



## ***St. Andrew's Greek Orthodox Women's Philoptochos Society Outreach Projects/Programs***

### **National Philoptochos Mission Statement**

The Greek Orthodox Ladies Philoptochos Society, Inc., is the duly accredited women's philanthropic society of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. The charitable work of the Society shall be performed with discretion, courtesy and kindness. The mission of the Society shall be:

- *To aid the poor, the destitute, the hungry, the aged, the sick, the unemployed, the orphaned, the imprisoned, the widowed, the handicapped, the victims of disasters, to undertake the burial of impoverished persons and to offer assistance to anyone who may need the help of the Church through fund raising efforts;*
- *To promote the charitable, benevolent, and philanthropic purposes of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, through instructional programs, presentations, lectures, seminars and other educational resources;*
- *To preserve and perpetuate Orthodox Christian concepts and the Orthodox Christian Family, and through them, to promote the Greek Orthodox Faith and traditions, in accordance with its doctrines, canons, discipline, divine worship, usages and customs;*
- *To promote participation in the activities of the Greek Orthodox community, with the cooperation of the Parish Priest and the Parish Council.*

St. Andrew's Women's Philoptochos (SAWPS) has been a proud supporter of philanthropic outreach programs for over 90 years. The funds we raise each year are donated to organizations that are chosen by: National Philoptochos, Metropolis Philoptochos and St. Andrew's Philoptochos.

The following pages detail our outreach projects and programs. It is only through your generous commitment that we are able to pursue our philanthropic mission. Whether you can help for one hour, spend the day with us or contribute financially, your commitment to our organization is appreciated!!

### **Philoptochos is YOU and ME making a difference!**

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*National Philoptochos is the largest women's Christian charitable organization in the U.S.  
We are 26,000 strong nationwide!!*

*St. Andrew's Women's Philoptochos Society, a chapter of National Philoptochos,  
is a 501(c)3 charitable organization.*



## **Care for Real**

### **Care for Real Mission Statement**

*Our mission is to help our neighbors in the Edgewater community by providing food, clothing and referral services to those in need. We do this through on-site food distribution, deliveries to the home-bound, a free clothes closet and a case referral program to help clients connect with other services they may need.*

Care for Real is located at:  
5339 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, IL, 60640  
<https://careforreal.org>

SAWPS coordinates along with Sunday School and the Parish the following drives:

- **Thanksgiving Food Drive** – collect food during the months of October/November. The Friday before Thanksgiving, we serve a Lenten meal and sort the food.
- **Christmas Food Drive** – collect food during the months of November/December. The Friday of Christmas Pageant Rehearsal we sort the food.
- **Back to School Backpacks**- collect school supplies and backpacks in July and August for children from *Care for Real*. Monetary donations are also accepted to help purchase these supplies.

SAWPS supports *Care for Real* financially by giving a donation to buy food from the Chicago Food Depository to replenish their food pantry throughout the year. At Christmas time, we give \$25 gift cards for Christmas gifts.

## **The Night Ministry**

### **The Night Ministry Mission Statement**

*The Night Ministry compassionately provides housing, health care, outreach, spiritual care, and social services to adults and youth who struggle with homelessness poverty and loneliness. We accept individuals as they are and offer support as they seek to improve their lives. We invite others to join this hope-filled work.*

<https://www.thenightministry.org>

SAWPS coordinates along with Sunday School and the Parish the following drives:

- **Personal Items Drive**- collect items such as toilet paper, laundry detergent, shaving cream/razors, hand soap creating personal hygiene kits to be handed out to the homeless.
- **Bake Cookies**- *The Night Ministry* distributes them at The Crib, their overnight shelter for young adults, or through their Health Outreach Bus. The bus travels to six neighborhoods over four nights a week bringing fresh baked goods with a little touch of caring and home to their bus guests.
- **Sack Suppers**- make Sack Suppers, which are distributed from *The Night Ministry* bus in different Chicago areas.



## **Children's Hospital University of Illinois**

### **UIC Mission Statement**

*We are dedicated to providing comprehensive family-centered health care to all children, multi-level professional education to students, physicians and allied health care workers in all aspects of pediatrics, and a voice of advocacy for children of the state of Illinois. We are also actively engaged in the community to improve the health status of children through preventative and educational efforts, and to lead with basic and clinical research into childhood diseases to move the field of pediatrics forward. Our diverse medical teams bring the world's latest advancements to patient care, research, and teaching.*

*This is a 46-bed unit and we get birth up to about 24 year old patients, with all diagnoses. The majority of our patients are our oncology, transplant, and sickle cell anemia patients.*

The hospital is located at:  
1740 West Taylor St., Chicago, IL 60612

SAWPS coordinates with the Sunday School and UIC Pediatrics:

- **Fleece Blankets:** Members are asked to make fleece blankets which are distributed to the hospitalized children.
- **Fulfill Christmas Wish List:** A Christmas Wish List is created for the hospitalized children and their siblings. The Sunday School Children are asked to bring these gifts to church on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of December. The collected gifts are taken to the hospital to be distributed to the children.

### **Feed the Hungry**

Annunciation Cathedral is located at:  
1017 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL

Feed the Hungry is part of the ongoing outreach from all the Philoptochos Chapters in the Metropolis of Chicago. Under the guidance of the Metropolis Philoptochos this program has been going on for over 25 years. Each Philoptochos is given one time a year to prepare a lunch for over 150 people. This takes place every Tuesday or Thursday at the Annunciation Cathedral, throughout the calendar year. Volunteers arrive at 10:30 am and lunch is served at 11:30 am. Your two-hour commitment of serving a hot meal to our guests is appreciated.

We also collect **ONLY** clean coats, scarves, hats, gloves and clothing for both men and women. These items are available for our guests to take as they leave. These items are much needed and appreciated. Items can be dropped off the **first 3 weeks of January ONLY**. NOTE: NO children's items.



## **Greek American Rehabilitation and Care Centre**

### **Greek American Rehabilitation and Care Centre Mission Statement**

*To provide quality nursing home care to the elderly with genuine hospitality.*

Greek American Rehabilitation Centre is located at:  
220 N. 1<sup>st</sup> St., Wheeling, IL 60090

<https://www.greekamericancare.org>

SAWPS members visit the Greek American Rehabilitation Centre and treat the guests to some homemade items made by the ladies. The children of the parish are invited to come also. The afternoon is filled with activities and fellowship which are enjoyed by all.

## **St. Andrew's Women's Philoptochos Philanthropy Poor Fund**

This fund has been set aside for things such as grocery cards, and for any other needs that may arise. The person in need contacts the Parish Priest and in turn the Priest contacts the SAWPS President if assistance is needed.

## **Literacy Awareness Program**

### **Philoptochos Literacy Mission Statement**

*The mission of the Literacy Committee is to promote literacy for children and adults through a "hands-on" approach appropriate for use by all Philoptochos Chapters. Philoptochos will actively work to promote motivation, success and enjoyment of reading and oral communication for school age children. In addition, Philoptochos will encourage the strengthening of ties between generations by providing opportunities for adult tutors and young children to bond through additional instruction, support and encouragement.*

### **SAWPS along with National Philoptochos has teamed up in:**

- Conducting a Holiday Book Drive featuring the Loukoumi Series of books, written by Nick Katsoris. The books include: Loukoumi, Loukoumi's Good Deeds and Loukoumi's Gifts.
- Purchasing a Loukoumi book helps in many ways. For each book sold through our Philoptochos Chapter, the author will donate money to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and to our National Philoptochos Society's Social Services Fund, as well as will donate one book per book sold to the Philoptochos Chapter's local charity. Our recipient for St. Andrew's Philoptochos has been the UIC Pediatrics Hospital.
- Participating in the "***National Make a Difference Day***" Program, which takes place annually on the last Saturday of October. SAWPS together with our Sunday Church School and Parish Youth collaborate in a Make a Difference with Loukoumi Project to bring awareness of our individual gifts and how our gifts can make a difference in the lives of others through our acts of kindness.



## **St. Andrew's Food Pantry**

The Food Pantry is located in the auditorium hallway. Throughout the year, people in need stop by St. Andrew's and are given food from our pantry.

The parish is asked to help fill this pantry during the year by bringing some of these non-perishable items:

***Canned Goods (fruit, soup, tuna, tomato sauces, vegetables etc.)***  
***Cereals, Oatmeal, Breakfast Items***  
***Pasta Sauce, Tomato Sauce, Pasta, Mac n Cheese***  
***Cookies, Cake Mixes, Frosting***  
***Juice/Juice Boxes***  
***Jelly, Pancake Mix/Syrup***  
***Oil & Vinegar, Salad Dressings, Salt & Pepper***  
***Flour/Sugar, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate***

Please make sure whatever items are brought have **NOT EXPIRED**. We would also appreciate **FLIP TOP LIDS** for canned items.

SAWPS also collects monetary donations to restock the pantry as needed.

## **Sarah's Circle**

### **Sarah's Circle Mission Statement**

*Sarah's Circle is a refuge for women who are homeless or in need of a safe space. By providing life necessities, housing, case management, clinical and social services, we encourage women to empower themselves by rebuilding both emotionally and physically; realizing their unique potential.*

4838 N. Sheridan Road  
Chicago, IL 60640  
Phone: 773-728-1991

<https://sarahs-circle.org>

### **SAWPS coordinates:**

- **Sack Lunches**: Members pack sack lunches monthly.
- **Personal Items Supplies**: When needed, personal supplies and/or personal hygiene kits are created and provided to the women at *Sarah's Circle*.



## **The Dreamcatcher Foundation Program**

### **The Dreamcatcher Mission Statement**

*The Dreamcatcher Foundation (TDF), a 501c3 tax exempt nonprofit, is a survivor founded, survivor driven, and survivor focused agency fighting to end human trafficking in Chicago and its surrounding suburbs. Our not-for-profit organization works to prevent the sexual exploitation of at-risk youth and helps them find confidence and stability through education, empowerment, and active prevention.*

### **Vision Statement**

*Our goal is to create an environment in which victims of human trafficking can be empowered, educated, and self-confident.*

The Dreamcatcher Foundation is located at:  
5401 S. Hyde Park Blvd. - Suite 302, Chicago, IL. 60615

<https://thedreamcatcherfoundation.org>

SAWPS is taking a stand to work with this local organization that is on the front line of fighting Human Trafficking. Together we can make a difference in the lives of many on this most serious issue.

### **SAWPS coordinates:**

- **Personal Items Kits**- Annually, the members donate and create personal item kits for *The Dreamcatcher* to distribute.
- **Financial Support**: currently we have made donations totaling \$2500.
- **Gift Cards**: McDonald Gift Cards were purchased for *The Dreamcatcher* to distribute.

## **Outreach Inc.**

### **Outreach Inc. Mission Statement**

*The mission of Outreach is to provide safe water, food, medical care and education to children and those in need at home and abroad.*

*Here are a few facts:*

You can feed 12 children for the price of a latte

You can feed 100 for \$25

A \$25 tax deductible donation and 2 hours of your time makes 100 meals

### **SAWPS along with the Parish and Sunday School:**

- **Provides Meals**: Nutritious meals are provided for Chicago's Hungry Children, Families, Seniors & Veterans



## **Camp Erin Chicago**

### The Moyer Foundation Mission Statement

*The mission of The Moyer Foundation is to provide comfort, hope and healing to children affected by loss and family addiction. The Moyer Foundation created and funds Camp Erin, the largest network of free bereavement camps in the country for children and teens who are grieving a significant loss, and has chosen Adventist St. Thomas Hospice in Hinsdale to direct Camp Erin Chicago.*

<https://elunanetwork.org/camps-programs/camp-erin>

- **SAWPS has donated \$5000 to send 10 campers to Camp Erin in the Chicago area**
- **SAWPS provided flashlights for the kids for camp**

## **Pederson-McCormick Boys & Girls Club**

### Pederson-McCormick Boys & Girls Club Our Mission

*Founded in 1902, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Chicago's mission is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. Serving nearly 18,000 youth ages six to 18, BGCC works to provide members with the emotional, educational, physical, and cultural resources that allow them to enjoy their childhood and eventually thrive in adulthood. At our Clubs, they find caring mentors, avenues of opportunity and the tools they need to prepare for great futures.*

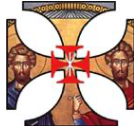
*Through our Clubs, our goal is to offer every child:*

- *A life-changing experience to discover skills, confidence and friendship*
- *A life-saving oasis among the urban pressures of violence and poverty*
- *A life-long impact to become productive adults and role models*

<https://bgcc.org/pedersen-mccormick-club/>

SAWPS contributions:

- **Gift Cards:** During the holiday season we have provided them with gift cards to give to the High School kids.
- **Financial Support:** We have supported their annual picnic as well as sponsoring a party for their 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation.



## **Alternatives, Inc.**

*Alternatives is a comprehensive, multi-cultural youth development agency serving more than 3,000 young people and their families each year. Our programs include counseling, leadership development, substance abuse and violence prevention, and academic enrichment.*

*Our mission is to facilitate personal development, strengthen family relationships and enhance the community's well being.*

*Alternatives' programs and services use an asset-based model that focuses on enriching young people's lives by building upon individual strengths within the context of their family and community. We provide comprehensive, accessible and affordable programs that increase young people's opportunities to succeed and grow as individuals and community members.*

*From our Uptown Youth Center, Alternatives serves youth and families citywide. Our participants reflect the city's rich diversity: 40% Latino, 37% African American, 10% Caucasian, 8% Asian, 4% bi-racial/multi-ethnic and 1% Middle Eastern. Two-thirds live in low-income households; one-third live in single-parent homes.*

Alternatives Inc. is located at:  
4730 N. Sheridan Rd., Chicago, IL 60640  
773-506-7474

<https://alternativesyouth.org>

SAWPS contributions:

- **Backpacks and School Supplies:** In July and August backpacks and school supplies are collected.
- **Financial Support:** We support projects by either purchasing items such as snacks, juice boxes, etc. or make a monetary donation of \$250

## **Tommy's Kids and Teens for Teens Support Group – Hinsdale Hospital**

### Kids Support Group Mission Statement

*Helping children who have experienced the death of someone they love is one of the most difficult tasks a parent or other relative may ever face. Tommy's Kids and Teens is available to assist you with that difficult task and to help your child/teen learn healthy ways of coping.*

*Here are a few facts:*

- *Tommy's Kids and Teens for Teens is a 6-week grief support group for children 4-16 who have experienced a significant loss due to death.*
- *Children meet in age-appropriate groups to participate in art, talk and expressive activities.*
- *Support Group for parents/caregivers meets at the same time children meet.*
- *Adults have the opportunity through group interaction, to understand a child's grief and to experience support and encouragement for themselves.*





## **The People's Music School**

*The People's Music School is located in Uptown. This is a music school that provides free musical instruction to kids who otherwise wouldn't be able to afford lessons and music classes. The kids get a lesson, group class and theory to move them along in their studies. But aside from focusing on music, the school really focuses on developing life skills to help these kids. Life skills such as dedication, patience, persistence, compassion.*

*Many of these kids are at or below the poverty line, in a home with substance or domestic abuse, or has a parent/guardian that has been deported or incarcerated. Within the turmoil these families face, they find the value of bringing their kids to the music school to make things better for them - to provide some sort of hope within their dark little lives.*

<https://peoplesmusicschool.org>

SAWPS has helped specific families who have fallen on hard times by providing food, clothes, gift cards, school supplies and other items.

## **Montessori School of Englewood**

### Montessori School of Englewood

*The Montessori School of Englewood (MSE) is a public charter school that has over 300 students ages 3-14 in the west Englewood neighborhood.*

*MSE uses the unique Montessori method to foster independent thinking with an interdisciplinary curriculum that addresses not only academics but also nutrition, practical skills (such as gardening) and peaceful conflict resolution. MSE receives government support through Illinois' per pupil allotment and from Head Start. But in order to provide a balanced, wide-ranging program, we must raise over \$500,000 annually. This money comes from various grants, individual solicitations and in-kind donations from organizations such as SAWPS.*

<https://www.tmsoe.org>

SAWPS Contributions:

- **Provide Clothing:** provide *Bombas Socks* and underwear to the students as needed.
- **Financial Support:** Provided \$250 for their pajama drive campaign and provided \$500 to assist in their drive to purchase Chrome Books for their students to keep permanently.



**St. Andrew's Women's Philoptochos Society's  
Commitments & Programs:**

- University of Illinois Children's Hospital  
Care for Real/Food Depository - Edgewater  
The Night Ministry - Uptown Community  
Children's Medical Fund  
American Heart Association **Go Red** Sunday  
Autism Assistance Fund  
Cancer Fund  
IOCC Walkathon  
Support a Mission Priest  
Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC)  
St. Photios Shrine  
Metropolis Philanthropy Fund  
Aid to Greece and Cyprus  
Greek American Rehabilitation & Care Centre  
Feed the Hungry/Metropolis of Chicago  
Program  
St. Basil's Academy  
St. Nicholas National Shrine at Ground Zero  
The Dreamcatcher Foundation (Human  
Trafficking)  
Philoxenia Charities (Rochester, MN)  
St. Iakovos Camp/Retreat Center  
Holy Cross/Hellenic College  
Alliance for Lupus Research  
St. Mary's Healing House (Minneapolis, MN)  
United Nations International Children's  
Emergency Fund (UNICEF)  
Sarah's Circle – Women's Shelter  
Camp Erin - *(AMITA Health Hospice Services  
Adventist St. Thomas Hospice)*  
IOCC – International Orthodox Christian  
Charities
- North Shore University Health System –  
*(DodoNA Project/Parkinson's Disease  
Research)*  
USO Phone Cards  
Feeding the Hungry – National Philoptochos  
Initiative  
St. George & St. Andrew Walk – RIC  
Sisterhood of St. Basils Academy  
The Navy SEALs Foundation  
St. George & St. Andrew Walk – Support a  
church in Madagascar  
Backpacks for Kids  
Pederson McCormick Boys & Girls Club  
Alternatives Inc.  
Tommy Kids Support Group – *(AMITA Health  
Hospice Services  
Adventist St. Thomas Hospice)*  
The People's Music School - Uptown  
Children's Lurie Hospital  
Shriners Hospitals for Children/Chicago  
Lymphoma Society  
Leukemia Society  
Montessori School of Englewood  
Goudy School - Chicago  
Breakthrough Women's Shelter – Garfield Park  
Covenant House Illinois  
Ronald McDonald/Lurie's Children's Hospital  
Connections for the Homeless/Evanston  
St. Stainislauss/Providence Soup Kitchen  
Meals on Wheels  
Chicago Food Depository



***St. Andrew's Women's Philoptochos Society's  
Bombas Sock Donations***

The Night Ministry  
Maryville Academy  
Stroger Hospital/Pediatrics  
Deborah's Place  
Tent City  
Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry  
St. Paul Lutheran Church/Skokie  
Feed the Hungry/Annunciation Cathedral/Metropolis  
Fisher House/Maywood  
Almost Home Kids  
South Suburban Crisis Center  
Veterans in Joliet  
Care for Real  
Alternatives Inc.  
Goudy Elementary School  
Shriners Hospitals for Children/Chicago  
Covenant House Illinois  
Montessori School/Englewood  
Christopher's House  
Eagle Scout Project/Cancer Patients/UIC  
Mercy Home for Boys & Girls  
Dress a Girl Around the World Project/Metropolis  
Goudy School  
Camp Erin - *(AMITA Health Hospice Services  
Adventist St. Thomas Hospice)*  
UIC Pediatrics  
Almost Home Kids  
South Suburban Crisis Center  
Veterans in Joliet