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Daughters of Penelope Announces \$18,000 in Charitable Donations

WASHINGTON (September 4, 2012)—The Daughters of Penelope (DOP), a leading international women’s organization, presented nearly \$18,000 in donations to charitable causes in July, announced Grand President Joanne Saltas. In presentations made at the 90th AHEPA Family Supreme Convention, the Daughters of Penelope donated \$11,000 to Apostoli Mission to help feed the less fortunate as part of the broader AHEPA humanitarian relief effort for the people of Greece, and the organization donated nearly \$7,000 to W.I.N. Hellas, an NGO in Greece that works to address and prevent domestic violence.

“We are proud to support these two worthy charitable endeavors,” said Grand President Joanne Saltas. “The people of Greece are going hungry, and it is the least we can do to help those in great need.”

The donation to Apostoli Mission will provide for approximately 550 food packages and each food package can feed a family of four.

Saltas added the Daughters of Penelope convention delegates voted to designate W.I.N. Hellas as one of the organization’s mandatory projects, which commits DOP chapters to raise funds for it during the 2012-2013 administrative year.

“By designating W.I.N. Hellas as a mandatory project, the Daughters of Penelope sends a clear message that it is committed to fighting domestic violence not just in the United States, but abroad as well,” said Saltas.

In addition to W.I.N. Hellas, other DOP mandatory projects include: DOP Foundation, Inc., which is the educational arm of the Daughters of Penelope; Penelope House and Penelope’s Place, which are domestic violence centers located in Mobile, Ala. and Brockton, Mass., respectively; and the University of Miami Sylvester Cancer Center (Papanicolaou).

Founded in San Francisco in 1929, the Daughters of Penelope is the first women’s organization of its kind established in the United States. It is an affiliate organization of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA).



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About W.I.N. Hellas



The NGO WIN HELLAS was founded September 2006 in Greece by Mada Tsagias-Papadakou and now has over 5,000 members. WIN HELLAS is active in preventing and addressing violence against women. The aim is to provide assistance to protect, treat and empower women experiencing any form of abuse in family, social and professional environment. Through its network of scientific partners (psychologists, mental health counselors, etc.), WIN HELLAS offers psycho - social support to women who need help. In addition, it provides psychological and legal counseling, through specialized psycho - educational programs and nationwide service support women - victims of violence. Furthermore, WIN HELLAS helps those who need accommodation in hostels and legal guidance bringing them into contact with the relevant bodies and support structures. For more information, please visit www.winhellas.gr.

The mission of the DOP is to promote the ancient Greek ideals of Hellenism, Education, Philanthropy, Civic Responsibility, and Family and Individual Excellence.

For more information about the DOP, or any of its programs or projects, please visit www.ahepa.org/dop.

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