



CAPTAIN VASSILIS & CARMEN CONSTANTAKOPOULOS FOUNDATION

Actions report for 2019

“Captain Vassilis and Carmen Constantakopoulos Foundation”



A. Social Support and Development

Kalamata children's daycare center



Introduction

In 2019, the Foundation carried out an integrated plan across all its areas of concern (society, rural development, culture, environment). Emphasis was placed on the strategic direction of social issues. The following is an overview of all the actions implemented:

A. SOCIAL SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT

1. Kalamata children's daycare center

Description:

In 2019, the center welcomed 83 children in total, who attended its creative pursuits programs. Since the opening of the center, 173 children have attended in total (100 boys and 73 girls), and 76 parents have attended adult training programs (English language lessons, computer lessons, etc.).

Moreover, 29 people have found a job through the center, 18 (58%) of whom still hold this position today. During the year, 25 employees continued to receive individual parent counseling by a social worker.

2. Archdiocese summer camps

Description:

In 2019 the Holy Archdiocese of Athens continued to receive support for its summer camps, which accept children on the basis of financial criteria. Each year the camps host approximately 1,000

children and youths in total.

3. Holy Metropolitan Church of Messinia – scholarship fund

Description:

The Holy Metropolitan Church of Messinia continued to support honor students facing financial difficulties, by awarding four scholarships in 2019.

4. Emergency Center Greece, Ambulance outfitting-repair, Filiatra

Description:

One of the Emergency Center ambulances of Filiatra was mechanically renovated and outfitted.

5. Πρόγραμμα ένταξης νέων προσφύγων

Description:

The “Stepping Stone” program has been designed by METAdrasi and the Foundation, and has been implemented by METAdrasi, with the Foundation’s support. “Stepping Stone” aims at providing the necessary support for the integration of new refugees who wish to remain in Greece, by offering basic education and vocational training. The Foundation is actively involved in procuring practices and resources for the operation of the program. 2019 saw positive results in the beneficiaries’ progress. More specifically, 434 beneficiaries attended the Greek language lessons, 15 attended the English language lessons, 6 attended the computer skills course and 4 attended the professional sewing course. Moreover, a number of beneficiaries entered the labor market under the paid apprenticeship scheme, and 3 of those stayed in these job positions. Recently, a reception facility was created in Kalamata, which, at the moment, is hosting a teenager (15 years old); the process of the youth’s integration into the local community (school, sports activities, skills development, etc.) is under way. Shortly, 3 more teenagers will arrive in Kalamata, with the aim of residing here permanently. During the second phase of the program, 15 children will be hosted, ranging between 2 and 13 years old. Efforts are already being made to find a suitable space that could host them.

New refugee integration program



6. Social clubs and associations of Athens and Messinia

Description

In 2019, 24 associations received financial support, 15 of them from Attica and 9 from Messinia. The actions centered on the support of associations for the disabled, for vulnerable groups and for corresponding structures.

“Association of Friends of People with Special Needs”



7. Equipment of schools of Messinia

Description:

Eleven schools from the wider area of Messinia and one school from Attica were supported in 2019. More specifically, the donations concerned the purchase of new logistical equipment. Among the schools supported by the Foundation were the following:

- 18th Elementary School of Kalamata
- Lycaeum of Gargaliani
- 1st Elementary School of Gargaliani
- Special Vocational High School and Lyceum of Gargaliani
- 11th Elementary School of Meligalas
- 5th Lycaeum of Kalamata
- 17th Elementary School of Kalamata
- Lycaeum of Dorios
- 10th Elementary School of Kalamata
- Gymnasium of Pylos
- Kindergarten of Kopanaki
- 18th Elementary School of Nikea (Attica)

8. Support for the action of the “Association of Friends of People with Special Needs” in Kalamata

Description:

The “Association of Friends of People with Special Needs” is one of the most active associations in the support of the disabled in Messinia. Its activities center on the rehabilitation of people with disabilities as well as on encouraging networking opportunities and providing mutual support for

these vulnerable groups. For the 5th consecutive year, the “Association of Friends of People with Special Needs” is organizing an evening creative employment program for people with disabilities. The “Captain Vassilis and Carmen Constantakopoulos” Foundation supported the association’s actions by covering the salary of an occupational therapist.

9. “The Workshop” – Support for a facility for adults with disabilities

Description:

“The Workshop” is an association dedicated to the care, integration and accommodation of people with disabilities. It has succeeded in creating facilities for independent living as well as technical employment workshops, and it is considered a model association according to European standards. The Foundation supported the association's endeavor to build an indoor swimming pool for the club members’ exercise and entertainment.

Margarita



10. “Margarita.” A business run by people with disabilities.

Description:

“Margarita” is a care and lifelong learning center for people with disabilities. It caters to approximately 100 people. The program centers on the creation of a café-canteen that will be run by students with disabilities. The café has opened and is already in operation.

11. Prince’s Trust, “Get Into”

Description:

Prince’s Trust International has started a program in Greece. The aim of the Foundation is to train and professionally support young people (16-30 years old) who for various reasons have fallen behind in their education. The Foundation is working with young people and also businesses, in order to offer training to the young and provide businesses with suitable employees.

12. Support points

Description:

The aim of the program is on the one hand to support original small-scale actions of maximum social impact, which will benefit vulnerable social groups, and on the other hand to improve the facilities of and develop skills in the aforementioned organizations. The “Captain Vassilis and Carmen Constantakopoulos” Foundation supported the thematic unit titled “Support for actions for children – Children and health” by funding three programs. Each program

received the amount of 5,000 €.

More specifically:

- “Young Cancer”: The aim of this program was the creation of an informative guide for families receiving the diagnosis of the disease.
- “Care”: The purpose of the program was to inform children and teachers about disability issues.
- “Panhellenic Association for the Fight against Diabetes in Youth”: The aim of the program was to familiarize children and parents with the disease, to improve blood sugar levels, to encourage more systematic contact with the doctor and to promote better socialization for the patient and their family.





13. Scholarships in memory of P. Foteas

Description:

The Municipality of Kalamata, funded by the “Captain Vassilis and Carmen Constantakopoulos” Foundation, offered five scholarships to university students from Messinia. The scholarships, in memory of P. Foteas, are awarded every year based on criteria of excellence and income, and continue for four years, depending on the students’ performance.

14. Social Grocery of Messini

Description:

The Foundation subsidized the Social Grocery of the Municipality of Messini in order to provide meals for the participating families during the Christmas holidays.

15. “Greek Diaspora” project

Description:

This project is part of SEESOX. It focuses on conducting research and finding solutions and networking opportunities for Greeks around the world, in order to connect them with their homeland and utilize their experience, knowledge and networks. Moreover, it facilitates the contact and collaboration between them, as well as with entities and individuals in Greece.

16. Holy Metropolitan Church of Messinia - General Benevolence Fund

Description:

The action concerned the donation toward the Church’s benevolence fund in order to help four students by offering them four-year scholarships.

17. University of Peloponnese - Higgs platform & evaluation of the “Thales II” program

Description:

The action concerned a donation toward the University of Peloponnese to aid the research on the operation of non-profit organizations in Greece. The sponsorship takes place for the second consecutive year.

18. Athens soup kitchen mission

Description:

The action supported the soup kitchens organized by the Municipality of Athens for the poor, the homeless and other vulnerable groups facing difficulties in finding enough to eat. The soup kitchens distribute 700 meals daily, year-round.

19. “SYN ENOSIS”

Description:

The action supported the organization’s social work for 2019. In addition to the regular donations to various organizations, emphasis was placed on a comprehensive program of support for Attica’s fire victims and the prevention of fires in general.

A stray-free Messinia



20. “Dog’s Voice” program, phase A

Description:

The first phase of the program was implemented between November 22 and 24 2019, resulting in 136 dogs being medically examined, neutered, vaccinated and microchipped; moreover, 54 dogs were adopted into their forever home. The program is structured around sterilization, education and volunteering, and was carried out with the help of 22 veterinarians from the Greek Action of Volunteer Veterinarians, 78 volunteers and 12 sponsors across three veterinary clinics in Pylos, Gargaliani and Kyparissia.

21. SOS Children’s Villages, Heraklion

Description:

The action concerned the installation of photovoltaics at the SOS Children’s Villages in Heraklion..

22. Hellenic Police – Purchase of new uniforms

Description:

The action concerned the purchase of new uniforms for the new Hellenic Police department (Pedestrian Patrol Sub-Directorate) established in 2019.

23. Hellenic Police – DIAS squad, Kalamata

Description:

Protective equipment was purchased to support the DIAS squad based in Kalamata.

24. Holy Metropolitan Church of Nea Ionia – Support for children’s daycare centers

Description:

The funding toward the Holy Metropolitan Church concerned the support of three daycare centers located in Nea Ionia, Nea Filadelfia and Heraklion, Attica. This program is managed by the Holy Metropolitan Church of Nea Ionia and Nea Filadelfia.



25. “Estia” – Donation (good-luck charms for 1919 & 2020)

Description:

“Estia” is an association for people with special needs. Like every year, good luck charms were purchased for the New Year with the aim of supporting the association.

26. Child Injury Treatment Association

Description:

This association is a non-profit organization for the immediate and proper treatment of childhood accidents. The Foundation supported the specific association twice in 2019 in corresponding actions.

27. Hellenic Navy – Donation of computer monitors for training center

Περιγραφή:

The donation toward the “Palaskas” Training Center concerned the purchase of 12 monitors for the center’s ship navigation simulator.

28. “Argo” (“Association of Naval Officers With Children With Special Needs”)

Description:

This association is a non-profit organization for children of naval officers who have special needs. The donation was made in order to raise money for the creation of two modern hostels for these children.

29. “Aghios Alexandros” shelter for girls

Description:

The shelter is located in Paleo Faliro and provides accommodation and support to female minors. The Foundation supports the activities of the “Aghios Alexandros” shelter for girls.

30. University of Piraeus, research center – Naval finance studies scholarships

Description:

The donation to the University of Piraeus was made in the form of two scholarships for the Department of Banking and Financial Management.

Ark of the World



"Iliaktida" Association



31. "Iliaktida" Association

Description:

The association works with people with special needs. The specific donation concerned the purchase of an electric wheelchair for a person with severe mobility problems.

32. Greek Basketball Coaches Association - Conference

Description:

The specific donation was made so that the association could organize an international basketball seminar titled "Athens 2019."

33. Vlachopoulo Women's Association - Creation of a folklore museum

Description:

The donation concerned the support toward the cultural association for the creation of a folklore museum in the area.

34. Aristotle University of Thessaloniki - Support for a competitive research program

Description:

The donation concerned the financial support toward the School of Mechanical Engineering in order for the students to participate in the "Formula Student" competition.

B. AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

1. Operation of the Center for Agri-Food Entrepreneurship in Messinia

Description:

The Center for Agri-Food Entrepreneurship in Messinia was established in 2016 and was the result of the collaboration between the “Captain Vassilis and Carmen Constantakopoulos” Foundation and the American Farm School – Perrotis College. The aim of the Center is to reinforce entrepreneurship in the agri-food sector in Messinia. To that end, it offers experiential learning programs that aim to develop business education, promote entrepreneurial ideas and improve skills related to production. The average duration of the seminars is 28 hours, and they are aimed at those who wish to develop their knowledge in basic subjects of the agri-food sector. Eleven educational seminars took place in total, which were attended by 84 trainees. Moreover, consulting services were offered to four businesses in Messinia.

In 2019, a pilot program for precision farming was launched. More specifically, a meteorological station and sensors were installed in olive groves at the Municipality of Trifilia, co-financed by the American Farm School and AB Vassilopoulos, aimed at applied precision farming in olive oil.

2. Messinian Gastronomy Festival 2019

Description:

The Messinian gastronomy seminars 2019 were completed with the participation of more than 500 food service and tourism professionals. The seminars have been running for seven consecutive years, co-organized by the “Captain Vassilis and Carmen Constantakopoulos” Foundation, the Messinian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Kalamata School of Tourism; this year the seminars were also supported, for the first time, by

the “Brigada” team of food service professionals. During the first two days, local food service professionals presented fascinating flavor combinations and the creative utilization of Messinian products through culinary workshops, the demonstration of techniques and food tasting sessions, reminding everyone of the rich culinary tradition of our country. During the theoretical part of the event, the participants attended a series of interesting presentations (14 in total), which highlighted the value of the integrated management of a Messinian culinary experience for every visitor to the area.

3. CVF seminar on rural development

Description:

The open seminar on the topic of modern forms of agri-food entrepreneurship took place for the 5th consecutive year and was attended by more than 150 producers and rural economy professionals. During the proceedings, renowned scientists and successful entrepreneurs imparted their knowledge and experience in agri-food entrepreneurship issues. The aim of the seminar was to highlight the requirements and key issues for building a successful agri-food business.

Messinian Gastronomy Festival 2019



4. Continuation of olive oil tasting educational program

Description:

The educational action titled "Promoting the quality of olive oil through tasting" has been implemented for the seventh consecutive year and with a great turnout of students; the program was designed on the initiative of the "Captain Vassilis and Carmen Constantakopoulos" Foundation and has so far been attended by more than 1,300 students. The main aim of the program is to teach children about the connection between the quality of olive oil and all life stages of the olive tree and crop. This program will familiarize them with all stages, from cultivation practices to processing and standardization. Special emphasis has been placed on the human sensory organs as tools for obtaining reliable information. The educational program can be attended by the secondary education schools in Messinia; if your school wishes to participate, please contact the "Captain Vassilis and Carmen Constantakopoulos" Foundation.

Olive oil tasting educational program



5. Olive oil festival, Kalamata

Description:

Since 2015, the Agricultural Cooperative of Kalamata has been organizing an annual olive oil festival in the city with the aim of helping producers to network, educating them and promoting quality farming in the area. The Olive Oil and Table Olive Festival has been designed in the last two years based on the development and creative potential of the Agricultural Cooperative of Kalamata, in collaboration with important institutions and renowned scientists from all over Greece.

6. International Olive Oil Competition

Description:

The town of Nafplio was selected to host the 4th international olive oil competition titled "Athena International Olive Oil Competition" (ATHENAIIOOC) in 2019 (18–20 March). The competition was hosted in an emblematic building (the "Vouleftikon," which was the headquarters of the first parliament of modern Greece), surrounded by the olive groves and the antiquities of this exquisite town. The 2019 event featured 364 samples from 14 countries, showing a small increase compared to 2018 – especially samples from Greece (+ 8.5%), which comprised 51% of the total number of participants. The rest of the olive oils came from Argentina, France, Spain, Israel, Italy, Croatia, Morocco, Portugal, Saudi Arabia, Slovenia, Turkey, Tunisia and Chile. This, in combination with the panel (1/3 Greek judges, 2/3 foreigners), serves again to demonstrate the international character of the competition and its establishment as one of the most remarkable in the world, already from its 4th year running.

7. Agricultural meetings

Description:

As part of the “Captain Vassilis and Carmen Constantakopoulos” Foundation’s main aim to keep Messinian producers always informed, a new round of open presentations has begun in more, purely rural, areas of Messinia. During the meeting, the guest expert briefly presents specific practical issues (quality improvement, production protection, olive diseases, etc.) and then the producers and the audience have the chance to hold discussions and submit questions. The aim of the educational meetings is to inform professional farmers, new farmers, processors of agricultural products and other professionals in the field. In 2019, six meetings took place, in Sterna, Vlachopoulo, Soulinari, Kardamili, Korifassio and Gialova, with the participation of approximately 150 producers and professionals in the agricultural sector.

CVF seminar on rural development



8. Aroma Innovation Hub – Practical support for the cultivation of aromatic plants

Description:

The Aroma Innovation Hub was founded in the Patras Science Park by members of the University of Patras, the Technological Educational Institute of Western Greece and businesses active in the field of cultivation and processing. The Hub’s mission is the deepening of the connection between the academic and the professional fields, the transfer of know-how to the producer chain and the strengthening of entrepreneurship in this specific area, which is connected with agricultural and herbal health products.

9. Student internships

Description:

The Foundation covers the travel, accommodation and food

expenses for the two students of the Agricultural University of Athens who are working in the program for the cultivation and reproduction of Messinian seeds with the aim of preparing some of those varieties for commercial use.

10. University of Athens – Research on aromatic plant extracts

Description:

The School of Pharmacy of the University of Athens has developed a series of collaborations with businesses in Messinia and throughout Greece, assisting in the research, practical extraction and analysis of parapharmaceuticals. The successful association with Messinian partners and the support of the Foundation will continue in the future.

11. University of Peloponnese – Agricultural research programs

Description:

The Technological Educational Institute of Kalamata, being partially oriented toward geotechnical subjects, is carrying out a series of applied research programs, useful on a local scale and directly connected with the Foundation’s programs.

12. University of Athens – Research on the important properties of polyphenols

Description:

The purpose of this study is to conduct clinical trials using a disease model based on cell culture to investigate the beneficial biological properties of olive oil polyphenols as anti-cancer agents. The successful implementation of this project and the documentation of the beneficial role of high phenolic oil consumption by cancer patients will lead to a significant increase in the economic value of olive oil.

13. Commercial Association of Filiatra – Agricultural exhibition of Filiatra

Description:

In 2019, an agricultural trade fair took place for the first time in Filiatra, and it was met with great success. As many as 40 exhibitors from all over Greece participated; moreover, the exhibition was visited by 8,000 people, and more than 10 special presentations were made.

14. Ernst & Young – Evaluation of the Foundation's impact

Description:

An evaluation of the social return on investment (SROI) was carried out regarding the investments of the Foundation during the period 2012-2017 which are related to its main fields of activity: Rural development, social welfare and cultural development in Messinia. The following is an overview of the Foundation's performance in its main fields of activity during the period 2012-2017:



Agricultural exhibition of Filiatra



15. "My Greek Table" show on American television



Description:

The action concerns the creation of two videos on the topic of Messinian cuisine and products, and the promotion of the area's unique beauty. The videos were created by Diane Kochilas and were broadcast in the United States.

16. Seminar in the Prespa area

Description:

A seminar on sustainable rural development in the Prespa area was organized on 9 December 2019 in Lemos, Prespa, titled "Sustainable Rural Development – Challenges and Perspectives for Creating Added Value in the Prespa Area," which was attended by renowned speakers from all over Greece. The seminar was organized within the framework of the PoliPrespa program (www.poliprespa.com) by A. S. Pelekanos, the Municipality of Prespes and the Society for the Protection of Prespa, with the contribution of the "Captain Vassilis and Carmen Constantakopoulos" Foundation. The aim of the seminar was to provide information and networking opportunities, and to encourage new ways and means for the utilization of farmers' resources and products.



17. Yale University – Conference on olive oil, Delphi

Description:

The Foundation supported the 2nd symposium of the Institute for Olive Oil and Health, which took place at the European Cultural Center of Delphi. The symposium was attended by renowned scientists from Yale, one of the world's top universities, as well as other eminent academics from all over the world, international organizations and entrepreneurs, aiming to promote research and ongoing education regarding the olive and its derivatives.

18. Educational agricultural/environmental program

Description:

The purpose of this action is to cultivate an interest in adolescents regarding research on the most fundamental nutritional product, the olive and olive oil. For this purpose, an educational program was designed, including group "missions and activities" which, in order to complete, the participants must obtain information about the olive and its products. The program is carried out in an area selected by the visiting team, which is most probably an olive grove.

C. CULTURE

Φεστιβάλ Χορού Καλαμάτας



1. Kalamata Dance Festival

Description:

The “Captain Vassilis and Carmen Constantakopoulos” Foundation has been supporting the Kalamata International Dance Festival since 2015. This festival is one of the top activities of the city’s International Dance Center.

The program of the 25th Kalamata Dance Festival is as follows:

- Eleven productions in the Dance Hall, four of which on the central stage, six in the studio and one in a specially designed space behind the scenes of the central stage.
- Twelve outdoor dance performances at the central square of Kalamata, with free admission, and one outdoor performance at Costa Navarino; every outdoor performance will be broadcast the following day in Costa Navarino.
- Photography exhibition by Josef Nadj at the foyer of the Dance Hall.
- Documentary on Louise Lecavalier at the courtyard of the Dance Hall, with free admission.
- Two film screenings by Béla Tarr at the Dance Hall’s studio.
- Musical evening at the courtyard of the Dance Hall, with free admission, in collaboration with the International Kalamata Music Days festival, organized by the Municipal Conservatory of Kalamata – Educational program comprising four professional seminars, one lecture open to everyone, one workshop for children, one workshop for adults over 50 years old and one seminar for people with special needs.

- Performance by the children’s workshop to open the festival, and performance by the seminar for people with special needs at the closing of the festival.

2. Oxbelly

Description:

For the first time this year, the Oxbelly Screenwriters & Directors Lab extended an open invitation to Greek filmmakers. Through workshops and talks, young directors were given the opportunity to develop their first and second feature films, having world-renowned mentors at their side. Paul Thomas Anderson (Phantom Thread), Miguel Gomes (Arabian Nights) and Tamara Jenkins (Private Life) were among the screenwriting advisors. Oxbelly took place on 21–28 July 2019 at Costa Navarino.

Αρχαιολογική ανασκαφή Θουρίας



3. Cultural August, Diavolitsi 2019

Description:

The “Captain Vassilis and Carmen Constantakopoulos” Foundation supports the festive events that take place in Diavolitsi in August. A great variety of events are organized at the “Stathia Constantakopoulos” open theater of Diavolitsi. The program comprises a series of events that span the entire month.

4. Archaeological excavation at Thouria

Description:

The “Captain Vassilis and Carmen Constantakopoulos” Foundation is supporting the archaeological excavation at Thouria, located approximately 10 kilometers northwest of Kalamata. 2019 was a significant year, as the greatest part of the town’s ancient theater, discovered the previous year, came to light.

5. Warrior tomb in Pylos, 1500 BC, conservation of findings

Description:

In 2015, Jack Davis and Sharon R. Stocker of the University of Cincinnati discovered an unlooted shaft tomb with rich burial offerings near the Mycenaean Palace of Nestor in Ano Eglanos, Chora, at the Municipality of Pylos-Nestor. The tomb, which belonged to a warrior, dates to approximately 1500 BC (Late Helladic II period) and constitutes the most impressive exhibition of prehistoric wealth in burial tombs in continental Greece to have come to light in the last sixty-five years. The “Captain Vassilis and Carmen Constantakopoulos” Foundation has taken on the task of identifying and conserving the findings since 2016. In 2017, the cleaning and maintenance of a unique agate ring became an occasion for the resurgence of interest in the site internationally.

6. Enhancement of the Palace of Nestor

Description:

The Ministry of Culture is proceeding with a program for the integration of archeological sites in the electronic ticket platform. The initiative is supported by the “Captain Vassilis and Carmen Constantakopoulos” Foundation.

7. Wheelchair tennis champion Yiorgos Lazaridis

Description:

The Foundation is supporting the efforts of world wheelchair tennis champion Yiorgos Lazaridis. In the previous year he participated in 17 tournaments in 10 countries (3 tournaments in Turkey, 3 in Croatia, 2 in Romania, 2 in Portugal, 2 in Israel and one each in Lithuania, Ukraine, Austria, the UK and Bulgaria). Of course, he also participated in the Ancient Messene Open tournament, which he himself inspired. Yiorgos Lazaridis also visited schools in Kalamata, Athens, Meligalas, Kardamili and Messini.

8. Children's football team, Diavolitsi

Description:

The children's football team of the Athletic Club of Diavolitsi received support.

9. Bicentennial initiative, 1821

Description:

The National Bank of Greece took on the initiative of coordinating the Foundations to carry out a series of joint actions in view of the celebration of the bicentennial of the Greek Revolution of 1821. The initiative is in progress, and some actions are already in the planning process in 2019.

10. Holy Church of Aghios Spiridon, Gargaliani

Description:

The interior of the Holy Church of Aghios Spiridon in Gargaliani was renovated.

11. Enhancement of the archaeological site at Iklena

Description:

Professor P. Cosmopoulos worked on the protection and enhancement of the monuments of ancient Iklena. The Foundation supported the necessary studies to improve access and enhance the archeological site (master plan, road construction, restoration, conservation).

12. Cultural associations of Kalamata and Western Messinia

Description:

Unions and associations from Kalamata and Western Messinia were supported in 2019 in order to continue their work.

Ancient Iklena





13. Kalamata Drama International Summer School (KaDISS)

Description:

The Kalamata Drama International Summer School (KaDISS) is a new, intensive 3-week drama program for a limited number of participants, taught in English, which takes place annually in the city of Kalamata.

14. Society for Hellenism and Philhellenism

Description:

The donation toward the Society for Hellenism and Philhellenism concerned the organization of an event in the Old Parliament. The purpose of the Society is to study, enhance and promote Greek culture and the spirit of philhellenism from antiquity to the present day.

15. Washington "OXI" Day Foundation

Description:

The non-profit organization "OXI" Day Foundation received a donation as support; according to its statute, the Foundation's purpose is to highlight the role of Greece in World War II.

16. Holy Monastery of Dimiova – Renovation of the Holy Monastery of Dimiova

Description:

A donation was made to the Holy Metropolitan Church of Messinia, which took on the restoration of the Holy Monastery of the Assumption of the Virgin in Dimiova. The works were completed in 2019.

17. Holy Metropolitan Church of Messinia – Support for conference

Description:

The donation concerned the support to the Holy Metropolitan Church of Messinia for the organization of a conference on "Franks and Venetians in Messinia."

18. Tsiklitiras Academy

Description:

The donation to the Tsiklitiras team concerned the support of the academy so that the training of young children can continue. Serious shortages in clothing, pharmaceutical supplies and training equipment were covered.

19. "Pamissos" Association

Description:

Another action the Foundation supported was the performances "Averoff Epiphany" and "March of the Spirit" by Mikis Theodorakis, which took place at the theatre of Ancient Messini. Yannis Thomopoulos and Maria Krassopoulou were the key performers, and Costas Chalkias took on the role of narrator. Mikis Theodorakis extended a special greeting to the event.

20. "Agoni Grammi Gonimi" ("Unprofitable shipping routes can be profitable") – Educational seminars at the Prefecture of Messinia

Description:

The donation to the organization concerned the realization of a series of educational workshops in eight different schools in Messinia. The workshops centered on cultural themes.

"Pamissos," theatre of Ancient Messini, where the musical performances "Averoff Epiphany" and "March of the Spirit" took place.



D. ENVIRONMENT

International Conference for Marine Mammal Protected Areas 2019



1. HELMEPA

Description:

The Foundation supports HELMEPA every year. HELMEPA is an environmental education program that offers to approximately 6,500 young students who become volunteer members the annual opportunity to be informed and take action for the protection of our country's marine environment.

2. Environmental education program

Description:

The action centers on providing information to schools and adults regarding wildlife, the peculiarities and species of the area as well as programs and possibilities for the care of wild animals.

3. Cleaning of beaches/creeks at the wider area of Pylos

Description:

The clean-up of the wider area of Pylos as well as the area surrounding the Gialova lagoon is now an annual event, with the participation of several volunteers. The aim is to raise public awareness about environmental issues.

4. International conference on marine mammal protected areas

Description:

WWF organized for the first time in Greece the international conference on marine mammal protected areas titled "10 years ICMMPA: Evaluating the challenges & finding practical solutions for the protection of marine mammals." The conference took place at Costa Navarino in April 2019.

5. Coastal

Description:

This is a research program carried out across eight European countries with the aim of researching development models for coastal rural areas and setting examples of good spatial planning.

6. Gialova lagoon protection/management

Description:

Several actions for the connection of biodiversity and entrepreneurship in the region.

7. World Human Forum – Organization of Convergences Forum

Description:

The most interactive and original forum, the Convergences Forum, which brings together opposite worlds for a good cause, took place for the first time in Greece. The Convergences Greece Forum took place in Athens on 1 and 2 April at the historical Olympia theatre and at the Hub Events, focusing on the United Nations' sustainable development goal N. 11, Sustainable Cities and Communities, in order to promote our country's best practices and create fertile ground for "convergences," so that we can achieve the ultimate goal: A carbon-neutral Greece with zero exclusion and zero poverty!

