

ALKIONIDES

‘Alkionides’ are the Halcyon days that, according to Greek mythology, are the calm bright days in the midst of winter the Gods provide to the kingfishers to enable them to hatch their eggs. Similarly, we aim to brighten the days of families facing desperate times. Since its foundation in 1998, the charity endeavors to bring relief to our fellow citizens when they are enduring unbearable hardship.

In cooperation with the Department of Social Services, we try to cover the gap in the provision of immediate assistance, which arise as a result of the multitude of case combined with short staffing and the inevitable bureaucracy of government departments.

The way we achieve this, is by satisfying specific needs. We never give monetary handouts, but instead offer food coupons, settle outstanding bills for the provision of essential services such as electricity, or settle outstanding rents for persons who, we verify are truly unable to make these essential payments.

Our charity is manned exclusively by volunteers, thus avoiding running expenses. Indeed in 2009 we dispensed a sum of €278,566 in aid to persons in dire need, and our expenses amounted to only €464.

Apart from these forms of assistance

- ★ we meet the needs of patients sent abroad by the Ministry of Health for treatment, not available in Cyprus, chiefly to hospitals in the UK. The Government meets the medical costs but no other expenses i.e. tickets, travel in the UK, the purchase of food and accommodation. In 2010 we contributed €62,476 to help 50 cases in this way .We frequently help the same family a number of times each year, as necessitated by their treatment.
- ★ we have been renting 3 bedrooms in a suitably furnished and equipped apartment in Central London, since March 2010, where we simultaneously house, free of charge, up to three very low income families of patients undergoing long-term treatment in hospitals of central London. This “**nest**” provided a temporary home for 23 families in one year.
- ★ we help able students from welfare or low income backgrounds, by paying part of their tuition expenses at Universities of Cyprus or the UK. In 2010 we helped a total of 25 students with the sum of €33,727.
- ★ we purchased much needed equipment for the Genetics Institute, The Makarios Hospital and for the Cancer Patients and Friends.
- ★ We have been sponsoring a summer programme for children with special needs from disadvantaged families, for the past seven years.

Our proceeds emanate from events that we organize throughout the year as well as from donations generously given to us by individuals and companies with a social conscience. Given the sterling reputation of our charity, contributors can trust that any sum given to us will be put to good use and indeed, if so specified, will be used for the purpose the donor wishes e.g. to aid a specific sick child.

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We need your help!

- ★ Become a member.
- ★ Host a fundraising coffee morning / birthday party.
- ★ Sponsor our Nest.
- ★ Please tell your friends and family to support our events.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please complete this form and post to:

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P.O. BOX 21012, 1500 NICOSIA.

e-mail: polyvioug@cytanet.com.cy

Fax 22678011

Part A: Personal Details

Name:

Id Card No :

Address:

Home tel:

Work tel/Mbl:

E-mail:

Part B: Payment details

I am enclosing cheque no in the name of ALKIONIDES for the following amount

Annual membership: €20

Voluntary donation:

Total €

Signature of member

Date.

Please tick if you will pay your membership fee by a standing order to ALKIONIDES, at the Bank of Cyprus,

Account No. 0106-05-020580-00



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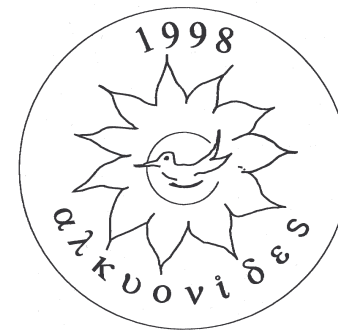
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