

**GREEK ORTHODOX LADIES PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY, INC.  
NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2023 – HOUSTON, TX  
NATIONAL PHILOPTOCHOS BOARD MEETING**



Operation Classroom Initiative  
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**Operation Classroom Committee**

The mission of the Operation Classroom Initiative is to assist and offer support to teachers and students in underserved schools and provide resources that may not have been available through the local school district.

The Operation Classroom program is designed to be flexible with each chapter designing their outreach to schools and teachers as needed. The National Operation Classroom Committee has met a few times over Zoom to plan out our work. As part of the goals, the following were put into place:

- Each Metropolis assigned an Operation Classroom Chairman who became a Liaison to the Operation Classroom Committee to pass information on to their respective chapters.
- Each Chapter was asked to assign an Operation Classroom Chair and Committee.
- Each chapter designed its own program to fit the needs of their community.
- Templates were created and spreadsheets were provided for quarterly reporting, and a Google form was created by Chrissy Zeppos to make reporting easier for chapters that want to do the reporting online.
- Every chapter was asked to provide the following data: project, how many children were serviced, and the amount of money spent on the project.

- Chapters and Metropolises were encouraged to promote their projects on Facebook, Instagram as well as in the National Philoptochos' Perspective.
- Chapters were encouraged to embrace all ministries of the church when working on projects.

In addition, a video/slide show was created this past September to showcase some projects from the Metropolises to give chapters ideas and inspiration. The video/slide show was sent to all chapters from the National Philoptochos office and can be found on the National Philoptochos website.

We are committed to partnering with the Hungry and Homeless Committee (formerly Feeding the Hungry) to ensure that our at-risk students are fed over the weekends and breaks from school. Additional plans for this collaboration will be developed.

We will continue to meet via Zoom to discuss further ideas and work to encourage all of our chapters to get involved in this initiative. It is important to stress that Operation Classroom projects can be done throughout the year and not just at the beginning of the school year.