPE - Donated by Saks Fifth Avenue
  6. \$1000 SAKS FIFTH AVENUE GIFT CARD - Donated by Saks Fifth Avenue
  7. MOVADO MUSEUM COLLECTION HIS & HERS WATCHES - Donated by Movado
  8. \$500 NEIMAN MARCUS GIFT CARD - Donated by the Diast Architects
  9. CHANEL NECLACE - Donated by Neoclase of San Francisco Philanthropic
  10. \$500 VISA GIFT CARD - Donated by Neoclase of San Francisco Philanthropic
  11. TUMI 4-WHEEL CARRYON, CONVERTIBLE BACKPACK & COSMETIC BAG - Donated by Tumi
  12. KONSTANTINO OPEN CLIFF BRACELET W/CULTURED PEARL ENDS - Donated by Konstantino & Helen
  13. LIMITED EDITION LOUIS VUITTON SCARF/WRAP - Donated by Louis Vuitton
  14. LIGHT BLUE BRAHMIN PURSE W/MATCHING WALLET & KEY CHAIN - Donated by Brahmin
  15. FOUR NIGHT STAY AT PEARL BAY HOTEL, CHIOS, GREECE & IPAD - Donated by Pearl Bay Hotel
  16. \$400 VISA GIFT CARD - Donated by Dana Clark, Maria Stamopoulos, Evelyn Nadea and her family
  17. GORSKI BLACK CASHMERE STOLE W/MINK RUFFLE - Donated by Gorski
  18. TIFFANY PALOMA PICASSO KNOT BEAD BRACELET - Donated by Maria Logia
  19. \$500 AMERICAN EXPRESS GIFT CARD - Donated by Pat Dogges
  20. HOOK & ALBERT WOMEN'S LEATHER WEEKENDER BAG - Donated by Hook & Albert
  21. KATE SPADE BLACK SATCHEL W/MATCHING CROSSBODY/WALLET - Donated by Kate Spade
  22. \$500 SAKS FIFTH AVENUE GIFT CARD - Donated by Merry Druot
  23. HERMES ANIMAPOLIS SCARF - Donated by National Board Members of the
  24. TORY BURCH DESIGNER BAG/PURSE - Donated by Jennifer Carlin
  25. \$500 NEIMAN MARCUS GIFT CARD - Donated by Letta Eads, Betty Lutz, and the staff of Letta Eads & Betty Lutz
  26. "FAITH JOURNEY" HAND GILDED GICLEE BY RIP KASTARIS - Donated by Rip Kastaris
  - \$100 VISA GIFT CARD - Donated by Foreign Sports



**Over \$60,000 Raised In The Grand Drawing!**



*Come Join Us!*



## Happy Attendees From Across the USA



*"Let me express my gratitude for everything that everyone did to make the CMF a very special and successful event." Pam Argyris*





***How Beautiful Are the Faces Of Philoptochos Friends!***





**Philoptochos CMF Has A Proud History Of Helping**







**There Is Great Satisfaction In Knowing That Philoptochos Helps To Change Lives**







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Join  
Us!*



**Thanks To Our Generous Sponsors  
Over \$521,000 Was Raised!**





*Come Join Us!*



***Attending a Children's Medical Fund Luncheon is a truly memorable and fun experience. Our Metropolis of Chicago CMF awarded grants to various not for profit organizations focusing on children in need. Love and inspiration abound at every Children's Medical Fund Luncheon.***

***Come  
Join  
Us!***



# CMF GRANT RECIPIENTS

National Philoptochos President, Maria Logus disbursed almost \$300,000 and announced the following 2019 Children's Medical Fund Grant recipients:

1. Anchored in Hope, Lake Forest, IL
2. Child's Voice, Wood Dale, IL
3. Elyssa's Mission, Northbrook, IL
4. Hadley School for the Blind, Winnetka, IL
5. Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, Chicago, IL
6. Special Education District of Lake County (SEDOL) Foundation  
Gages Lake, IL
7. John H. Stroger, Jr. Hospital of Cook County, Chicago, IL
8. University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine, Illinois Eye and Ear  
Infirmary (IEEI), Chicago, IL
9. Beacon Children's Hospital, South Bend, IN
10. Mental Health America of Northwest Indiana, Hammond, IN
11. Unity Point Health, St. Luke's Foundation, Sioux City, IA
12. Fairview Foundation, St. Paul, MN
13. Hennepin Health Foundation, Minneapolis, MN
14. Family Forward, Brentwood Children's Home, St. Louis, MO
15. University of Missouri Health Care, Columbia, MO
16. Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI
17. Rogers Behavioral Health Foundation, Oconomowoc, WI

***Grants Were Awarded To Recipients From  
Every State In Our Metropolis.***



**With Your Help, Philoptochos Can Do Great Things!**



Dr. Demetra Soter (photo at right), Child Safety Seat Program Director at John H. Stroger Jr. Hospital of Cook County who said "Today, you've saved lives. This grant of \$21,600 provided funding for 600 infant car seats."





**THANKS TO ALL WHO ATTENDED FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF CMF!**









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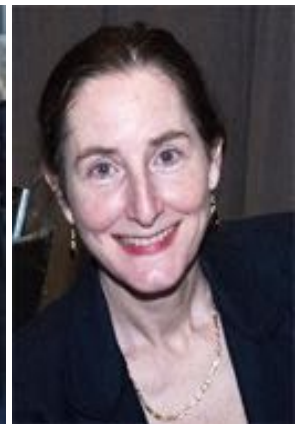
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# Debut Of Our New Membership Video “Come Join Us”













**Philoptochos CMF Offers Opportunities  
To Celebrate Victories For Others**





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***Over A Million Thanks To All Our Philoptochos Chapters Across The Country!***





*Come Join Us!*











*Thank you for sharing your God-given talents at our luncheon. Thank you to our soloists John Vranas singing the Greek National Anthem and Maria Koutsis singing the American National Anthem.*



***Evan Bravos led the group “Philoptochos Friends in Music.”***





CHICAGO IS MY KIND OF TOWN



CHICAGO  
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CHICAGO  
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On State Street, that great street  
I just want to say, they do things  
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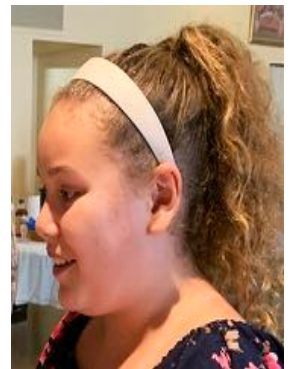
We had the time of our  
lives in Chicago!

## ***Kids Helping Kids***

*Groups of kids worked together, put in time and effort to raise money for their peers who are going through very challenging times. The kids who participated in “Kids Helping Kids” will remember their experience in helping other kids for the rest of their lives.*



**Over \$21,000 Raised By “Kids Helping Kids”**







*The idea of kids helping other kids is such a great way to introduce children to being involved in charitable causes and volunteer work, sending them on the path to doing good for others throughout their lives.*



## ***Kids Helping Kids***

***What could be better than kids helping other kids? Children throughout the Metropolis of Chicago were happy to do just that. Children partnered with Philoptochos and raised almost \$22,000 to donate to the Children's Medical Fund. Many Philoptochos chapters mobilized their youth and got them involved in Kids Helping Kids. This was a great way to raise awareness and funds. Youth from various parishes used their creativity to sell Lemonade, Ice Cream, Popcorn, Candy and more to support the National Philoptochos Children's Medical Fund. Kids and parishioners enjoyed and supported their efforts.***



## ***Kids Are Always Ready To Help!***





# SHARE THE PERSPECTIVE

**Our Philoptochos Good News Needs You!**

**Help the Perspective bring our good works and accomplishments to all in our Metropolis.**

**Share the Perspective With Others!**

Thank you to all chapters that emailed their photos to the Perspective for this special issue. We are starting work on the next edition of the Perspective. Please email your submissions to me. Each chapter's photos of fundraisers, events & outings add so much to the Perspective. **If your chapter is doing anything to help others during the Pandemic, please submit to the Perspective.** When submitting please email the photos along with the name of the church & event.

I am anxiously awaiting your emails, articles and photos for our next Perspective.

**Marilynn Jemas,  
Your Perspective Editor**



**I hope you enjoy reading this Special CMF Issue as much as I enjoyed creating it for you!**