

2019

first semester



Care Center “...Regaining hope for life”

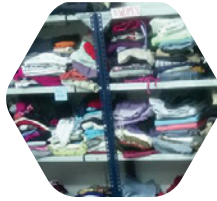
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Opening hours:
Tuesday and Thursday 12.00 to 18.00

The “Care Center” for refugees is a common project to restore the dignity and hope of people seeking refuge in Greece because of the dangers they have faced in their countries up to this day. The “Care Center” is governed by Christian principles and values and operates under the auspices of the Greek Evangelical Alliance (PES). It is supported by AGAPE and other Christian organizations and is run in co-operation with a number of local churches.

Refugee Care Center Activities

Children's Programs: We often have the joy of hosting groups or individuals who creatively engage refugee children in games, activities, theatrical events etc



Foreign Language Courses: The first English language course was successfully completed, and German and Greek language courses for beginners were also launched..



Women's Creative Activities - Sewing Courses: The ladies visiting the Center are thrilled with the sewing lessons, as they have the opportunity to either create something of their own or to tailor for them a piece of clothing they like.

Food and Cloth Distribution: In co-operation with the Central Fruit and Vegetable Market of Thessaloniki, with local bakers and shops, as well as courtesy of other organizations, we distribute food and clothing to the refugees on a weekly basis.

Music Events: In collaboration with musicians from Greece, as well as from abroad, mini concerts are organized for the entertainment of the refugees.

Snacks and beverages: Every week, our volunteers prepare sandwiches, snacks, treats and drinks for the refugees who visit the Center.

In the first semester of 2019:



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people were offered free meals, were given clothes and essentials, and had the opportunity to hear a short message from the Bible.



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people used the washing machines and tumble dryers.



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people were able to take a hot bath

Volunteers

Our volunteers are the pillar of the operation of the Refugee Care Center. It is their love for the people, their consistency, their faithfulness and their excellent spirit of offering, that make everything work perfectly, as they show the Love of Christ in practice.



However, there are still many needs, and so, if you would like to help with the operation of the Refugee Care Center, you can find out more by calling Irene Anastasopoulou at 0030 6907646546 (mobile phone) or by sending an e-mail to: coordinator@carecenter.gr

Our First Excursion

"After a year in Greece, it is the first day that I felt real joy and hope!", a lady from Syria said enthusiastically, and her words filled us with such joy and pleasure that made us forget the fatigue of the day. It was the first tour that the Refugee Care Center organized and it took place on 2 May 2019.

This excursion gave the opportunity to over 90 visitors to our Center – young and old - to enjoy, in nature, a program that included games and activities for children, lunch, sweets, tea and snacks for everyone. But most of all they delighted in the pleasant company and the cheerful faces!



It is a shared wish among all participants for such activities to take place more often, but above all it is our own desire, because in nature, and in such a beautiful environment as the campsite in Filyro, they can escape from their everyday life, they can rest and they can get to know each other better. Furthermore, whenever we are given the opportunity, we can talk to them about the source of creation and true life, which is Jesus Christ.

For a trip like that we need many volunteers: to prepare the meals, to shop the necessary supplies, to entertain the children, etc. Furthermore, as the organizational costs are quite high, any financial support would be valuable to us.



An extra day

We feel especially blessed that we have been capable to run the Center for one more day in the week: We have dedicated this day to events and activities for children, to family counseling and to Bible studies and to running programs such as Al Massira.

Al Massira (The Journey) was created to present the Christian Faith in a way that is understandable by Muslim populations. It includes thirteen short, self-contained videos, which are followed by a Bible study, discussion, and prayer. The meetings conclude with a shared meal in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

We thank God for the people who consistently and faithfully attend this program every Wednesday, and especially for its coordinators, James, Gaby, Jacob and Adam (names have been changed).





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Prayer points

We pray that God:

- Will touch and mobilize volunteers who will be able to take on various areas of this action on a permanent basis.
- Will supply a car for our transportation needs and the transport of supplies (food, clothes etc.) to the Refugee Care Center.
- Will continue to provide and to take care of all the financial needs of the Center.
- Will continue to touch the hearts of the people who visit our Center.

Finally, we thank God for the valuable protection and cover he provides to all of us - collaborators and volunteers - at the Refugee Care Center.

Care Center

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and its efforts using the following means of payment:**

- Alpha Bank: IBAN: GR6301404120 412002001000244
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Reason : RCC and your name and surname

