

**DEPARTMENT OF ANTIOCHIAN CHARITIES
ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA**

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DEPARTMENT OF ANTIOCHIAN CHARITIES

The Department of Antiochian Charities consists of five programs:



1. Children's Relief Fund:

Report submitted by V. Rev. George Rados

2. Worldwide Relief:

Four Homes of Mercy Jerusalem	Deir Natour Project Tripoli, Lebanon <i>(School for mentally challenged children)</i>	St. Elias Orphanage Tripoli, Lebanon
St. Gregory Orphanage Damascus, Syria	Scholarships to needy Students- Lebanon, Syria, Europe, United States	Convent of Saidnaya, Syria
Needy people and families within the Patriarchate of Antioch	Al Kafaat – Hadath, Lebanon <i>(Home for disabled adults and children)</i>	Needy people and families in Russia, Antiochian Bishopric in Moscow
Needy people and families in Jerusalem, Bishop ATALLAH Hanna	Needy people and families in the Archdiocese of Australia, New Zealand, and the Philippines	Al Saydah Convent, Lebanon
St. Pantelimon Orphanage, Damascus, Syria	Needy people and families in the Archdiocese of Houran, Syria	Guatemalan Orphanage
Project Mexico	IOCC SYRIA RELIEF	FOCUS NORTH AMERICA
Convent of Maaloula Syria	St. Jude Hospital Memphis, Tennessee	Home for the Elderly Douma, Lebanon

3. Humanitarian Relief:

YEAR	CAUSE	AMOUNT
2016	FIESTA	\$10,000.00
2016	West Virginia Flood Victims	\$33,000.00
2016	Saint Barnabas The Apostle	\$4,800.00
2016	Holy Transfiguration Monastery	\$3,000.00
2017	Douma Home for the Elderly	\$5,000.00
2017	Syria Relief	\$90,000.00
2017	Palm Sunday Patriarchate Collection	\$75,811.00

(Several hundreds of thousands of dollars were collected by our Parishes and given directly to IOCC- for relief around the world. In addition, hundreds of thousands of dollars were collected by our Parishes and given directly to FOCUS North America.)

4. Special Parish Community Ministries: *(Please inform us of your local ministries)*

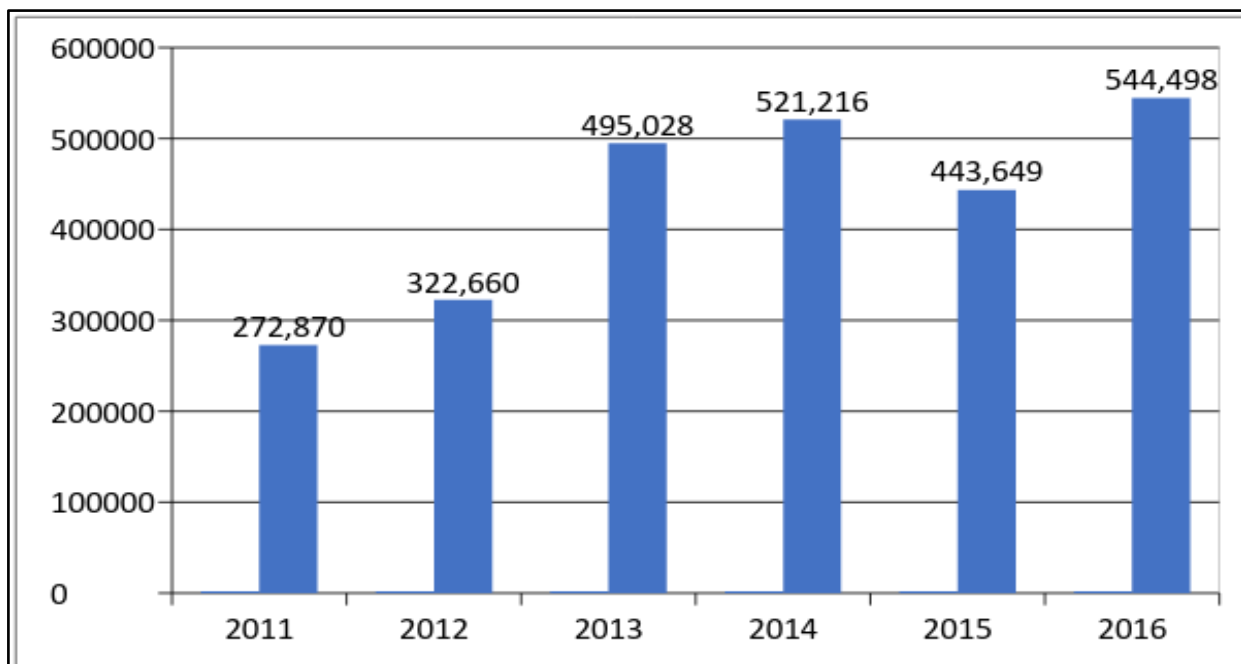
● Adopt Families at Christmas
● Adult Daycare
● After School Programs
● American Life League
● Battered Women Shelters
● Blood Drives
● Book Drive for Kenya
● Cancer Support Groups
● Candy Strippers
● Canned Food Drives
● Caroling at Nursing Homes
● Child Abuse Prevention & Intervention
● Children's Health & Safety Council
● Children's Hospital
● Children's Relief
● Christmas Toys for Prisoner's Children
● Clothing Drives
● DARE
● Daycare
● Donating Eye Glasses
● Donations to Monasteries
● Easter Baskets for Needy Children
● Easter Dinners
● Elementary School Lunches
● Emergency Assistance for Needy Families
● EPS (Emergency Pregnancy Services)
● Family Assistance Programs
● FOCUS North America
● Food Banks
● Food Baskets
● Food Pantries
● Friends of Ministries
● Furniture Drive
● Goodwill
● Habitat for Humanity
● Homeless Shelters
● Hospice Programs
● Hunger and Health Coalition
● Inter-Racial Relations
● IOCC
● Kid's Club
● Loaves & Fishes

● Make-A-Wish Foundation
● Manning Hot-Lines
● Meals on Wheels
● Men's Shelter & Recovery Center
● Middle East Awareness Programs
● Monthly Meals
● OCMC
● Open Door Parties
● Operation Santa Claus
● Operation School Bell
● Orthodox Christian Mission Center
● Orthodox Food Centers
● Out and About Ministry
● Pregnancy Centers
● Preschool
● Prison Ministry
● Project Angel Heart
● Project Mexico
● Rape Prevention
● Red Cross
● Ronald McDonald House
● Salvation Army
● Scholarships
● Serve Christmas Dinners
● Serve Daily Lunches
● Serve Thanksgiving Dinners
● Serve Weekly Meals
● Serving Meals at Shelters
● Shriner's Hospital
● Soup'er Bowl Sundays
● Special Olympics
● Sponsor Nursing Homes
● Sponsor Senior Citizen Homes
● St. Jude's Hospital
● Sun Youth Organization
● Support Orphanage in Guatemala
● Support Rescue Missions
● Toys for Tots
● Trinity Homes
● Visiting Senior Citizens
● Visiting Shut-Ins
● World Vision
● Youth Camping Program

5. Food for Hungry People Program & Charitable Outreach:

A. World Food Day: *(Annual Canned Food Drive)*

As reported October thru December each year



Since 1984 our parishes have reported distributing 5,960,725 pounds of food!

** (Many parishes collect and distribute food all year long and many parishes collect and distribute food, clothing and money but have not reported their generosity.)*

B. Food for Hungry People and Charitable Outreach:

Our Food for Hungry People and Charitable Outreach is designed for the entire family. We have encouraged participation in prayer, fasting and almsgiving each year during the Great Lent. We are still experiencing devastating hunger at home and around the world, and our Church families are committed to helping and alleviating this unnecessary, painful heartache. For forty three years, SOYO/The Fellowship of St. John the Divine and the Archdiocese has raised funds to feed their hungry brothers and sisters.



In honor of our forty-third anniversary, we printed an exquisite brochure in full color. Our six page fold-out, was picture-packed with amazing images. These brochures were sent to every family in our Archdioceses using "The Word" mailing list. Our collection boxes were sent directly to our parishes except for several parishes which requested no boxes.

The updated Parish contribution list is attached.

Since 1975 we have collected and distributed \$5,587,891.03

(As of May 22, 2017)

Reaching Out Around the World:

- Los Angeles, CA - Children of the Night; Orthodox Street & Prison Ministry; Southern California Earthquake victims; Lebanese Ladies Cultural Society; Covenant House
- Pasadena, CA – Union Station Foundation
- Seattle, WA - New Horizons
- Detroit, MI - Gleaners Community Food Bank
- Pittsburgh, PA - Community Food Bank, Vision for Life
- New York - Covenant House, Under 21; Emmaus House
- Ethiopia - Famine Relief
- Houston, TX - Covenant House, Under 21; Northwest Assistance Ministries
- Charleston, WVA - Samaritan Inn
- Montreal - Canadian Syrian Lebanon Ladies Aid Society; Helping Hand Committee
- Yugoslavia - Serbian Orthodox Community of Kosovo
- Toronto - Covenant House, Under 21
- Florida - Hurricane Andrew victims
- Ft. Lauderdale, FL - Covenant House, Under 21
- South Carolina - Teleios Prison Ministry
- Chile - St. Paul Foundation
- Syria - Relief Agency of the Patriarchate; Orthodox Relief Service; Archdiocese of Hama & Lattakia; St. Gregory Orthodox Society for Orphans & the Elderly; Convent of St. Thekla; Orthodox Relief Agency-Archdiocese of Homs and Aleppo; Archdiocese of Houran; St. Pantelimon Orphanage
- Nazareth - Orthodox Aid Society
- Jerusalem - Orthodox Aid Society; Four Homes of Mercy
- Kenya - Orthodox Church of Kenya
- Mozambique - World Vision
- Uganda - Orthodox Church in Uganda
- Mexico - Tacati Shelter Project; Orthodox Church in Mexico
- Armenia - Relief Agency of the Patriarchate
- Cambodia - Relief Fund
- Cleveland, OH - St. Herman's Monastery



- Guatemala – Orphanage
- Ghana - Orthodox Church in Ghana
- Lebanon - Project Parrainage of Beirut; Shreen Al-Matn; American University of Beirut; Beirut University College; Orthodox Relief Service; Archdiocese of Akkar, Beirut, Mt. Lebanon, Zahleh, Tripoli, Tyre and Sidon; Orthodox Community, Maryjoon; Lebanese Cultural Ladies Society; St. George Orthodox Hospital, Beirut; Deir Natour Project, Tripoli; Dhour Cheweir Hospital; Oasis of Joy School; Deir Natour Monastery; Old Age Home, Douma; Women's Renaissance Gathering; Douma Home for the Elderly; Rene Mouawad Foundation; FIESTA
- Pawtucket - Rhode Island Food Bank
- Wichita, KS - Venture House; Operation Recovery; HopeNet
- Brazil - La da Crianco Menino Jesus
- Nigeria - Holy Brethren School
- Palestine - Orthodox Relief Agency; United Palestinian Appeal, Inc.
- Beaumont, TX - Some Other Place
- Oklahoma City, OK - Daily Bread Ministries; Bombing victims; Feed the Children
- Homestead, PA - Methodist School of Social Services
- Georgetown - The Jerusalem Fund
- West Bank - Beit Jala Society for the Aged
- Brunswick, GA - MAP International
- Russia - Relief Agency of the Patriarchate, Archdiocese of Moscow
- Worcester, MA - Orthodox Food Ministries; Interfaith Coalition for the Homeless
- Baghdad & Kuwait - Orthodox Relief Agency
- Lompoc, CA - St. Timothy's Food for Hungry People program
- Costa Mesa, CA - Orange County Interfaith Shelter
- Tucson, AZ - Primavera Foundation
- Portland, OR - Flood victims
- Romania - St. Nicholas Orphanage
- Souderton, PA - The King's Jubilee
- Salina, KS - All Saints Church, Christmas Food Program; Ashby House
- St. Augustine - Orthodox Christian Mission Center
- Ligonier, PA – Fairfield Township Fire Dept
- New Jersey – Center for Food Action; Covenant House
- Australia – Archdiocese of Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines
- Ellwood City, PA- Orthodox Monastery of the Transfiguration
- West Virginia Council of Churches- Assistance to Family of Miners
- Tennessee- St. Jude's Children Research Hospital

We are witnessing now more than ever the world of hunger, poverty, and homelessness in our own neighborhoods. Hunger is one of the world's most pressing problems affecting over one billion people, and next year it is projected that hunger will affect over six million people in the United States alone. Behind this grim statistic are children and families loved by God, who are deprived of their right to a full life because they do not have enough to eat.



For forty-three years, we have:

- Fed hungry babies, children and adults
- Sheltered and guided runaway teenagers
- Aided and visited those in prison
- Supported local community food banks
- Brought clothes and hope to the homeless

Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to help the hungry, the homeless, the afflicted, and the oppressed for over four decades. Thank you for living out your faith in service to God.

"The merciful person is he who gives to others what he himself received from God, whether it be money, or food, or strength, a helpful word, a prayer, or anything else he has through which he can express his compassion for those in need."
St. Peter of Damascus

