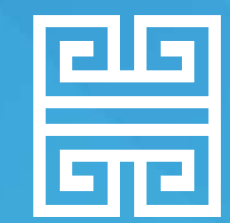


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# 10 Year Impact Report



THE  
HELLENIC  
INITIATIVE  
CANADA



**A global Greek  
community united  
by philanthropy,  
investing in the  
future of Greece  
and Cyprus.**



Dear Members and Friends,

This year marks a meaningful milestone as we celebrate 10 years of The Hellenic Initiative Canada.

Founded in 2016 during a time of deep economic crisis in Greece, THI Canada was created by a group of passionate volunteers determined to turn compassion into action—guided by the spirit of Oloi Mazi (All Together).

Over the past decade, thanks to your generosity and trust, we have contributed over \$1.91M in programs supporting vulnerable communities across Greece—including children, families, the elderly, and underserved regions—while also investing in the future through scholarships and entrepreneurship initiatives for Greek youth.

This achievement reflects your continued support and commitment.

With our deepest gratitude, we thank you for being part of this beautiful journey.

Avec toute notre gratitude, nous vous remercions de faire partie de cette merveilleux voyage.

Με όλη μας την ευγνωμοσύνη, σας ευχαριστούμε που είστε μέρος αυτού του όμορφου ταξιδιού.

With appreciation,

John Sotos & Alexander Georgiadis  
*Co-Presidents, The Hellenic Initiative Canada*



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# Our First Decade

## MISSION

To mobilize the generosity of Greek-Canadians and Philhellenes to support vulnerable communities and invest in initiatives that foster lasting social and economic resilience in Greece and Cyprus.

## VISION

Thriving communities strengthened by opportunity, dignity, and an engaged global diaspora.

## VALUES

Compassion  
Accountability  
Unity  
Integrity  
Long-term Impact



**THIC supports trusted grassroots programs across Greece and Cyprus driving tangible, everyday impact for people, communities, and future generations.**

The Hellenic Initiative Canada (THIC) is a national, charitable, non-profit organization dedicated to raising funds to support programs that relieve poverty and promote health care for vulnerable populations in Greece and Cyprus; empower youth and young adults through scholarships, training and job-placement opportunities; and advance sustainable programs, including environmental protection.

**Healthcare**  
Expanded for Vulnerable Communities



**Families**  
Supported Through Crisis



**Birthrates**  
Strengthened in Remote Islands



**Seniors**  
Cared for at Home



**Children**  
Nourished Every Day



**Youth**  
Connected to New Opportunities



**Start-Ups**  
Launched Toward Growth



**Environment**  
Protected Through Community Action



**Culture**  
Preserved Through Education



**Literacy**  
Improved in Rural Communities



**\$1.91 Million**

Raised Since 2016

**40+**

Programs Supported

**30+**

In-Person Events Across Four Cities

**10,000+**

Participants Engaged Nationwide

# Our First Decade: Growth & Milestones

## 2016–2018

### LAUNCH & FOUNDATION

The Hellenic Initiative Canada was established as part of a broader global movement of the Greek diaspora committed to solidarity with Greece during a period of profound socioeconomic crisis. In the wake of the financial downturn, many Greeks faced widespread job losses, business closures, rising living costs, and the early stages of a housing crisis. THI Canada joined The Hellenic Initiative in response to these urgent challenges.

During its foundational years, the organization prioritized addressing immediate humanitarian needs, most notably poverty alleviation and the strengthening of under-resourced healthcare services for vulnerable populations, including children and seniors. Our first

funded initiative supported the operation of a neonatal unit serving abandoned and at-risk infants. Over the next few years, we prioritized children's well-being and health services.

Equally central to this early phase was community building. As a newly established diaspora-led non-profit, THI Canada focused on mobilizing Greek-Canadians and Philhellenes through raising awareness of contemporary social realities in Greece and fostering a shared sense of responsibility toward the country's recovery.

Internally, these years were also defined by purposeful institution-building. Establishing strong leadership, governance, and a committed volunteer base was essential, as the organization's impact has always been driven by the people who stand behind its mission.

## 2018–2023

### GROWTH & EXPANSION

THI Canada was national in its outlook from its earliest days. Fundraising and engagement efforts were intentionally designed to reach Greek-Canadian communities across the country. This inclusive approach ensured that THI Canada served as a unifying platform, bringing together Greeks and Philhellenes from coast to coast to collectively support solutions to pressing challenges in Greece. Reflecting this national reach, the Board included members from Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, Calgary, and Vancouver, while the donor base grew to represent a truly pan-Canadian community.

As donor trust and engagement grew, THI Canada expanded both its fundraising capacity and its scope of impact. It also sought ways to contribute to Greece's recovery through educational initiatives and youth

entrepreneurship, crisis relief from natural disasters, and, more recently, environmental initiatives.

This expanded scope reflected an important shift in perspective, one that continues to guide our organization's work: how can THI Canada, beyond responding to immediate needs, help drive meaningful, lasting change for future generations of Greeks?

The later part of this period was also marked by the establishment of strategic partnerships in Greece. Collaboration with reputable non-profit organizations (including the Bodossaki Foundation, TIMA Charitable Foundation, Latsis Foundation, and Helidoni Foundation among others) provided trusted local insight and on-the-ground capacity to design programs that responded to real and urgent needs. In Canada, THI Canada also deepened collaboration with Greek-Canadian organizations, pursuing synergies to maximize collective impact.

## 10 YEARS OF IMPACT – MILESTONES



## 2023-2026

### ORGANIZATIONAL MATURITY AND STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP

By the latter half of its first decade, The Hellenic Initiative Canada had entered a new phase of organizational maturity. Building on a strong national foundation, THI Canada gained recognition as one of the leading Greek-Canadian non-profit organizations operating across the country, increasingly looked to as a trusted voice on issues affecting Greece and the Greek diaspora.

Greeks and Philhellenes across Canada began turning to THI Canada not only as a philanthropic partner, but also as a consultative resource for those seeking insight, connection, and leadership on matters impacting the people of Greece. In this role, THI Canada has increasingly served as a bridge between the Greek diaspora in Canada and communities in Greece, aligning resources, expertise, and opportunities where they can have the greatest impact.

### REFINING OUR PROGRAM FOCUS

During this period, THI Canada adopted a more deliberate and strategic approach to its work, prioritizing initiatives that combine immediate support with long-term value creation. Signature programs reflect this focus. The Scholarship Program has enabled high-achieving Greek students to pursue higher education in Canada - opportunities that would otherwise have been inaccessible due to financial constraints. In parallel, through the Accelerate Greece program, THI Canada has supported Greek start-up companies by connecting them with world-class mentorship, helping foster innovation, entrepreneurship, and economic resilience.

A defining milestone in THI Canada's program priorities was the expansion of its mandate to include support for initiatives in Cyprus in 2025. This important development positions The Hellenic Initiative Canada as one of the very few Canadian organizations (and the first within The Hellenic Initiative Global network) with an official mandate to engage directly with the people of Cyprus in support of culturally and socially significant initiatives.

The inaugural program under this expanded mandate was a grant to the CVAR Institute, marking the beginning of a new chapter of impact, with additional initiatives planned in the years ahead.

### GOVERNANCE, STRUCTURE, AND COMMUNITY BUILDING

As the organization grew in scale and complexity, the need for strengthened governance and local engagement became increasingly clear. THI Canada undertook an internal restructuring to better reflect its national footprint and to amplify local voices. This included the appointment of Regional Vice Presidents, restructuring the Membership and Volunteering model, and the development of localized fundraising initiatives aligned with national objectives.

These changes strengthened accountability, deepened volunteer leadership, and enabled more focused, outcome-driven programming. Today, THI Canada is supported by an active and engaged network in Toronto, Montreal, and Vancouver, while continuing to cultivate relationships and explore opportunities to establish a meaningful presence in additional regions across Canada as it enters its next decade of impact!

## THI Canada New Leaders

THI Canada's New Leaders division is inspiring the next generation to get involved, give back, and stay connected to Greece. Through volunteer opportunities, networking, fundraising, and events created for younger Greeks and Philhellenes, New Leaders are building a vibrant community of emerging supporters. They are also connected with New Leaders from global chapters collaborating on shared events and initiatives helping strengthen global ties and carry the mission forward.

## The Hellenic Initiative Global

THI Canada is a founding member of the THI Global Committee. Since its first official meetings in 2022, the Committee has brought together all THI chapters worldwide under a shared vision: to unite and galvanize the global Greek diaspora in support of Greece's long-term prosperity. By pooling resources and co-supporting high-impact programs, THI Global maximizes the reach and effectiveness of its philanthropic efforts, addressing pressing social, economic, and cultural needs across the country.

Through sustained engagement with successful and influential Greeks worldwide, the Committee fosters connections that bridge the diaspora and the homeland. These relationships allow diaspora leaders to contribute their knowledge, experience, and networks to policy discussions, economic development, and social initiatives, actively participating in Greece's new vision.





# Our Impact in Numbers

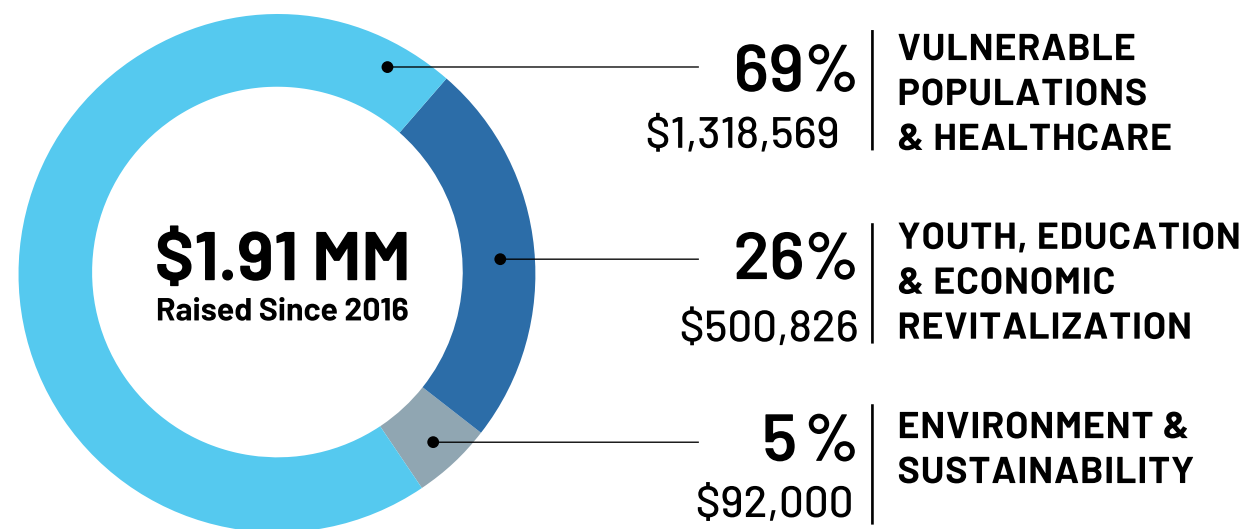
Over the past decade, THI Canada’s financial growth reflects both increasing scale and a more mature, diversified approach to philanthropy. Funding has expanded significantly in recent years, supporting a balanced portfolio that ranges from immediate relief and targeted community interventions to long-term institutional partnerships and capacity-building initiatives. Across sectors including healthcare, education, employment, climate resilience, and culture, THI Canada has developed a funding model that combines strategic anchor grants with smaller high-impact investments—strengthening communities across Greece and Cyprus while maximizing long-term social impact and organizational sustainability.

**Less Overhead. More Impact.** With operational costs well below the national 35% sector benchmark, more funding goes directly to the people, programs, and communities we serve.

# 10 YEARS OF IMPACT

Our Impact in Numbers

## ALLOCATION BY STRATEGIC PILLAR • 2016-2025



69%



### Supporting Vulnerable Populations & Healthcare

The majority of THI Canada's funding has been directed toward direct humanitarian impact – healthcare access, food security, maternal care, elder support, disability services, and homelessness prevention.

This reflects the organization's foundational mission: safeguard dignity, stabilize families, and strengthen health systems.

26%



### Supporting Youth, Education & Economic Revitalization

Nearly one quarter of total funding has been dedicated to youth empowerment, employability, entrepreneurship, scholarships, and civil society capacity-building.

This allocation demonstrates long-term thinking: Address immediate needs, but also build structural opportunity.

5%

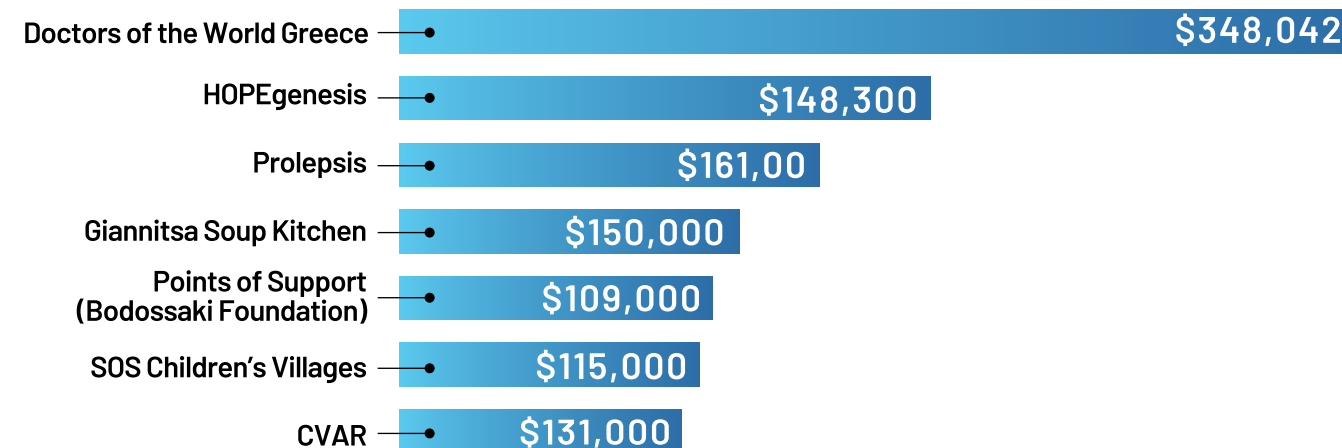


### Supporting the Environment & Sustainability

Environmental funding, while smaller in proportion, represents a strategic expansion into regenerative initiatives that strengthen long-term national resilience.

These investments connect sustainability with social protection – from wildfire prevention to energy-efficient eldercare infrastructure.

## TOP LONG-TERM PARTNERSHIP INVESTMENTS • 2016-2025



## EMERGENCY FUNDING MODEL • 2016-2025

THI Canada's emergency funding is delivered through trusted, existing partners, helping ensure funds reach the right place quickly and responsibly. This support takes different forms depending on the partner: in some cases, a one-time allocation is made during an emergency; in others, a portion of our annual funding helps build an emergency relief reserve that is ready to respond when urgent needs arise.

### ONE-TIME ALLOCATION RELIEF PARTNERS:



### EMERGENCY RELIEF RESERVES BUILT INTO LONG-TERM PARTNERSHIPS WITH:





# Partner Organizations & Contributions

At THI Canada, we apply a rigorous due diligence process in selecting our partner organizations, ensuring that every charity we support aligns with our mission, governance standards, and measurable impact criteria. We place the highest value on transparency and accountability, carefully vetting each program and maintaining a meticulous reporting process to ensure responsible stewardship of every dollar entrusted to us. These priorities guide the programs and initiatives we choose to support.



01.

## PROGRAMS SERVING VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Relieving Poverty &  
Strengthening Healthcare  
for Children, Families,  
Seniors & Underserved  
Communities

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TOTAL INVESTMENT (2016-2025):

**69% OF THI CANADA'S  
TOTAL 10-YEAR FUNDING**

**\$1,318,569 CAD**

Over the past decade, THI Canada has directed the majority of its resources toward protecting and strengthening Greece's most vulnerable populations. From children at risk of abandonment to isolated seniors, from food-insecure families to remote island mothers without medical access, THI Canada has built long-term partnerships focused on dignity, stability, and health equity.

This pillar reflects THI Canada's core humanitarian commitment: ensuring that vulnerable individuals in Greece not only survive periods of crisis but regain stability and opportunity.

ORGANIZATION:

**Doctors of the World Greece (MdM)**



TOTAL FUNDING:

**\$348,042**

Doctors of the World Greece has been one of THI Canada's most significant long-term partners. MdM delivers frontline medical care, psychosocial services, and emergency response programs to underserved communities across Greece. Their "60+ Program" provides home-based medical and psychosocial support to elderly individuals living alone in poverty, many with chronic illnesses and limited mobility.

THI Canada's \$348,042 investment over the decade strengthened MdM's healthcare outreach capacity and enabled thousands of vulnerable individuals to receive essential care. This includes medical examinations, prescription support, mental health services, and crisis intervention during times of natural disaster and economic hardship.

Funding supported professional staff, mobile medical units, psychosocial teams, and community-based healthcare delivery systems. The impact has been measurable: increased continuity of care for elderly populations, improved health outcomes, and reduced emergency hospitalization risk.

Through MdM, THI Canada has ensured that healthcare is not a privilege but a right – particularly for those most at risk of being left behind.

ORGANIZATION:

**HOPEgenesis**



TOTAL FUNDING:

**\$148,300**

HOPEgenesis addresses one of Greece's most urgent demographic and healthcare challenges: depopulation of remote islands due to limited maternity services. Women living in isolated communities often face immense financial and logistical barriers to accessing prenatal and childbirth care.

THI Canada's \$148,300 investment over the past decade has directly supported pregnancy-related medical expenses, transportation to hospitals, telemedicine access, and postpartum care for women in islands including Kasos, Iraklia, Agios Efstratios and Folegandros.

The impact extends beyond safe childbirth. By restoring access to maternal healthcare, the program contributes to increasing birth rates in communities that were at risk of extinction. Each supported birth represents renewed demographic sustainability and hope for local communities.

Funds have been allocated toward full medical coverage, hospital coordination, accommodation logistics, and healthcare partnerships – ensuring mothers receive dignified, high-quality care without financial strain.

ORGANIZATION:

**Prolepsis DIATROFI**



TOTAL FUNDING:

**\$161,000**

Food insecurity among children remains one of the most immediate manifestations of poverty. Through the DIATROFI program, Prolepsis provides nutritious daily meals to students in low-income schools, ensuring children can attend class nourished and ready to learn.

THI Canada's \$161,000 investment expanded meal coverage to vulnerable students across Greece. The program improves attendance rates, academic performance, and physical health outcomes.

In addition to long-term school meal support, Prolepsis also played a critical role following the devastating 2018 Mati wildfires, delivering meals and companionship to displaced families and elderly residents who had lost their homes. This dual role – preventative nutrition and emergency response – underscores the program's flexibility and reach.

Funding has supported food procurement, meal preparation logistics, and distribution networks that ensure consistent service delivery in underserved communities.

ORGANIZATION:

**St. George Giannitsa Soup Kitchen**

TOTAL FUNDING:

**\$150,000**

For over a decade, the Giannitsa Soup Kitchen has provided daily meals to vulnerable families, unemployed individuals, and elderly residents facing economic hardship. With \$150,000 in total support from THI Canada, the program has ensured uninterrupted operations and expanded meal coverage during periods of increased need.

The soup kitchen serves as both a food relief centre and a community anchor. Beyond meals, it provides social connection and dignity to individuals experiencing isolation and financial distress.

Funding has supported food purchasing, kitchen operations, volunteer coordination, and facility maintenance. As economic pressures fluctuated over the decade, THI Canada's sustained commitment ensured stability and reliability for those who depend on daily support.



ORGANIZATION:  
**SOS Children's Villages – Greece**



TOTAL FUNDING:  
**\$115,000**

SOS Children's Villages supports children who cannot safely remain with their biological families, providing stable housing, education, and psychosocial care. The organization also works preventatively to strengthen at-risk families and avoid child abandonment.

THI Canada's \$115,000 investment over ten years has contributed to family stabilization programs, counselling services, and community-based child protection initiatives.

Funding supports daily living costs, educational resources, and therapeutic services. The impact is generational – helping vulnerable children grow in safe, nurturing environments while strengthening the social fabric around them.

"Every child has the right to grow up with love, respect and security..."  
**GEORGE PROTOPAPAS**  
 NATIONAL DIRECTOR  
 SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES GREECE



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ORGANIZATION:  
**Cerebral Palsy Greece**



Open Door (Safe Nourishment Program)

TOTAL FUNDING:  
**\$93,500**

Children with severe disabilities require specialized nutritional and feeding therapy services to support development and prevent medical complications. The Open Door Safe Nourishment Program provides clinically supervised feeding interventions and therapeutic support.

THI Canada's \$93,500 contribution has ensured that children with cerebral palsy receive structured, safe nourishment plans that improve health outcomes and overall development.

Funds support trained therapists, specialized equipment, dietary planning, and family education. This initiative reflects THI Canada's commitment to serving populations that require highly specialized care often unavailable through public systems.

"S. used to eat only a very limited range of foods. Since joining the Safe Nourishment program, he has access to safe, properly prepared meals and a much greater variety of foods. In addition, the program has educated us, as parents, about what is best for our children."  
**M.D PARENT**



ORGANIZATION:  
**Frodizo**



Home Intervention for Dementia

TOTAL FUNDING:  
**\$80,000**

Frodizo provides in-home care and therapeutic support to elderly individuals living with dementia, while also supporting their caregivers. Greece's aging population and limited public support structures leave many families struggling to care for loved ones facing cognitive decline. Frodizo steps into this gap with dignity-focused, community-based care.

THI Canada's \$88,000 investment enabled FRODIZO to expand services to dozens of families annually, delivering thousands of home visits over the decade.

In 2025 alone, the program improved the lives of 40 elderly patients in Patra. Previous reporting also highlights thousands of home sessions delivered, reflecting both scale and consistency. The impact extends beyond patients themselves – families report improved quality of life, reduced burnout, and greater emotional stability.

THI Canada's investment directly funds home sessions, professional staff, therapeutic materials, and operational costs required to maintain a consistent care schedule. This support ensures elderly individuals can age with dignity in their own homes, rather than institutional settings.



Partner Organizations: Vulnerable Populations & Healthcare

ORGANIZATION:  
**ELPIDA**



Children's Oncology Clinic (Athens)

TOTAL FUNDING:  
**\$54,145**

ELPIDA supports pediatric oncology patients through medical treatment and psychosocial services. THI Canada's funding contributed to essential equipment for the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit – strengthening clinical capacity and treatment safety.

This grant ensures life-saving therapies are delivered with the highest possible standards of medical reliability. This investment reflects THI Canada's commitment not only to social welfare but to strengthening Greece's healthcare infrastructure.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to your company for the generous donation of two laboratory freezers Helmer iLF 120-GX, each valued at € 17,500, for the needs of the Bone Marrow Transplant Unit laboratory. The freezers have already been installed and are fully operational.  
**EVGENIS**  
 HEAD OF STEM CELL TRANSPLANTATION & CELLULAR THERAPIES UNIT



ORGANIZATION:

**Desmos**  
Food Aid Programs



TOTAL FUNDING:

**\$25,000**

Desmos is a non-profit that connects donors with documented, urgent social needs across Greece, mobilizing targeted support in times of humanitarian crisis and economic hardship. Through THI Canada's grants and collaborative appeals, Desmos has delivered essential food relief to vulnerable communities – from wildfire-affected residents in Northern Evia to families facing severe financial hardship – helping provide groceries, olive oil, and basic necessities when they were needed most.

We were honoured to collaborate with THI Australia and THI Canada through a joint holiday appeal to support vulnerable communities. This initiative gave us optimism and reinforced our belief that collaboration can only lead to positive outcomes.

**EMILY KERN**  
DIRECTOR, DESMOS



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ORGANIZATION:

**Emfasis**  
Foundation



TOTAL FUNDING:

**\$22,582**

Emfasis works with single-parent families and other vulnerable populations experiencing homelessness or extreme poverty. Their approach combines street outreach, family support services, counselling, and employment readiness initiatives.

THI Canada granted \$25,000 in 2025 to support over 400 single-parent families and more than 3,500 indirect beneficiaries. This funding contributes to emergency relief, psychosocial services, and long-term reintegration programs.

Emfasis addresses not only material deprivation but also the structural barriers preventing families from achieving independence. By combining counseling, job preparation, and social assistance, the program moves families toward stability.

THI Canada's support strengthens this integrated model, helping vulnerable households rebuild resilience and dignity.



## Emergency Relief & Disaster Response

As part of THI Canada's commitment to supporting vulnerable populations, program funding has also been directed toward crisis response—addressing wildfires, economic instability, and acute community-level emergencies. Through long-standing partnerships, these efforts have helped ensure continued access to food, medical care, medication, and psychosocial support when needs are most urgent.

### 2018 MATI WILDFIRES

Support through **Prolepsis' DIATROFI** Program enabled a rapid shift to emergency meal delivery for displaced residents, particularly elderly individuals, providing both daily nutrition and critical human support during recovery.

### NATIONAL WILDFIRE EMERGENCIES

Through **Doctors of the World Greece**, funding strengthened mobile medical response, on-site care, and psychosocial services for affected populations.

Targeted support to **GivMed (\$5,000 CAD)** ensured continued access to essential medications through social pharmacy networks.

### ECONOMIC CRISIS & FOOD INSECURITY

In response to prolonged economic strain, THI Canada strengthened food distribution through:

**Desmos** – Emergency food packages via municipal and social grocery networks

**Prolepsis (DIATROFI)** – expanded school meal programs for vulnerable children

**St. George Giannitsa Soup Kitchen** – uninterrupted daily meals for at-risk communities

These efforts helped prevent secondary impacts such as malnutrition, school absenteeism, and health decline.

### BROADER CRISIS SUPPORT

Additional funding through **ELPIDA, Desmos, and Emfasis** supported urgent healthcare, food security, and family services for vulnerable populations.

Together, these efforts demonstrate how THI Canada's long-term partnerships can be activated in times of crisis – delivering immediate relief while reinforcing long-term resilience.

TOTAL FUNDING:  
**\$30,000**





## 02.

# YOUTH, EDUCATION & ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION

## Building the Next Generation of Leaders & Strengthening Economic Resilience

TOTAL INVESTMENT (2016-2025):

**26% OF THI CANADA'S  
TOTAL 10-YEAR FUNDING**

**\$500,826 CAD**

Over the past decade, THI Canada has invested strategically in Greece's future — its youth, entrepreneurs, scholars, educators, and civil society leaders. Recognizing that long-term national resilience requires both human capital and institutional strength, this pillar focuses on employability, entrepreneurship, cultural education, and capacity-building.

While 69% of funding addressed immediate vulnerability and healthcare needs, nearly one-quarter of THI Canada's total decade-long investment was dedicated to forward-looking initiatives that generate opportunity, innovation, and sustainable economic revitalization.

ORGANIZATION:

**CVAR – Centre for Visual Arts & Research (Cyprus)**



TOTAL FUNDING:

**\$131,000**

CVAR Creates delivers educational, cultural, and peacebuilding programs that engage young people and communities in Cyprus through art, history, and dialogue. Its programming promotes critical thinking, historical literacy, and cross-community understanding – foundational elements for long-term societal cohesion. With \$131,000 invested over the decade, THI Canada has provided sustained support enabling program expansion and increased accessibility. Thousands of youth benefit annually from immersive workshops, exhibitions, and educational initiatives that strengthen cultural identity while promoting dialogue and inclusivity.

Funding supports curriculum development, facilitator engagement, materials, and program delivery. CVAR's impact is both educational and civic – cultivating informed, culturally aware young citizens equipped to participate meaningfully in society.

This partnership reflects THI Canada's belief that education is not only academic – it is social, cultural, and transformative.



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ORGANIZATION:

**Bodossaki Foundation Points of Support (POS)**



TOTAL FUNDING:

**\$109,000**

Points of Support (POS) provides micro-grants and structured capacity-building to emerging NGOs across Greece. Rather than funding one organization at a time, POS strengthens the broader ecosystem of civil society.

With \$109,000 invested over multiple cycles, THI Canada has supported dozens of grassroots organizations working in areas such as social inclusion, health access, education, disability services, and community development.

Funding enables:

- Micro-grants to small NGOs
- Governance and compliance training
- Strategic planning workshops
- Financial management capacity-building

The impact multiplies: each strengthened NGO expands its own reach, creating ripple effects across communities nationwide.

Through POS, THI Canada has invested not only in programs – but in institutional resilience and long-term sector development.



ORGANIZATION:

**ReGeneration Youth Employment Program**



TOTAL FUNDING:

**\$55,266**

ReGeneration addresses this by combining paid placements, mentoring, skills training, and direct employer partnerships.

THI Canada's \$50,000 investment supported program cycles that prepare graduates for entry into high-demand sectors including technology, finance, consulting, and operations.

Participants receive structured training in technical competencies and soft skills, along with placement into partner companies. This model bridges the gap between academic education and market needs.

The impact is tangible: improved employability, reduced brain drain, and increased professional stability for young Greeks entering the workforce.



ORGANIZATION:

**Dokimi Public Elementary School – Library Upgrade**

TOTAL FUNDING:

**\$13,800**

The Dokimi School Library project upgraded learning infrastructure in a rural region serving approximately 160 students from underprivileged backgrounds.

THI Canada's \$13,000 grant funded books, shelving, and educational materials that strengthened literacy, student engagement, and academic development.

While smaller in scale, the initiative demonstrates THI Canada's commitment to foundational education – recognizing that long-term opportunity begins with early access to learning resources.

ORGANIZATION:

**Reading to Others**

TOTAL FUNDING:

**\$870**

This non-profit produces audiobooks for blind and visually impaired children, ensuring equitable access to literature.

THI Canada funded a specialized scanner that significantly increased audiobook production capacity. Though financially modest, this intervention enhanced accessibility and inclusion for visually impaired youth.

It exemplifies how targeted micro-investments can generate meaningful, measurable impact.

ORGANIZATION:

# THI Canada Scholarship Programs

## Graduate Scholarships

TOTAL FUNDING:  
**\$80,000**

The THI Canada Graduate Scholarship program supports Greek students pursuing advanced degrees at Canadian universities. Designed as a leadership pipeline, the initiative reduces financial barriers to international education while encouraging scholars to reintegrate into Greece's economy after completion.

Beyond tuition support, the scholarships foster diaspora engagement, mentorship networks, and long-term professional connections between Canada and Greece. The goal is not simply academic achievement – it is knowledge transfer, leadership cultivation, and contribution to national growth.

This program positions education as a catalyst for systemic impact. Youth unemployment has been one of Greece's most persistent structural challenges.

## Music Scholarships (University of Toronto – Mirkopoulos Family)

TOTAL FUNDING:  
**\$50,000**

The THIC Music Scholarship supports talented Greek musicians pursuing graduate studies at the University of Toronto. While modest in financial scale, its cultural significance is substantial.

This initiative strengthens academic and cultural bridges between Canada and Greece while promoting excellence in the arts. Graduates contribute to cultural institutions, performance, education, and creative industries – sectors that shape national identity and international representation.

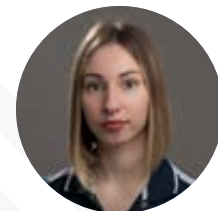
Funding directly supports tuition and academic expenses, ensuring financial barriers do not limit artistic excellence.

By supporting the arts alongside economic initiatives, THI Canada affirms that cultural leadership is integral to national vitality.

RECIPIENTS



**CHRISTOFOROS TRAVIOS**  
MSc in Experimental Medicine  
McGill University



**GEORGIA HARAHOUSOU**  
MSc in Applied Health Sciences  
Brock University



**ARTEMIS BALAFOUTI**  
MSc in Mining Engineering  
University of British Columbia



**VIRGINIA ANAGNOSTOPOULOU**  
MSc in Experimental Medicine  
McGill University



**JOHN GEORGAKOPOULOS**  
MSc in Physics  
McGill University



**MENELAOS PEISTIKOS**  
The Doctor of Musical Arts  
University of Toronto

PROGRAM:

# Accelerate Greece



TOTAL FUNDING:  
**\$40,000**

Accelerate Greece identifies high-potential Greek start-ups and prepares them for North American expansion through mentoring, investor engagement, and market-entry programming in Toronto.

THI Canada's \$40,000 investment funded participation for selected startups, covering travel, program costs, and structured mentoring sessions.

The initiative strengthens:

- Entrepreneurial capacity
- Investor access
- Cross-border partnerships
- International market exposure

By supporting founders directly, THI Canada contributes to job creation, innovation, and long-term economic diversification.

This program reflects a strategic evolution – moving beyond support for individuals in crisis to empowering high-potential Greek start-ups that will help drive Greece's future economy forward.





03.

## PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT, SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE & REGENERATIVE INITIATIVES

Advancing Climate Resilience, Sustainable Infrastructure & Green Workforce Development

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TOTAL INVESTMENT (2016-2025):  
**5% OF THI CANADA'S  
TOTAL 10-YEAR FUNDING**  
**\$92,000 CAD**

Over the past decade, THI Canada has increasingly recognized that environmental sustainability is inseparable from community well-being. Climate change, rising temperatures, and recurring wildfires present escalating risks across Greece – threatening ecosystems, livelihoods, infrastructure, and vulnerable populations.

While representing 5% of total funding, this pillar reflects a forward-looking strategic shift: investing not only in social resilience, but in environmental regeneration and climate preparedness.

These initiatives demonstrate THI Canada's commitment to sustainability as both an ecological and social responsibility.



**ORGANIZATION:**

**Ecogenia**  
Youth Climate Corps  
(Mount Olympus)

**TOTAL FUNDING:**

**\$55,000**

Ecogenia represents a new generation of environmental action in Greece. Operating as part of the country's emerging Climate Corps model, Ecogenia mobilizes young people in hands-on conservation, reforestation, biomass clearing, and wildfire prevention projects – particularly in environmentally sensitive regions such as Mount Olympus.

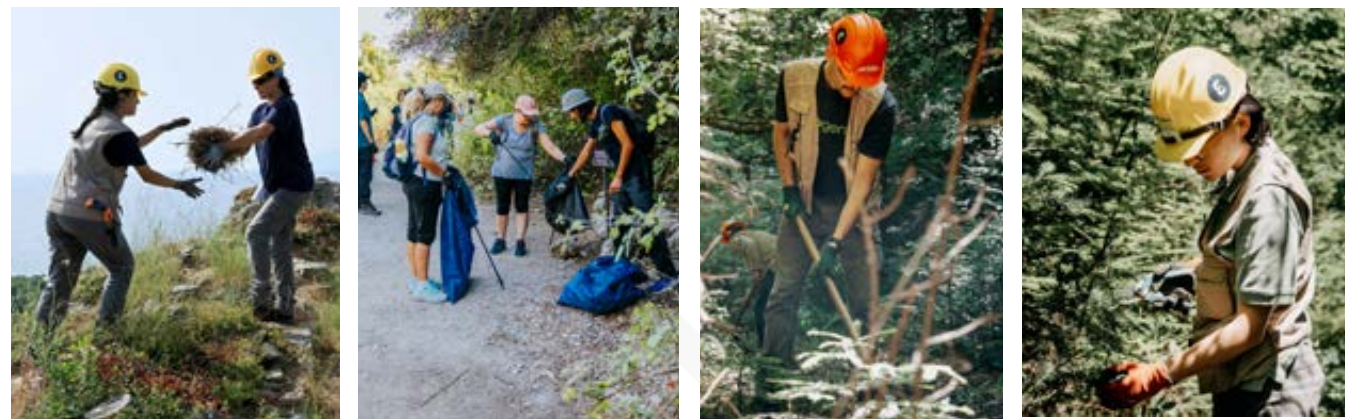
With \$55,000 invested, THI Canada supported youth cohorts engaged in:

- Forest restoration and replanting
- Biomass removal to reduce wildfire fuel loads
- Trail maintenance and ecological protection
- Climate resilience education and leadership training

The impact is dual-layered. First, ecological: proactive wildfire prevention and environmental rehabilitation strengthen natural ecosystems and reduce future disaster risk. Second, economic: the program creates green workforce pathways, equipping young participants with skills in conservation, environmental management, and sustainable land stewardship.

Funding supported cohort training, field equipment, coordination, and program delivery. Through Ecogenia, THI Canada contributes to climate mitigation efforts while empowering youth to become environmental leaders.

This initiative reflects a shift from reactive disaster recovery to proactive environmental prevention.



THE HELLENIC INITIATIVE CANADA



**ORGANIZATION:**

**Diamantideios Stegi**  
Net Zero Energy Pilot

**TOTAL FUNDING:**

**\$37,000**

The Diamantideios Stegi Net Zero Energy Pilot bridges environmental sustainability with eldercare infrastructure. This innovative project focuses on upgrading a senior care facility in Thessaloniki to reduce energy consumption, lower operating costs, and improve long-term environmental performance.

THI Canada's \$37,000 investment supported the pilot phase of the facility's transition toward energy efficiency and sustainability.

The initiative includes:

- Energy-efficiency upgrades
- Infrastructure modernization
- Reduction of carbon footprint
- Long-term operational cost savings

Beyond environmental benefits, the project directly improves living conditions for elderly residents by stabilizing energy usage and enhancing facility comfort.

The pilot model also holds replicable potential. If scaled, similar retrofits across care facilities could significantly reduce emissions and operational strain nationwide.

Through this project, THI Canada demonstrates how sustainability investments can strengthen both environmental and social systems simultaneously.

## Environmental Strategy: A Long-Term Approach

Although environmental funding represents 5% of total 10-year contributions, its strategic significance is substantial.

Across this pillar, THI Canada has:

- Supported Greece's emerging climate workforce
- Reduced wildfire risk through preventive land management
- Strengthened sustainable infrastructure in eldercare facilities
- Promoted regenerative and forward-looking climate solutions

Importantly, environmental initiatives intersect with other pillars:

- Wildfire prevention protects vulnerable populations
- Energy efficiency reduces operational strain on healthcare institutions
- Green job training supports youth employment

This integrated approach reflects a mature philanthropic strategy – one that recognizes environmental sustainability as foundational to long-term national resilience.



# Events, Culture & Community

Over the past decade, THI Canada's events have mobilized the Greek Canadian diaspora around philanthropy, dialogue, culture, and crisis response, transforming engagement into long-term impact for Greece.

30+	10,000+
In-Person Events	Participants Engaged Nationwide

# Signature Events

## Toronto Economic Forum & Oloi Mazi Gala

(2022-2025)

In partnership with the Delphi Economic Forum  
A platform that connects the Greek-Canadian diaspora to current developments in Greece, while enabling meaningful participation in dialogue about global policy, finance, and business partnerships.

**IMPACT:** THE GALA HAS RAISED \$450,000+ TO DATE WHILE THE FORUM HAS HELPED TO SUSTAIN ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN DIASPORA LEADERS, GREEK INSTITUTIONS, AND GLOBAL DECISION-MAKERS.

## Montreal Annual Cocktail

(2018-2023, RETURNING 2026)

THI Canada's longest-standing signature event, uniting philanthropy and leadership. A cornerstone event of the Montreal Greek-Canadian community.

**IMPACT:** \$300,000+ RAISED TO DATE.



# Community Milestone Events

## Prime Minister Community Event

(TORONTO 2024)

The first official visit by a Greek Prime Minister to Canada in over 40 years. A historic moment strengthening Canada-Greece relations.

**IMPACT:** 1,200+ ATTENDEES, INCLUDING PRIME MINISTERS OF GREECE AND CANADA.



## Vancouver Chapter Launch with Steve Vranakis

(VANCOUVER 2024)

Marking THI Canada's expansion to the West Coast. A new chapter in national engagement.



# Culture & Partnerships

## "Freedom Besieged" Film Screenings

(NATIONWIDE 2019)

Screenings of the feature film "Freedom Besieged" by Panayiotis Yannitsos, which presents the challenges modern Greeks face, were hosted across Canada (Toronto, Montreal, and Calgary), offering an opportunity for the Greek community to come together and open a dialogue on history and resilience.



## THI Canada @ GIFFT

THI Canada supports the Greek International Film Festival and partners with leading community organizations to unite the Greek-Canadian diaspora through the power of film and its ability to inspire, connect, and convey meaningful stories.



## Alkistis Protopsalti Concert

(MONTREAL 2025)

A landmark cultural event featuring one of the most iconic voices of the contemporary Greek music scene that brought together a Montreal crowd of over 1,000 people connecting them through music and giving.



# Responding to Crises Campaigns & Standing by the People of Greece

**Wildfire Relief Campaign (2018):**  
Helping the people of Mati, Greece

**Wildfire Relief Campaign (2021):**  
Over \$60,000 raised in one month to support communities in Evia.

**Emergency Response for Ukraine:**  
Help for displaced Ukrainian families who sought refuge in Greece.



## Other Fundraising Campaigns:

**Chef's Challenge with Christine Cushing:**  
Providing food to families with children in need

**Flowers for Hope:** In support of the work of HopeGenesis

**EU Topia:** Between Myth and Reality Art Auction



## Webinars: Staying Connected When the World Paused

A national webinar series that sustained dialogue during the global pandemic, strengthening community connections and engaging the Greek-Canadian diaspora on key issues shaping Greece.

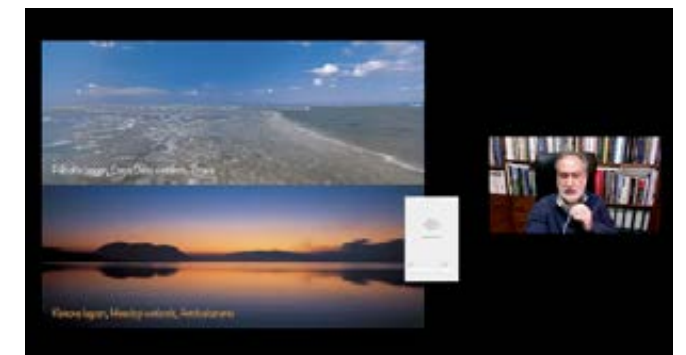
**Greek Tax Residency Webinar**

**In Conversation with Minister Dendias**

**Greece: Land of Diversity**, with HSPN President, Nikos Petrou

**Forests in Greece**, with HSPN President, Nikos Petrou

**Emergency Response to COVID-19** for the 60+ population with MDM Greece





# The Road Ahead Vision for the Next Decade

The first decade proved what is possible. The next decade will determine what endures.

**Over the next decade, THI Canada will focus on what matters most: people.**

We will continue to invest in young Greeks so they can build their futures at home rather than abroad; support vulnerable populations who remain at risk of exclusion; and strengthen the organizations that provide essential services where the state cannot reach. Research from our trusted partner, the Bodossaki Foundation, confirms what we hear consistently from the organizations working on the front lines across Greece: regional disparities, aging communities, youth underemployment, mental health needs, and the growing impact of climate-related disasters demand sustained, strategic support. A resilient Greece requires not only economic growth, but social cohesion, opportunity, and hope.

**Equally vital is the role of the diaspora.**

Across Canada, Greek communities carry a deep emotional connection to the homeland, one rooted in heritage, memory, and gratitude. Yet the true power of this community lies not only in its generosity, but in its collective expertise, leadership, and ability to mobilize across generations. **THI Canada will work to unite these voices, inviting Hellenic organizations, professionals, businesses, and young leaders from coast to coast to participate in a**

**shared national effort.** When we act together, our impact multiplies.

The next decade also calls for collaboration at a scale none of us can achieve alone. By partnering with trusted NGOs, institutions, and fellow diaspora organizations worldwide, we can deliver smarter, more sustainable solutions, from strengthening civil society to supporting innovation, environmental resilience, and inclusive growth. **Greece's future will be shaped not by isolated acts of charity, but by coordinated, long-term investment in people and communities.**

**Above all, this is a call to remain engaged.**

The progress of the past ten years was made possible by donors and supporters who chose not to turn away when Greece needed them most. Because of you, students received scholarships, families found stability, communities rebuilt, and thousands of lives changed course. The need today may look different, but it is no less real, and the opportunity to shape the future is even greater.

We invite you to continue this journey with us: to invest in hope, to open doors for the next generation, to share your knowledge and networks, and to help ensure that Greece not only recovers, but thrives. Together, we can build a country where young people choose to stay, vulnerable citizens are protected, and communities are resilient in the face of whatever comes next.

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## BECOME A MEMBER

# Be part of a global movement driving Greece forward. Join Today.

We are looking for individuals who share our vision to serve and promote the objectives of our organization. From volunteering for events and committees to leadership, sponsorship, and giving, every role helps move our work forward. However you choose to be involved, THIC values every contribution.



## HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER:

- 1 APPLY** —————> Visit our website and submit your membership application: [thehellenicinitiative.ca/membership/](http://thehellenicinitiative.ca/membership/)
- 2 CONNECT & INTERVIEW** —————> Meet with a member of our leadership team to discuss your goals and alignment with THIC.
- 3 ENGAGE** —————> Start engaging, contributing, and making an impact alongside fellow members.



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