

MAY 2015

HRF distributed 460 food packages to families in Athens, Piraeus, Kalyvia, Spetses, as well as to various organizations in need. The Athens delivery took place on May 15th; Phil Vogis (Vogiatzoglou) of the Board of Directors, and Frank Fotis-AHEPA Supreme Governor of New England -were at this distribution. Mr. Fotis stated that it was his first time attending a food donation program and expressed his satisfaction with the operation, and with how HRF safeguards the dignity of those who are in a situation of need though no fault of their own. Mr. Vogis was also present at the Thessaloniki distribution on May 22nd where 100 parcels were provided to underprivileged families.



JUNE 2015

Athens-June 24th marked the first delivery of 415 parcels from the new warehouse rented by HRF's volunteers in Greece who have formed the association 'Hellenic Volunteer Support,' (Ελληνική Εθελοντική Συμπάρασταση.) Stelios Taketzis, member of the Board of Directors, was on location to thank all the volunteers, lead by Ms. Maria Siourdi, for their tireless efforts in vetting the recipients, packaging, and distributing all items. This delivery was also supported by young volunteers who work for the Greek branch of the market research company RESEARCH NOW.



JULY 2015

A benefit concert titled 'Anthology of Greek song' was held on July 4th. The concert was a cooperation of HRF with the Greek Orthodox Communities of the Transfiguration of Christ of Mattituck -which hosted the concert in its courtyard- and the Church of Ss. Anargyroi, Taxiarchis, and Gerasimos of Greenport, and the Hellenic American Taxpayer and Civic Association of the Southhold Township in New York. Approximately 300 families celebrated July 4th with Grigoris Maninakis, Eleni Andreou, Elena Toumaras, and the Mikrokosmos ensemble.



JULY 2015

In the month of July, 360 parcels were distributed along with clothing, and diapers that were collected and sent from the States. The additional items of clothing and diapers were secured through the efforts of the community of Archangel Michael Greek Orthodox Church of Port Washington, and other friends of HRF. Mr. Kostas Zachariades along with protopresbyter Fr. Dennis Strounzas, and Ms. Suzanne Kavounides of the PTA spearheaded the clothing collection. Mr. Zachariades was in Athens, and assisted with the July 17th distribution, which included 400 Kilos of flour donated by Agios Georgios Flour Mills, and butter from ARLA Foods.

AUGUST 2015

On August 13th 360 families in Athens and its vicinity received food packages. Prokopis Zervas, member of the Board of Directors, was at this distribution and spoke to many recipients. He congratulated and thanked the volunteers who despite August being the heart of vacation season, were on hand to properly package, and allot the food parcels. For this distribution and for all others, it is standard procedure for families to be notified of delivery, and for them to sign for all packages.



NEWS



In April, HRF Board of Directors elected as a new member Anna E. Eliopoulos. Anna, the youngest member of the board, graduated with honors from Berklee College of Music in Boston with a double major in Music Production and Engineering, and Vocal Production. She currently works at Fox News Radio as an audio news gatherer, and is a volunteer producer at Hellenic Public Radio-Cosmos FM 91.5. Since 2013, Anna has been a volunteer of HRF, and a member of the Advisory Board. Her youthful energy, coupled with her vast knowledge of social media and fund raising are a valuable contribution to the foundation

Hellenic Relief is sponsoring a noble effort to provide school breakfasts and snacks to students of disadvantaged families in Thessaloniki through the program [SuppArting Students](#). Many artists, primarily from Greece, have donated artwork that is exhibited, and sold with the sole purpose of funding this initiative. The first exhibit took place in New York City at Tucker Robbins and Cliff Young Galleries from May 15th through 22nd. The gallery owners graciously designated ample space for the artwork to be displayed. His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios was present at opening night, and delivered a generous donation on behalf of the Archdiocese. Additional exhibits for the benefit of this cause will be forthcoming.



The [Hellenic American Chamber of Commerce](#) is honoring Mr. Andreas Dracopoulos of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation as 2015 Person of the Year during their annual dinner dance which will be held on

October 16th at the Pierre Hotel. All net proceeds of the event will be donated to the Hellenic Relief Foundation.



Hellenic Relief Foundation Inc. is a non profit (501 c-3) organization formed in New York in January of 2012 with a mission to provide support for the people in Greece, suffering during the present economic crisis, by addressing needs in health and nutrition.

Hellenic Relief Foundation is continuing its efforts, transferring contributions received in the United States into food and other essential items to disadvantaged families in Greece. To this date 275,000 dollars have been remitted to various food vendors who in turn supplied food enough for monthly deliveries to about 17,000 families.



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