



Impact Report

At a Glance - 2024

A Heartfelt Thank You

Every donation, big or small, has played a vital role in our journey toward a brighter future for all.

As we unveil this report, we want to express our deepest gratitude to each and every one of you.



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A Letter from the Co-President

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Welcome to the Toronto Economic Forum and Fundraising Dinner. It is an honor to gather with you tonight, united by our shared mission to uplift Greece through meaningful and lasting economic support. At The Hellenic Initiative Canada (THI Canada), we believe that through collective action and dedication, we can make a profound difference in the lives of Greece's most vulnerable. Oloi Mazi (All Together) – together, we can bring hope and opportunity where it is most needed.

Here in Canada, we are committed to amplifying the impact of THI Canada's mission. Our investments in community engagement, digital innovation, and outreach aim to bring more people into our mission, fostering stronger ties with supporters across Canada and beyond. These advancements allow us to support programs that empower Greek communities to rise above economic hardship and build brighter futures.

This commitment is underscored by the work we do with our reputable partners on the ground in Greece. Every dollar raised in Canada goes directly toward impactful programs that uphold our principles of transparency and accountability. Since our inception in 2017, THI Canada has provided over \$500,000 CAD in crisis relief, supporting initiatives with immediate and measurable impact.

Our programs reach across diverse needs. With Prolepsis Diatrofi, we help provide essential meals to impoverished students. Through the Safe Nourishment Program, we support children with cerebral palsy, while our partnership with the FRODIZO organization in Patra offers aid to individuals and families affected by dementia.

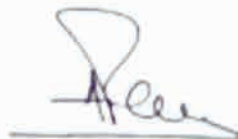
We have also enabled critical healthcare services with Doctors of the World and promoted economic revitalization through the ReGeneration initiative, which empowers young Greeks to drive positive change.

Additionally, our Accelerate Greece program brought three Greek startups to Toronto for a week-long immersion program, equipping them with mentorship, coaching, and networking opportunities to expand into North America. These efforts reflect our unwavering commitment to economic recovery in Greece – a mission we pursue with a renewed sense of urgency in the face of the ongoing challenges brought on by prolonged austerity measures and the impact of the 2020 pandemic.

We could not do any of this without you. Each sponsor, donor, volunteer, and partner plays a unique and invaluable role in helping us fulfill our mission. Your support has a direct impact on individuals and families in Greece, enabling us to deliver on our commitment to hope, opportunity, and change.

Thank you for being here tonight and for standing alongside us. Together, we can and will make a difference.

Warm regards,



Alexander Georgiadis,
Co-President,
The Hellenic Initiative Canada

THI Canada is part of The Hellenic Initiative Worldwide, founded in 2012 to support Greece during its economic crisis.

The organization aims to help vulnerable populations by improving healthcare, providing food, and promoting sustainable development.

Meet our Executive Directors



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Ambassador Peck, a seasoned Canadian Foreign Service Officer with nearly 35 years of experience, has served in key diplomatic roles, including as Canada's Ambassador to Algeria, Greece, and Cyprus. A dedicated advocate for Canada-Greece relations and active supporter of humanitarian causes, he has been honored with several awards, including the Grand Commander of the Order of the Phoenix by the Hellenic Republic.

Robert Peck

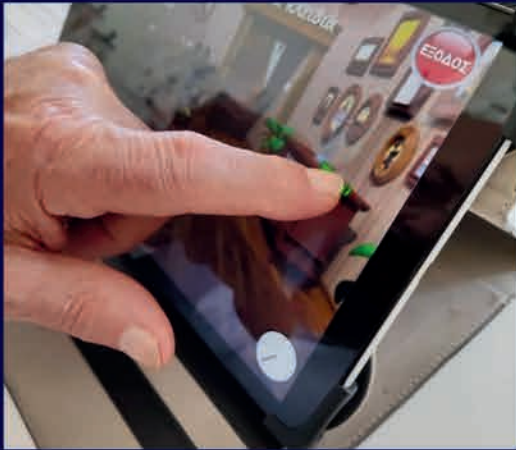
Former Ambassador of Canada
to the Hellenic Republic

Goodwill Ambassador

Vassy Kapelos is the host of CTV's QUESTION PERIOD and POWER PLAY, as well as THE VASSY KAPELOS SHOW on iHeartRadio Canada's Talk Network. Known for her insightful interviews and strong commitment to public service, Kapelos is a respected voice in Canadian media. Her Hellenic heritage and dedication to social causes make her an ideal Ambassador for THI Canada.



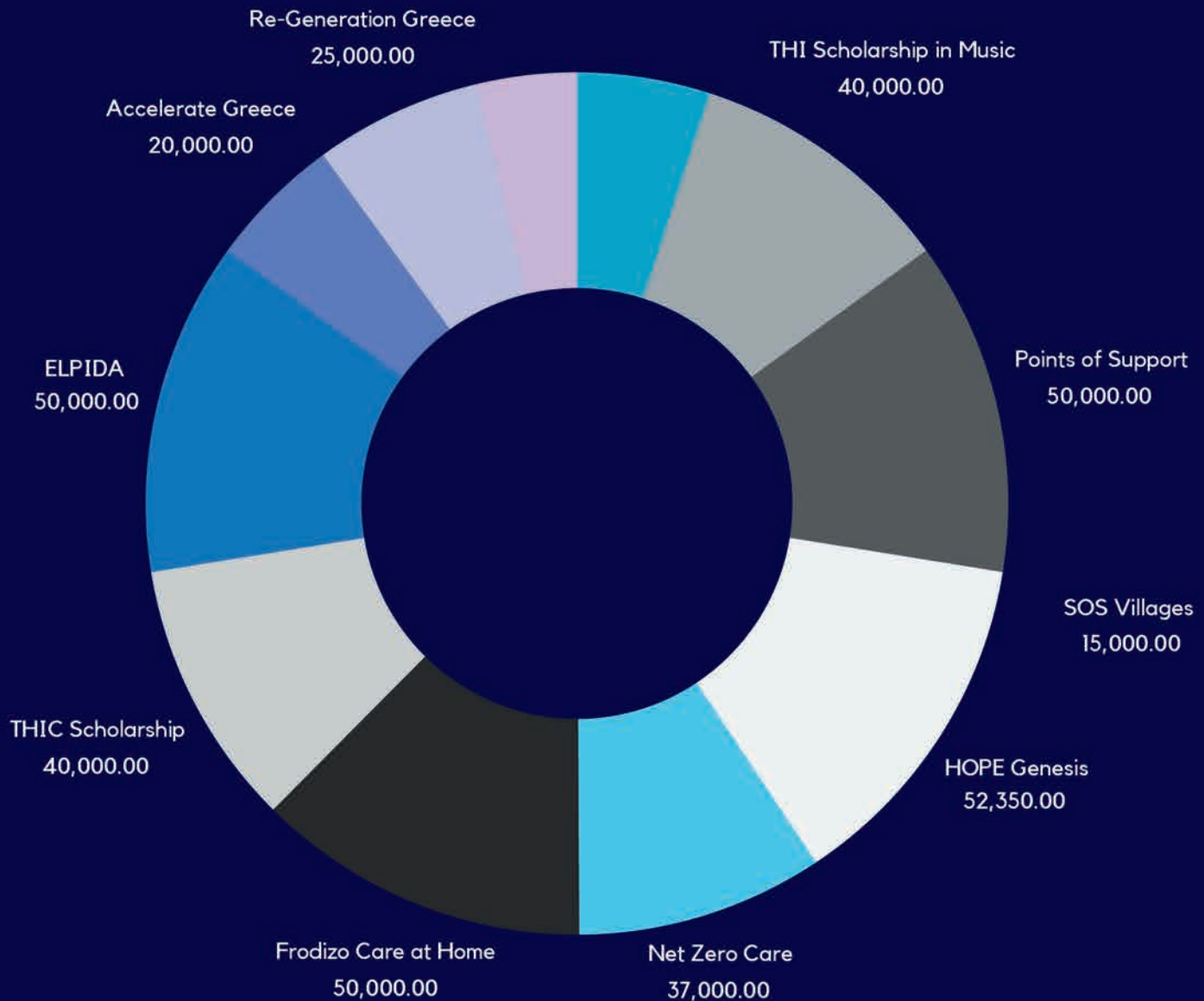
Vassy Kapelos



Where we work



Funding Impact 2024



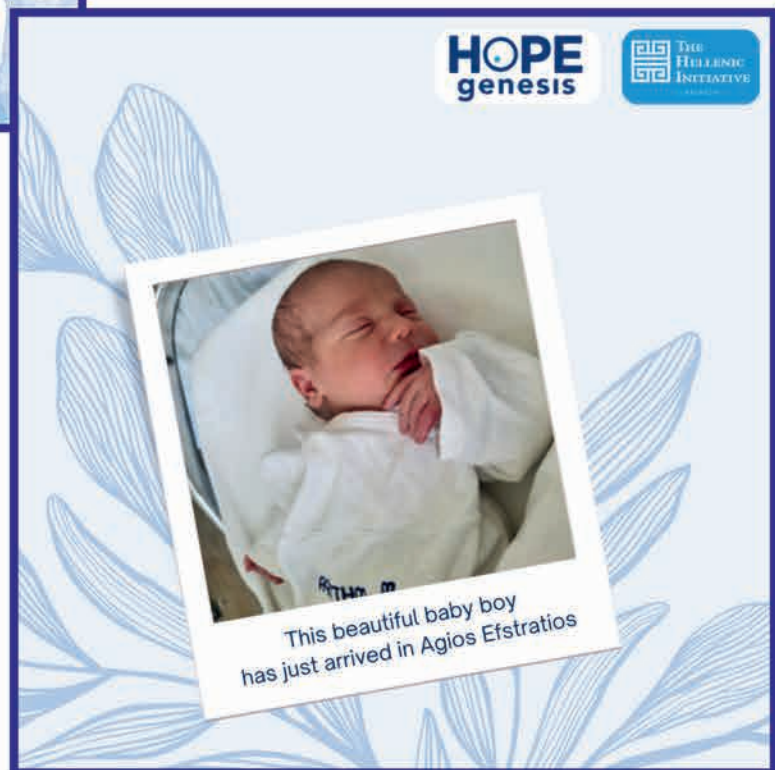
***In 2024 THI Canada distributed
\$399,350 across all our programs***

HOPEgenesis



Support for births in remote islands. 21 newborns on remote Greek islands through our program with HOPEgenesis which focuses on reversing declining birth rates.

HOPEgenesis, founded in 2015, is a Greek non-profit organization dedicated to reversing Greece's declining birth rates by supporting families, especially in remote and underserved regions. Active in over 350 areas, including 40 islands, the organization collaborates with 27 medical centers and over 80 healthcare professionals to provide comprehensive care, from prenatal exams to transport and accommodation.



THI Canada supports HOPEgenesis with a three-year commitment for the program on the islands of Kasos, Agios Efstratios, and Iraklia.

SOS Villages

The Hellenic Initiative Year-End Appeal



SOS CHILDREN'S
VILLAGES



Help us Give the Gift of Knowledge

As the year comes to a close, we ask for your help and support for our cause. Donate today to THI's Year-End Appeal for Children's Education at SOS Villages in Greece



With the 'gift of knowledge' THI empowers children in need in Greece to aspire to a successful life. Seeking to improve the educational outcomes of disadvantaged children in Greece, The Hellenic Initiative (THI) designated SOS Children's Villages Greece as the beneficiary of its annual End of the Year Appeal for 2023, raising \$80,000 worldwide.

Points of Support



Cut, Sew, Create Association:

Trained at-risk women in sewing skills in Patras to improve employability and inclusion.

Partnering with grassroots organizations for community development. The Hellenic Initiative Canada, alongside nine esteemed Greek foundations, has launched the 7th cycle of the Points of Support Program, with the Bodossaki Foundation, which has provided 119 small grants since 2015 to support impactful, innovative initiatives benefiting over 40,000 people in Greece through grants, training, mentoring, and capacity-building tools, with THI Canada specifically funding efforts to combat poverty and provide food aid.

Humanity Greece: Provided meals to homeless individuals, gender-based violence survivors, and single-parent families in Athens, raising awareness through social media.



Association of Families with Three Children, Dramas:

Supported member food needs and educated on food consumption and waste reduction.



The Hellenic Initiative Australia & The Hellenic Initiative Canada

Desmos has cooperated with **The Hellenic Initiative Australia & The Hellenic Initiative Canada** on several occasions. In 2022 the two organisations decided to run an Joint End of Year Appeal for the first time!



The Hellenic Initiative Australia & The Hellenic Initiative Canada

The End of Year Appeal aimed at raising funds dedicated to providing food relief for families under severe economic hardship as a consequence of the recent energy crisis that has led a number of individuals & families seeking for assistance from social welfare organizations and government aid agencies.

Following the Joint Fundraising Appeal organized by THI Australia & THI Canada during the holiday season the amount of **€13.235,52** was raised and transferred to Desmos.

The amount of €11.845,80 was allocated towards covering the needs of the two Social Groceries and €1.389,72 were allocated for Desmos' administrative cost & taxes.

The Social Grocery of Salamina and the Social Grocery of Thermo Aitolokarnania were selected assisting more than 400 families with food packages containing basic products, covering their needs for a two month period.

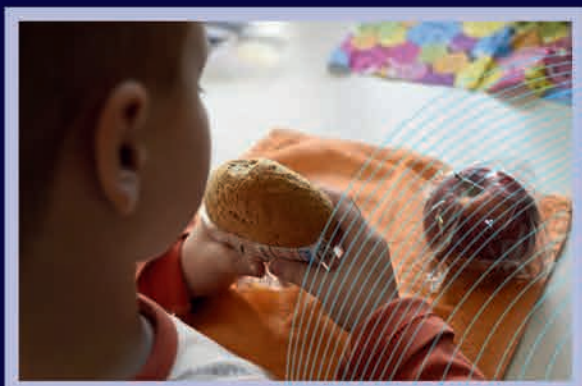




Giannitsa Soup Kitchen

With the generous support of the Vasilios and Eleni Ifandis Foundation, we proudly support the Giannitsa soup kitchen, which provides daily meals to 117 individuals, including 25 children in need.





25,524 meals to students in areas with high food insecurity through our Diatrofi program with Prolepsis

Prolepsis Diatrofi



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YOU NEED IS TO
TALK TO
SOMEONE WHO
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**THE 60+
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COULD SHARE
THEIR
EXPERIENCES AND
CREATE A VIRTUAL
FRIENDS GROUP
THAT ALSO
OFFERS
PRACTICAL ADVICE**

**THE 60+
PROGRAM**

2,235 seniors that live alone have received medical and psychosocial care through the 60 + at home intervention program with Doctors of the World GR.

Doctors of the World Greece

"Since I've lost my husband, it has been very difficult for me to be alone. Also, certain issues with my children make things even harder for me at times. I am so grateful I had someone to talk to, and get advice from. It was a great gift for me at a difficult time, where I was feeling lonely and needed to have someone outside from my own circle to listen to me, so I could also listen to myself and my needs. I really enjoyed the time I shared with the psychologist and the conversations we had, it helped me see another perspective, it empowered me at times when I felt low and it was very helpful"

"G.E. 76 years old

"When I started the support sessions with the psychologist, my son was going through a divorce and I was hosting him and my grandson for many months. This had been very difficult for me practically and psychologically. Having no space and time for myself in my own home and constantly feeling worried for both my son and grandson made me very stressed. It was difficult for them too...a lot of changes in their lives. I really needed the time I had with the psychologist. It helped me offload and have some private space, my 'alone-time', a time where I could focus on myself and talk about how I feel. It really helped me and I was always looking forward to each session."

"K.Ch. 70 years old

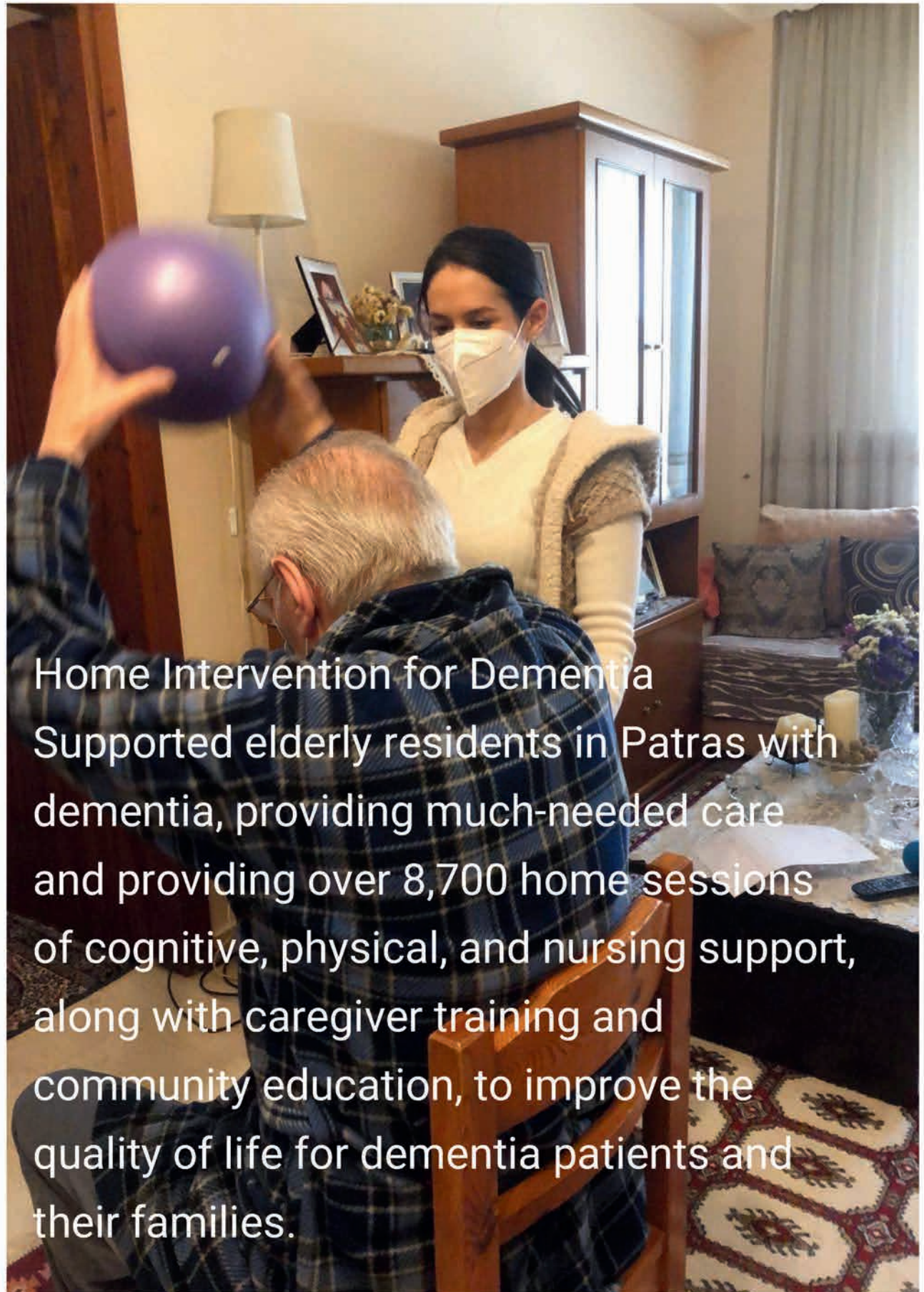
"G.P. 64 years old

"I lost my husband a few years ago, and in a way that was very traumatic for me. Talking about it with the psychologist helped me realize some of my own feelings of guilt or self-punishment and helped me see more clearly some things in my relationship with my children as well. I am now trying more in setting boundaries and prioritizing myself. It was very helpful for me to have that time with the psychologist and feel that she was there for me in a very professional and supportive manner."

\$151,500 CAD towards emergency responses to help those impacted from crises and natural disasters



Frodizo



Home Intervention for Dementia
Supported elderly residents in Patras with dementia, providing much-needed care and providing over 8,700 home sessions of cognitive, physical, and nursing support, along with caregiver training and community education, to improve the quality of life for dementia patients and their families.

ELPIDA Foundation Children's Oncology Clinic
in Athens: THI Canada with a grant of \$50,000
CAD Funded two refrigerator units for bone
marrow transplant unit.

ELPIDA



Net Zero Energy Care Project

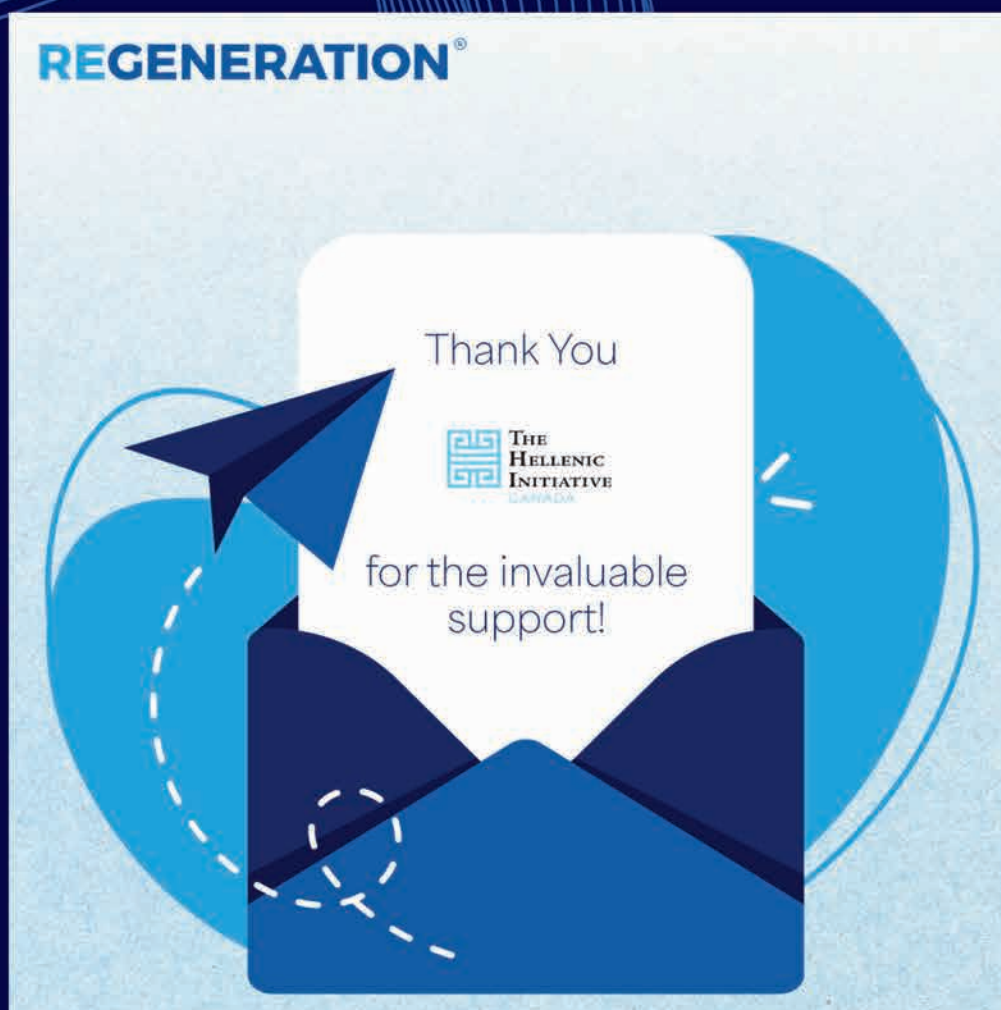
The “Net Zero Energy Care” project in Thessaloniki, Greece was successfully completed. This initiative, led by TIMA Charitable Foundation and INZEB, with support from THI Canada and other foundations, aims to transform elderly care homes into net-zero-energy facilities. By upgrading insulation, windows, and HVAC systems, the project has already reduced energy demand and CO₂ emissions. With future plans to install photovoltaic panels, this model demonstrates how sustainable practices can cut energy costs and improve living conditions for vulnerable populations.

The project’s impact extends beyond energy savings, supporting better quality of care, improved health outcomes, and environmental responsibility in line with EU climate goals. This effort paves the way for similar transformations in non-profit care facilities, underscoring the potential for long-term sustainability and enhanced wellbeing.



ReGeneration Greece

In partnership with THI US, THI Canada supported ReGeneration Greece by funding 53% of staff salaries with a \$25,000 contribution. ReGeneration is Greece's largest post-graduate training and job placement program, established by THI US and Coca-Cola. Since 2014, it has provided over 800,000 training hours, placed more than 3,700 graduates in jobs, and partnered with over 2,000 companies. By raising awareness for THI Canada's Scholarship Program through its platforms, ReGeneration aligns with THI Canada's mandate to advance education and training.



Accelerate Greece



Accelerate Greece Program

Accelerate Greece is an elite accelerator program designed to drive Greek innovation by empowering entrepreneurs to build successful tech companies.

Selected startups engage in immersive workshops, mentorship, networking with 20+ industry leaders, and investor introductions. This year's program also granted access to the Elevate Festival, providing a unique platform for global exposure.

The program is fully funded, covering airfare and hotel costs, with no fees for application or participation. Only three companies are selected each year, ensuring a highly focused experience for participants.



The Hellenic Initiative (US), THI Canada, and Ergo Capital selected three startups—Grandmama, ManaGi, and TPL—for the 2024 Accelerate Greece program, which run from September 30 to October 4 in Toronto.

These innovative companies participated in intensive workshops, received mentorship from industry leaders, and connected with investors to enhance their global growth potential.

This week-long program is designed to empower Greek startups to expand internationally and contribute to the future of Greek innovation.

Meet our Selected Startups 2024



ManaGi

ManaGi is the One-Stop-Solution for international buyers of Greek Food and Beverages, providing a Single-Point of contact to effortlessly source products from multiple suppliers. At the same time, it offers Export and Sales services to producers in Greece, creating sales opportunities and fully managing the export process allowing them to focus on product development and improvement.

GRANDMAMA

Grandmama is a digital platform that directly connects families with trusted, real-time available caregivers, removing the need for traditional agencies. It provides high-quality, personalized homecare services for the elderly and disabled, empowering caregivers and strengthening communities.



TPL

TPL connects suppliers, marketplaces and logistics to create an agile and innovative turnkey solution to place, promote, sell and deliver products internationally, driving game-changing growth.



THI Canada Scholarships

THI Canada has awarded four scholarships for the 2024-25 academic year as part of our inaugural Scholarship Program. These four exceptional recipients are committed to using their advanced education to benefit Greece upon their return, embodying the spirit of giving back to their homeland in fields critical to its development.



MSc in Applied Health Sciences
Brock University

"I am excited about the Masters in **Applied Health Sciences** at Brock University and the prospect of contributing to this field of research. I'd like to thank **THI Canada** for contributing to the fulfillment of my aspirations."

Georgia Harahousou



MSc in Physics
McGill

"I feel honored to have received the **THI Canada Scholarship**. I hope to eventually be in a position to evolve the field of **Quantum Optics and Physics** in Greece in the best way I can."

John Georgakopoulos



MSc in Experimental Medicine
McGill

"I am profoundly grateful to **THI Canada** for their generous support of my academic endeavors. I aspire to use the advanced knowledge and skills acquired through my master's program to make significant contributions to the advancement of the **Medical field** in Greece in the future."

Christoforos Travlos



MSc in Mining Engineering
UBC

"I am deeply grateful to **Hellas Gold** and **THI Canada** for this support, which enables me to advance my studies in **Mining Engineering**. This scholarship motivates me to give back to Greece's mining industry and contribute to sustainable, innovative growth in the sector."

Artemis Balafouti



The 2024-25 academic year marks an exciting beginning for THI Canada's Scholarship Program, developed to fulfill our expanded mandate of advancing education for Greek students in Canada. THI Canada allocated \$40,000 CAD this year, providing up to \$10,000 for each student.

Eldorado Gold and its Greek subsidiary Hellas Gold Sponsor THI Canada Scholarship Program ×

TORONTO, Oct. 03, 2024 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) – The Hellenic Initiative (THI) Canada is proud to announce Hellas Gold as a key sponsor of the 2024-2025 THI Canada Scholarship Program. Through a generous grant of €10,000, Hellas Gold is supporting the academic journey of Artemis Balafouti, a standout scholar pursuing her MSc in Mining Engineering at the University of British Columbia, along with other deserving Greek students.

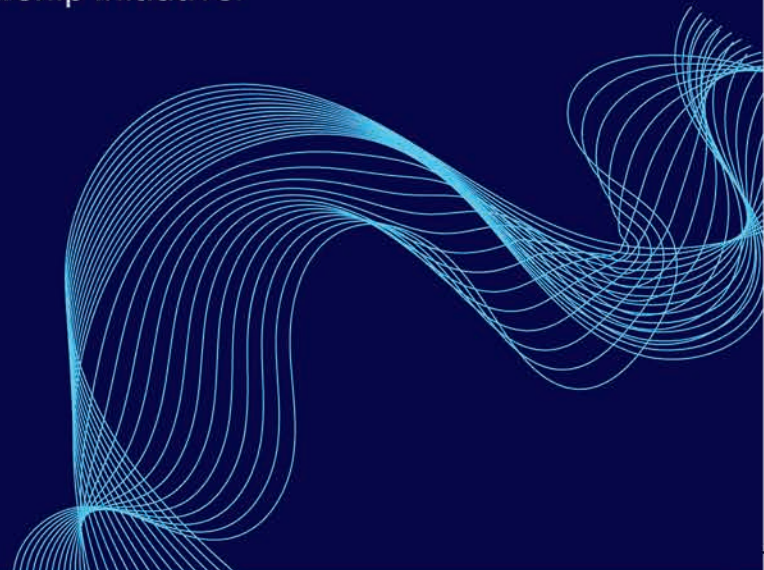


The THI Canada Scholarship Program was created to provide financial aid to Greek nationals pursuing graduate studies in Canada. This year, four exceptional candidates were selected, each demonstrating academic excellence, a strong vision for the future, and a commitment to contributing to Greece's economic and social development. Among these scholars is Artemis Balafouti, whose passion for advancing Greece's mining industry aligns perfectly with Hellas Gold's mission to foster sustainable development and innovation in the mining sector.

These recipients, selected for both academic merit and their commitment to Greece's future, are remarkable ambassadors for THI Canada's mission. Their gratitude and determination to make a lasting impact in Greece are a testament to the importance of our scholarship initiative.

Scholarship Sponsors

- Hellas Gold
- Tim Syrianos
- Tula Alexopoulos
- Chris Theodoropoulos



New Leaders

The New Leaders section of The Hellenic Initiative is rapidly growing, bringing together young professionals from the Greek diaspora and Philhellenes worldwide who are united by a passion for philanthropy and a commitment to making a positive impact in Greece.

These dynamic individuals collaborate Oli Mazi (All Together) to raise funds, volunteer their time, and contribute their skills to support vulnerable communities across Greece. Driven by a shared purpose, the New Leaders work tirelessly to deliver direct crisis relief and champion initiatives that safeguard and improve the welfare of those most in need.

As this community expands, so does its capacity to create meaningful change for a better future for Hellas.



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Toronto



A get-together with the Greek startups at the Collision Conference

Join us for an exclusive networking event featuring **10 innovative Greek startups** participating in the Collision Conference in Toronto.

This is an opportunity to connect with visionary entrepreneurs and industry leaders from Greece and Canada who are shaping the future of technology and innovation.



Tuesday, June 18, 2024



18:00 - 20:30 PM



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NEW LEADERS



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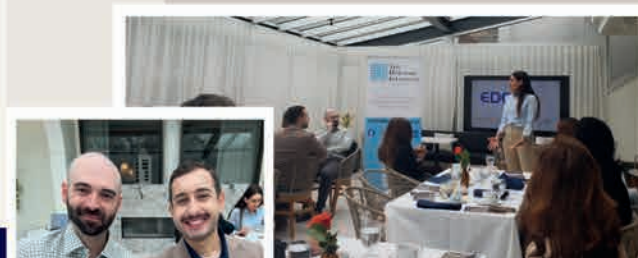
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Montréal Greek Film Festival

October 7-20
2024

MONTEAL GREEK FILM FESTIVAL THE HELLENIC INITIATIVE

Toronto New Leaders



Vancouver Launch Event



Greek Prime Minister Visit



In conversation with
Kyriakos Mitsotakis
Prime Minister of Greece

March 25th 2024

On the occasion of the bicentennial of the Greek Revolution, the Prime Minister will address his vision for Greece, economic recovery, bilateral relations, and the diaspora, in a discussion with THI honorary director and former Ambassador of Canada to Greece Robert Peck.

"Canada and Greece hold a shared commitment to building a better future. Prime Minister Mitsotakis' visit will deepen our friendship as we create good jobs, grow trade, tackle climate change, and protect democracy. On this Greek Independence Day, we look forward to advancing this relationship – and making life better for all those who call our countries home."

The Rt. Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada

Toronto Economic Forum



2023



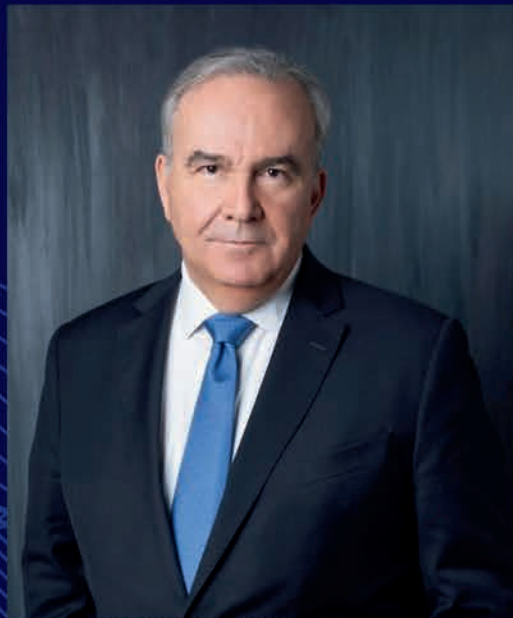
The Toronto Economic Forum and THI Canada Fundraising Dinner stand as premier gatherings for advancing Canada-Greece economic relations and fostering strategic investments.

2024

Alexis Papachelas,
editor of Kathimerini



Esteemed speakers, including industry experts and government officials, provide invaluable insights into these sectors. The evening's Fundraising Dinner, featuring a keynote speech from Alexis Papachelas and a charity auction, directs proceeds toward THI Canada's initiatives supporting vital programs across Greece.



Nikos Papathanasis Alternate Minister
Ministry of National Economy & Finance

Doug Ford,
Premier of Ontario



Through sessions on bilateral collaboration, energy, digital innovation, and climate resilience, the Forum emphasizes the importance of shared growth and sustainability.



Effie Triantafilopoulos
MPP & Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister
of Economic Development,
Job Creation and Trade



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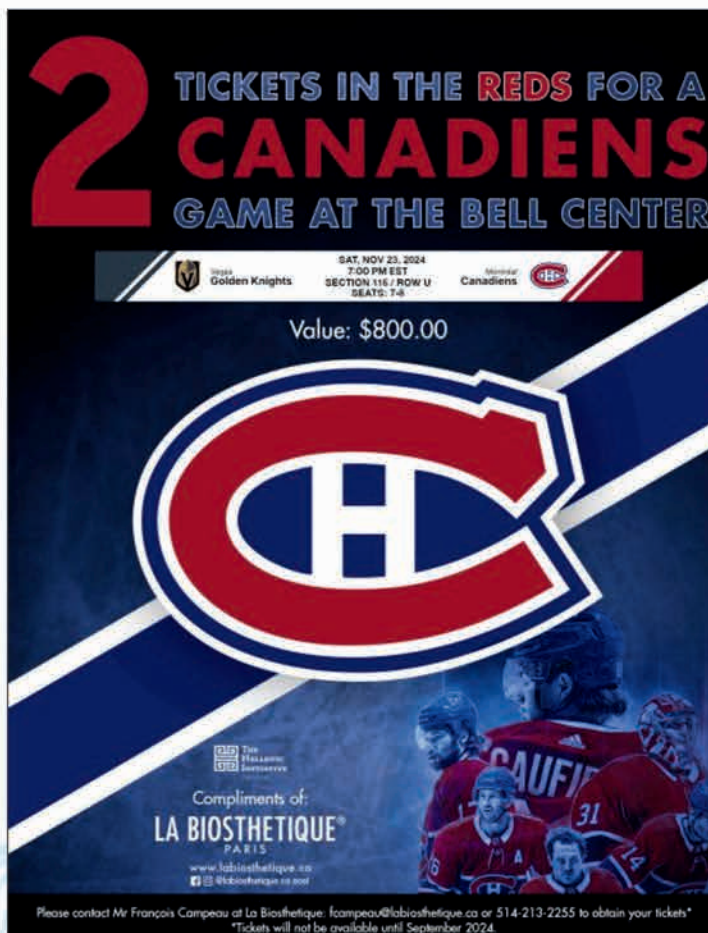
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Financial Achievements and Community Impact

In 2023, THI Canada reached new heights in fundraising, achieving nearly half a million dollars (\$483,395 CAD) in contributions from 184 supporters. This milestone marks our most successful year to date, demonstrating the collective commitment of our members, corporate sponsors, and the wider community to bring meaningful change to Greece.

The funds raised have allowed us to expand our reach and make a tangible impact in multiple areas, from crisis relief and educational initiatives to long-term community development.

Key Fundraising Highlights and Allocations:

Toronto Economic Forum and Fundraising Dinner: Through corporate sponsorships, ticket sales, and an online auction, this event raised \$149,000, exceeding our \$100,000 goal. The net proceeds of \$103,811.86 were directed to both the ELPIDA Foundation, in memory of Marianna V. Vardinoyanni, and THI Canada's core programs, with special focus on launching the 2024-2025 THI Canada Scholarship.

End of Year Appeal - Oli Mazi Collaboration: In a first for our global philanthropic network, THI, THI Australia, and THI Canada came together to support the "With the Gift of Knowledge" initiative, raising \$80,000 for SOS Children's Villages Greece. This funding supports educational resources for disadvantaged children, empowering them to achieve academic success and build a brighter future.

3rd Annual Montreal Cocktail: This event marked our first major social gathering since the pandemic and raised \$120,000, with nearly 200 attendees showing their support. The funds raised will sustain THI Canada's various initiatives for the coming year. We extend special thanks to Anna Antonopoulos and the Antonopoulos family for their exceptional hospitality.

In total, these efforts demonstrate THI Canada's expanded capacity to drive positive change in Greece. Through the power of collaboration, transparency, and strategic allocation of funds, we continue to address urgent needs and create pathways for long-term stability and growth across Greek communities.

And now we add **Cyprus** in our charitable scope.



Centre for Visual Arts and Research (CVAR)
in Nicosia, Cyprus



The Hellenic Initiative Canada Expands Mission to Support Cyprus with \$100,000 Youth Education Campaign

In October 2024, The Hellenic Initiative Canada (THIC) broadened its mission to include Cyprus, marking a new commitment to Greek and Greek Cypriot communities.

To kick off this expansion, THIC is launching a **\$100,000 CAD** campaign to support youth education at the Centre for Visual Arts and Research (CVAR) in Nicosia.

Canadian donors, including George Mavroudis, who has pledged to match the first \$50,000, are supporting this vital effort. Tony Lourakis and Gus Constantinou already pledged a total of \$10,000 CAD.

Funds will enhance CVAR's programs, which benefit over 4,000 children annually, deepening their understanding of Cypriot heritage.

All contributions are eligible for tax receipts and will be matched to maximize impact.

Supporting Ecogenia's Youth Climate Initiative

2025

Established in 2021, Ecogenia is a pioneering Greek non-profit organization dedicated to mobilizing young people for accelerated climate action at the local level through the civic service model. Ecogenia is on its way to building the first Climate Corps of its kind in Greece and among the first in Europe, providing opportunities for young people to engage in meaningful climate action.



Supporting Ecogenia's Youth Climate Initiative

2025

Ecogenia's goal is to become a national youth corps, empowering thousands of young Greeks to contribute to climate action and build a resilient Greek society. Our vision is to cultivate a generation of active citizens committed to climate action, working together towards a sustainable and resilient Greece.



We aim to provide every young person aged 18-30 the opportunity to participate in a year of paid service for the climate, leading localized change and addressing community needs across the 13 regions of Greece. Ecogenia is the first nonprofit of its kind in Greece to offer a paid service term for youth that enables them to lead local sustainable development projects and deliver tangible impact, all while receiving professional development and training.

GIVMED | Share medicine Share life was founded in 2016, with the vision of a society where all people enjoy the right to health. GIVMED's mission is to ensure equitable access to medicines and hygiene products through their redistribution and donation, improving the institutional framework, providing educational opportunities and raising awareness in society.



The Hellenic Initiative End of Year Appeal

With **\$200** you ensure that **10 elderly individuals** receive the care and medicines they desperately require.

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Share medicine Share life

Having created the only digital medicine donation network in Europe, GIVMED meets the needs of 30,000 beneficiaries per month, including people living under the poverty threshold, children, women, elderly, people with disabilities or mental health conditions and refugees. GIVMED has dispensed 1,128,928 boxes of medicines and hygiene products worth €9,671,462, thanks to synergies with 224 charitable organizations, 51 pharmaceutical and health product companies, 24 public health bodies and thousands of individuals.

End of Year Appeal supporting GivMed

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"I have some quite serious illnesses, and so does my husband. Thankfully, at the donation points, we usually find the medicines we need. I believe that GIVMED and its partners save lives. Beyond providing medicines, they genuinely care about people."

-Aspasia D., GIVMED's beneficiary



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"My brother had a heart attack and has heart problems. I have stomach issues. The medicines are expensive. Just for one of them, if I had to buy it, I would need €70 every month. Thankfully, I find most of the medicines at GIVMED's donation points. I want to emphasize that this service is not only important, it's a matter of life for us, truly."

-Stavros D., GIVMED's beneficiary



Emfasis Compass Program

2025

Emfasis, founded in 2013, supports vulnerable populations in Greece, including families below the poverty line, homeless individuals, unemployed youth, seniors, and single mothers. With ten years of experience mapping needs across 18 municipalities in Attica, Emfasis employs social workers, psychologists, and volunteers to provide relief, psychosocial support, and job assistance.

Emfasis is seeking funding for its Family Compass Program, which delivers emergency relief, counseling, and job support for single-parent families at risk of homelessness. The \$60,000 budget will fund key services, staff salaries, and operational costs, impacting over 400 families directly and 3,500+ individuals indirectly across Greece.

FAMILY COMPASS INITIATIVE TIMELINE				
Month	Location	Service Provided	No Beneficiaries	Team Mobilized
10/2024	Attica (West), Volos	Psychosocial	45	Social services, MSU
11/2024	Attica (Center), Patra	Psychosocial	80	Social services, MSU
12/2024	Attica (East), Rhodes, Volos	Food, Psychosocial, Mobile Joy (MJ)	200	Social services, MSU, Merry Streetmas (MJ)
01/2025	Attica (East), Crete	Food, Psychosocial, Mobile Joy (MJ)	250	Social services, MSU, Merry Streetmas (MJ)
02/2025	Attica (Center), Volos	Food, Psychosocial, Mental First Aid	80	Social Services, MSU, Emergency Weather
03/2025	Attica (West), Rhodes	Food, Psychosocial	170	Social Services, MSU
04/2025	Attica (Center), Volos, Patra	Food, Psychosocial, Mobile Joy (MJ)	190	Social Services, MSU, Easter Campaign (MJ)
05/2025	Attica (Center), Crete	Psychosocial	220	Social Services, MSU
06/2025	Attica (East), Volos	Psychosocial	100	Social Services, MSU, Emergency Weather
07/2025	Attica (West), Patra	Psychosocial, Food	100	Social Services, MSU, Emergency Weather
08/2025	Attica (ALL)	Food, Psychosocial	100	Social Services, MSU, Emergency Weather
09/2025	Attica (West), Volos	Psychosocial	50	Social Services, MSU
10/2025	Attica (Center), Crete	Psychosocial	100	Social Services, MSU
11/2025	Attica (East), Volos, Rhodes	Food, Psychosocial	190	Social Services, MSU
12/2025	Attica (ALL), Patra	Food, Psychosocial, Mobile Joy (MJ)	100	Social Services, MSU, Mobile Joy (MJ)
01/2026	Attica (ALL), Volos, Crete	Food, Psychosocial	100	Social Services, MSU, Emergency Weather

2025



Emfasis Crisis Relief



Library Support for Dokimi Public School

2025

The New Leaders Section of THI Canada raised sufficient funds and will support the public school in Dokimi, a rural area near Agrinio, Greece, with a Grant of \$13,000 CAD to create a much-needed library.

Established in 1928, the school has 160 students from economically challenged backgrounds who would greatly benefit from access to library resources.

The school has specifically requested books, shelving units, a laptop, printer, and overhead projector to equip the library. This initiative will address a significant need, as the library has received no state funding to date.



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Fotoula Stamos, THI Canada
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We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our donors, sponsors, and dedicated volunteers for your invaluable support in advancing THI Canada's mission.

Your generosity, commitment, and hard work have empowered us to create impactful programs, support Greek and Cypriot communities, and bring our initiatives to life. Together, we are making a meaningful difference—strengthening ties, fostering resilience, and providing hope. Thank you for being an essential part of THI Canada's journey and success. Oli Mazi – all together!

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