

## FINAL REPORT

**Benefactor:** THI CANADA  
**Beneficiary:** SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES GREECE  
**Time period:** March 2019 – December 2019  
**Grant:** 50,000 CAD  
**Scope:** Food aid and SOS Babies Home Support

The SOS Children's Villages Greece through the four SOS Children's Villages, the two Youth Houses and the two SOS Babies Homes provide abandoned, orphaned and destitute children with a new and permanent home. The children receive a suitable education and sound preparation for independence in adult life.

Through the support of THI Canada we managed to cover the food needs for 42 SOS families and most specifically for 229 children and 42 SOS Mothers. The food aid support covered the need for food for all our programs from March 2019 to December 2019.

Additionally through this donation we managed to support the SOS Babies Home which we operate in Marousi-Athens.

### SOS Babies Home Report

During 2019 the Home hosted and supported 21 children in total. The average length of stay for children in the Home was 17.9 months, close to the maximum time for hosting children according to the Home's scientific operating procedures.

Due to previous severe neglect, many of the children presented health problems and required systematic pediatric care. Many medical tests and examinations were made for free at the Pediatric Clinic of the Athens Medical Centre. There is a complete medical record for every one of the children staying at the Home, which is updated periodically by the personnel of the program.

During this period, 11 children started school (6 in a general kindergarten with classes for students with learning difficulties and 5 in Daycare Centers). This year the daily educational program continued operating within the Home based on the operating standards of a daycare center and staffed by the Home's specialized personnel.

Any relationship between the children and their biological parents was strengthened by their visits to the Home always with a care-giver present while a social worker, child-psychiatrist and clinical psychologist offer parents counseling, depending on the case.

We also supported biological families that live in other cities (Tripoli, Heraklion Crete, and Thessaloniki) or countries (Bulgaria, Germany) through skype sessions, meetings and daytrips.

A systematic support-plan is consisted for three children in order to ensure their return to their biological family and a follow-up program is implemented by the "Home" in collaboration with the Juvenile Prosecutor's Office in Athens for at least one year after their return.

SOS Babies Home collaborated with the following Universities or Institutions in order to offer places for internships:

- The Department of Occupational Therapy of the Technological Educational Institute of Athens (1 intern)
- The Postgraduate Program of the Department of Special Education of the University of Athens (1 intern)
- The Hellenic American University (work experience for one psychologist during the summer period).
- Institute of Professional Training for Nurseries (3 interns)
- Center of Art and Psychotherapy (2 interns)
- The College of Athens (2 places for voluntary experience for I.B. students)

SOS Babies Home has organized events aimed at strengthening the relations between the Home and the community of Marousi. (a fancy-dress party for Carnival and farewell parties for the children that left the Home to live with their new families).

Various events take place for children hosted at the SOS Babies Home: recreational activities (such as basketball, swimming and artistic gymnastics) and visits such as daily trips to the seaside and to the mountain, visits to the zoo, the urban farm, festivals organized by SOS Children's Villages, theatrical plays, school parties, attending daily summer camps etc.

At the end of June, Mrs. Victoria Boucovalas – Director of Operations of THI Canada visited the SOS Babies Home where she stayed the whole day speaking with the employees of the program and with the children.

Finally, a big party took place over Christmas for all of the children that grew up at the SOS Babies Home and for their friends at the kindergarten.

## Food aid report

All our children received on a daily basis two meals and also the children attending school they received snacks. Besides the upbringing of the children, the healthy nutrition is one of our first and immediate priorities.

Through investing in the healthy nutrition and by covering the food needs of our children and SOS Mothers we are investing in the SOS families' relationships. Also, through that we give them to understand the high importance of healthy nutrition.

<b>No of beneficiaries (children &amp; adults)</b>	<b>No of meals per day</b>	<b>No of days</b>
271	2	284
<b>No of beneficiaries (children)</b>	<b>No of snacks per day</b>	<b>No of days</b>
169	1	150

In total, the food aid supply benefited 42 SOS families (42 SOS Mothers and 229 children) living in all our SOS programs.



THE HELLENIC INITIATIVE

TYPE OF EXPENSE: FOOD AID										TOTAL IN CAD
	1st month - April 2018	2nd month - May 2018	3rd month - June 2018	4th month - July 2018	5th month - August 2018	6th month - September 2018	7th month - October 2018	8th month - November 2018	9th month - December 2018	
LOCATIONS										
FOOD AID SUPPORT FOR SOS BABIES HOME & SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES ALL OVER GREECE (198 children and 36 adults)	\$5,555.55	\$5,555.55	\$5,555.55	\$5,555.55	\$5,555.55	\$5,555.55	\$5,555.55	\$5,555.55	\$5,555.60	\$50,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,555.55</b>	<b>\$5,555.55</b>	<b>\$5,555.55</b>	<b>\$5,555.55</b>	<b>\$5,555.55</b>	<b>\$5,555.55</b>	<b>\$5,555.55</b>	<b>\$5,555.55</b>	<b>\$5,555.60</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>

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Through the support of THI Canada we managed to cover the food needs for 36 SOS families and most specifically for 198 children and 36 SOS Mothers. The food aid support covered the need for food for all our programs from April 2018 to December 2018

Additionally through this donation we managed to support the SOS Babies Home which we operate in Maroussi-Athens.

During 2018 the Home hosted and supported **25 children** in total. **The average length of stay** for children in the Home was **19.1** months, close to the maximum time for hosting children according to the Home's scientific operating procedures.

Due to previous severe neglect, many of the children presented health problems and required systematic pediatric care. **5 children** were **hospitalized** at the Pediatric Clinic of the Athens Medical Centre which offers its medical services for free on a 24-hour basis. There is a complete medical record maintained by personnel for every one of the children staying at the Home.

Since September 2018, 6 children have started school (2 in a general kindergarten with classes for students with learning difficulties and 4 in Daycare Centers). Also, 2 of our children that are under 2 years old took part in the daily educational program organized by our specialized personnel.

We have organized recreational activities and visits such as daily trips to the seaside and to the mountain, visits to the zoo, the urban farm, festivals organized by SOS Children's Villages, theatrical plays, school parties, attending daily summer camps etc.

We have hosted with great honor and pleasure in the Co-President of the THI Canada Mr. John Sotos, who had lunch with the infant of the program. A big party took place over Christmas for all of the children that grew up at the Home and for their friends at the kindergarten.



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LOCATIONS										
FOOD AID SUPPORT FOR SOS BABIES HOME & SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES ALL OVER GREECE (198 children and 36 adults)	\$5,555.55	\$5,555.55	\$5,555.55	\$5,555.55	\$5,555.55	\$5,555.55				\$33,333.30
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$5,555.55	\$5,555.55	\$5,555.55	\$5,555.55	\$5,555.55	\$5,555.55				<b>\$33,333.30</b>



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