

# Daughters of Penelope

We are an international nonpartisan women's organization (501c8). We have three affiliate organizations that comprise the AHEPA family, including AHEPA, the Maids of Athena, and the Sons of Pericles.

## A Unique Family of Excellence

The Daughters of Penelope was the realization of Alexandra Apostolides' dream. Her desire was to create a woman's organization and because of her perseverance she formed EOS Chapter #1 with 25 charter members on November 16, 1929 in San Francisco, California. She was elected the first Grand President of the organization in 1931.



### Education - the Key to Leadership

Developing new and more responsive ways to meet our community's responsibility in creating a better learning environment for our children-supporting tomorrow's leaders.

### A Voice Through Membership

Advocacy through our chapters on a federal, state, and local level, including diplomatic leaders in the Greek-American community.

### Philanthropy

From natural disaster relief, to raising funds to eliminate life threatening diseases, to making significant contributions to our local municipalities. Our members make a difference.

### Affordable Senior Housing

Our civic responsibility to provide affordable housing to senior citizens. The AHEPA Housing Corporation has been awarded over \$400 million from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.



### Recognizing Women's Athletics

Recognizing female athletes at the high school, collegiate, and professional levels with scholarships, accolades and in some cases, induction into our Athletic Hall of Fame.



### The Ideals of Hellenism

Our sisterhood serves as a vital vehicle for the progressive development and emergence of many American citizens of Greek heritage into every facet of society: government, business, education, and the arts. Keeping the promise of the American Dream and the hard work ethic of our immigrant forbearers deeply rooted in the principles and ideals of Hellenism and symbolizes the hard work ethic of our immigrant forbearers who labored to achieve that dream with the principles of Hellenism rooted deep in their hearts.



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## *Learn More about The Daughters of Penelope*

We have initiated more than 25,000 members and have 250 chapters worldwide. With chapters in the United States, Canada, Australia, Greece, England, France, Germany, Belgium, and Austria—our mission and membership continue to grow. In 2029, The Daughters of Penelope will celebrate 100 years of Hellenism, Excellence, Education, Civic Responsibility, and Philanthropy.

*Listed below is a sample of the work we have accomplished together in the last several years:*

- Together with AHEPA raised more than \$500,000 to provide **Emergency Disaster Relief** in the **United States and Greece**.
- Advancing Philanthropy with more than \$300,000 in Charitable Donations towards Daughters of Penelope national projects including the **Papanicolaou Cancer Research Center, Alzheimer's Association, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, American Diabetes Association, Limbitless Solutions, the LAM Foundation, the ELIZA Foundation, Cerebral Palsy/Open Door, the Penelopean Day Care Center, and many more.**
- Awarded more than \$100,000 in **Daughters of Penelope Educational Scholarships**.
- Donated more than \$70,000 to **Meals on Wheels America** to help address senior isolation and hunger.
- Launched a fundraising initiative together with **AHEPA** in support of the rebuilding of the **St. Nicholas Shine at the World Trade Center** collecting more than \$50,000.
- Donated more than \$10,000 in gifts to the children of **Saint Basil Academy** in addition to maintaining the pool for the children at Saint Basil Academy.
- Raised more than \$50,000 to host **Cultural Events to Promote Hellenism and Women**.
- Raised more than \$50,000 to host events towards **Promoting and Celebrating Outstanding Women** inside and outside the organization.
- Provided support to **Penelope House Family Domestic Violence Shelter** in Mobile, AL, **Penelope's Place Family Domestic Violence Shelter** in Brockton, MA, and **WIN Hellas Family Domestic Violence Hotline** in Athens, Greece.
- Developed strategies to launch civic responsibility campaigns to support issues of importance to be discussed on Capitol Hill such as **Domestic Violence Awareness**.
- Helped grow the **Victim's Rights Caucus** through action alerts.
- Increased membership in the **Congressional Hellenic Caucus** which led to co-sponsorship of **Legislation Supporting United States–Greece Relations**.
- Led successful efforts to strengthen federal investment in programs authorized by the **Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)** and **Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)** in Congress.
- Championing excellence by providing **Youth Academic and Athletic Scholarships**.
- Launched initiatives to foster collaboration with multigenerational membership.
- Celebrate and promote female leaders in business, education, arts, and culture.
- Provide mentorship/networking opportunities to not only promote women in leadership roles but also to interact with successful female role models.
- Provide **Affordable Senior Housing** via senior housing complexes.
- Raised awareness and funds for the **K-9 for Warriors** project to support veterans.

