

Philoptochos Update Outline

2019-2021.

- In August 2019 we participated in the “Feeding the Hungry” initiative where our chapter provided and distributed 130 meals to the homeless on 35th Street across from Madison Square Garden, in the city
- We held our Fall into Fabulous Fashion Show Fundraiser in October 2019
- We had our annual Christmas Party in December 2019
- Organized an Angel Tree in that December where the items collected were received by BRIDGE TO LIFE an organization that provides help to mothers with children.
- In January of 2020, the Goyans and Youth of our community, under the auspice of their parents, held a very successful Dance to help us raise money for Luv Michael, our Chapter Challenge. With our community’s help including the schools, we raised a total of \$51,000 that we presented to Luv Michael last November 2020.
- In February we had an “Apokriatiko Glendi, our last major function before the pandemic.

Due to the unprecedented and unusual circumstances we were not able to continue our SCHEDULED Calendar of events but that did not stop us!!!

Through appeals and improvising to raise funds, with your support, the Philoptochos continued its mission and was highly active in providing aid to those in need, families and individuals as well as supporting charitable organizations.

- During the Pandemic, when the need was great, we helped families in underserved neighborhoods.
 - we participated in the “Adopt a Family” Feed Our Neighbors initiative by the Neighborhood Housing Services of Queens (NHS), where we helped two families of four with 3 months of groceries.
 - In conjunction with our St. Nicholas Church, we donated to Cherry Valley Supermarket Corona NY to help shop for 20 families.
 - We provided lunch to our first responders at the New York Presbyterian Queens EMS unit and dinner to out -of-state healthcare workers.
- We held three different drives WHERE THE RESPONSE WAS AMAZING!!
 - Donation Drive last June 2020.
 - Baby Diaper Drive in November, where we collected 5,632 items.
 - Personal Care Items Drive last April, where we collected 9,400 items.

The items collected from the drive were received by St. Mary’s Pantry in Woodside and the United Schools Community of P.S. 19 in Corona where they help families from underserved communities.

- We have assisted Families from Social Services Cases -Helped pay bills, assist with food/gift cards, give guidance and recourses to help them get back on their feet.
- Assisted The Direct Archdiocesan District Social Services to help many individuals and families. The need was great and still is.
- We Assisted our Church and our School Children.

AND SO MUCH MORE.....

All of this is possible with the support of our beautiful St. Nicholas Community, our friends, and family. When you support our appeals and our requests for help and all our fundraising, you enable us to continue our endeavors and our mission of aiding those who are in need.

As a member of Philoptochos you become a part of our philanthropic movement of doing God's work.

It is amazing what we can accomplish when we are in it together!!
