Philoptochos News Phlash!

Zoom Board Meeting Highlights – December 6, 2022

Highlights from our in person Board Meeting on December 6, 2022, and activities. We want you to know what we are working on and where your donations and contributions to Philoptochos go.

Here are important Quick Links for Donations and Signups:

- Care Closet
  https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/WS5GGCPZ6YBR
- Feeding the Hungry
  https://sites.google.com/view/feedthehungryhcphiloptochos/home

- **Shoe Drive** – 76 Children ages 5 to 10 received their new shoes for Christmas. Thank you, Holy Cross, for making Christmas for these children very special! The children sent us a sweet thank you video and pictures which we will share on our website.

- **Christmas Tea** - Preliminary figures show that we netted close to $3,000. More than 200 happy faces came to enjoy a beautifully decorated hall and delicious food. The Boutique, Bake Sale, Punch, Raffle and everything else was successful because of the participation of our parish. Many thanks to our Holy Cross Choir who made the morning very festive, and to all the donors.

- **School Care Closet** – This is an ongoing program, please continue donating, the children truly appreciate your generosity. Making donations is very easy using our link to Amazon. Your donation will go directly to the school. To donate, please click on the Care Closet. Don’t have an Amazon account, no problem, you can drop kids appropriate items in the Bin in front of The Oaks.

- **Feed the Hungry** – A crew of volunteers have been meeting every Saturday morning and providing close to 280 sandwiches per week to the Maple Street and Samaritan Shelter. We’ve created a sign up site for all who would like to come help, and or donate toward the cost. See Above for the link.

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Light the Path – This event helps to fund the ministry of our Metropolis which assists our seminarians and religious education students at Holy Cross with their tuition expenses. Our chapter sent $2,000 to support this very important ministry.

Patriarchate Collection – Thank you Holy Cross Community for your generosity, in honor of our patron Saints, Cosmas and Damianos, we were able to send $800 to help benefit our Patriarchate.

Mark your calendars:
❖ Vasilopita Luncheon, January 8, 2023
Plans have already begun for this wonderful in person event.
❖ Kids n Cancer Fundraiser – February 12, 2023

We want to offer our heartfelt thanks to all of you who have given so much to support those who are in need. As we approach the Christmas season, we hope and pray that we will continue to share our blessings with those less fortunate. We look forward to a blessed New Year! Merry Christmas!

With our love,
The Ladies of the Philoptochos