



Dear Philoptochos Chapter Presidents & Operation Classroom Chairs,

The school year is in full swing, and I want to encourage your Philoptochos chapter to **conduct an Operation Classroom project!** This National Initiative is ongoing, not just when kids start school, but throughout the school year.

After each project, **let us know** about the good works you're doing for kids, teachers and staff members in your community:

- Complete the form available on the Chicago Philoptochos Ministry page ([www.ChicagoPhilo.org](http://www.ChicagoPhilo.org)) and email it and photos to: Martha Voytovich, [mvoytovich@uwalumni.com](mailto:mvoytovich@uwalumni.com) or Eleni Zervas, [eleni.zervas@gmail.com](mailto:eleni.zervas@gmail.com)
- Also, please send a brief summary and photos to the editors of the Metropolis Philoptochos newsletter, *The Perspective*: [chicagophilopublicity@gmail.com](mailto:chicagophilopublicity@gmail.com)
  - Please Note: Photos of children that are sent in should be approved by the school, organization

### **Not sure how to get started with Operation Classroom?**

First, if you don't have an Operation Classroom chair, please identify someone to take on this role. Then, partner with a school in your area that has kids in need, and speak with a staff member to decide on a project. There is helpful information on the national Philoptochos website, too: [www.philoptochos.org/operation-classroom/](http://www.philoptochos.org/operation-classroom/)

Here are **some ideas** to consider:

1. Collect backpacks and other school supplies. (Supplies are needed year round)
2. Hold a new/gently used book drive at your parish.
3. Stock a "needs closet" at the school with socks, underwear, hygiene supplies for girls, and personal items like toothpaste and deodorant.
4. Purchase snacks for kids.

**Thank you** for your support of Operation Classroom and Philoptochos. If you have any questions, please contact me.

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