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THI Australia 10th Anniversary Dinner
Monday, 18 March 2024
ANZ Centre, Melbourne

THI AUSTRALIA VISION & MISSION

Vision

- To support a strong, sustainable and secure Greece.
- To unite the Greek Diaspora.
- To promote Hellenic ideals.

Mission

- To initiate and engage in collaborative projects in Greece that provide social, health, economic, geopolitical and cultural benefits.

ABOUT US

The Hellenic Initiative was co-founded in 2012 by Andrew N Liveris AO (President, 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games Organising Committee and former CEO and Chairman Dow Chemical Company) and leading members of the global Greek diaspora who felt compelled to respond to the economic and social crisis in Greece.

Collectively, THI chapters in Australia, Canada, the USA, and the UK, have committed more than US\$20 million in crisis relief and economic and entrepreneurial development.

The THI Australia Board comprises of volunteer directors from across Australia. All requests for funding by THI Australia are subject to a rigorous approval process. Following due diligence check conducted by THI Australia staff and local contacts in Greece, the Board approves all applications.

In 2023, THI Australia launched its Honorary Council to provide an exciting opportunity for it to build its success by bringing together eminent Greek Australians and philhellenes to assist us to continue to play a vital role in building a bright and secure future for Greece.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT AND CEO

Thank you for joining us tonight as we collectively celebrate a decade of remarkable achievement at The Hellenic Initiative Australia.

At the invitation of noted Greek-Australian business leader, Andrew N Liveris AO, more than 150 leaders of the Greek Australian community assembled in March 2014 to discuss how to best mobilise support for Greece in that nation's moment of acute need.

It was at that first event that a decision was made to form an Australian chapter of The Hellenic Initiative, the first unaffiliated worldwide representation of the Greek diaspora. We were immediately heartened by the broad support our call elicited, and we were inspired by the commitment of so many to unite for Greece in what were unprecedented days.

As is often the case, crises inspire far-reaching initiatives that would otherwise be unthinkable in less troubled times. We all understood then that this had to be a long-term initiative, as much about the diaspora, its role and its purpose, as it was about Greece. The stronger we became, the stronger Greece would become. And vice versa.

Ten years on, that commitment and passion across the globe has not waned; rather, it has blossomed. Particularly in Australia, and even more so in Melbourne, Greece's antipodean epicentre.

From what started as a crisis-based organisation, The Hellenic Initiative, or 'THI' as it has become affectionately known globally, has expanded to become not only a place of support for Greece's most imperilled, but also a source of inspiration for its most talented. In short, THI has become a beacon for Greece, a resource for both good and bad times. The recognition you will hear tonight from Greece's Prime Minister, Kyriakos Mitsotakis, should be reward enough for all of us.

This achievement is no small thing. And like all movements that deliver real change, they bear the fingerprints of many selfless contributors, from philanthropic donors and corporate supporters like our host tonight, ANZ, which has stood by our side from the get-go, to the most silent, our volunteers and our anonymous benefactors.

We know you will take pride in reading the overview of THI Australia's programs in Greece in the pages that follow. Needless to say, we are privileged to be collaborating with innovative and trusted partner charities in Greece, just as we are greatly honoured by your participation here tonight and throughout our decade-long story. You can rest assured that it is not taken for granted.

The THI story still has many chapters to be read. Our anniversary tag line is Diaspora in Action, an expression that reinforces an underlying message that only by actions will we propel Greece to the position it should rightfully hold on the world stage; a strong, sustainable, compassionate Greece of which we can all be proud.

Let us all join together for another decade of achievement for Greece.

Nicholas G Pappas AM
President

Stergitsa Zamagias-Hill
Chief Executive Officer



IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

2014-2024

Since 2014, The Hellenic Initiative Australia has provided close to **\$3** million in grants and in-kind support delivering life-changing opportunities for vulnerable communities in Greece.

SOCIAL SERVICES

1,042,034 kilos of food have been saved and donated to **90** charities through the **Boroume** Farmers' Market Program in Athens and Thessaloniki.



144 THI Australia volunteers have participated in the collection of fresh produce from farmers' markets in Greece.

403 families have received food relief packages from the Social Grocery of Thermo in Aetolia-Akarnania and the Social Grocery of Salamina.



X,XXX homeless, rough sleepers and isolated people have been supported by **Emfasis** Non-Profit Foundation.



32 children and parents living in challenging circumstances have been provided with food vouchers by **Mazi Gia to Paidi** to provide daily meals.



XXX disadvantaged children have been provided with daily meals and educational support by **SOS Children's Villages** in Patras and Heraklion.



8,000 kilos of food items was provided to vulnerable communities across Greece by **Wise Greece**.



HEALTH

12,188 disadvantaged individuals have received access to public health care services, 53,056 consultations and 13,451 medical assessments, delivered by **Doctors of the World Greece** at the Open Polyclinic in Athens.



78,863 children have benefitted from upgraded regional paediatric facilities in hospitals and health centres by **Pediatric Trauma Care** in **21** locations across Greece.



1,164 people on remote Aegean islands have received critical medical attention assisted by **Axion Hellas**.



EDUCATION

31,592 students across **406** schools in Greece have participated in educational programs encouraging volunteerism and community solidarity through **Desmos**' "I Care & Act" program.



2,473 students at **18** schools in regional locations across Greece have participated in **The Tipping Point**'s online education programs providing career advice guidance delivered by online mentors.



EMPLOYMENT

2 unemployed graduates have participated in the **Desmos for Youth** Program gaining valuable experience working at not-for-profit organisations in Greece.



3 unemployed individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds have participated in the **Ithaca Laundry** work reintegration program and played a crucial role in providing free mobile laundry services to thousands of people living in challenging conditions in Athens.



26 unemployed Greek graduates have participated in our Internship Program with **12** Australian host organisations.



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HELP SUPPORT PEDIATRIC TRAUMA CARE AND CHILDREN IN GREECE

THI Australia's partner charity in Greece, Pediatric Trauma Care (Pedtrauma) has been ensuring hospitals and health centres across Greece are properly equipped to deal with pediatric trauma injuries. Since 2018, THI Australia has purchased medical equipment for 21 hospitals and health centres in Greece. In just one year, more than 22,000 children have benefitted from the equipment we delivered.

Today, Pedtrauma has identified the immediate need for ten neonatal cribs for the General University Hospital in Heraklion and two vein viewers and a portable ultrasound scanner for the in 'Achillopouleio' General Hospital in Volos.

Please consider making a tax deductible donation in support of Pedtrauma's life-changing mission. All gifts, small and large will make a difference.

- \$4,000 will purchase one neonatal crib. Ten are required in Heraklion.
- \$8,200 will purchase a vein viewer. Two are needed in Volos.
- \$20,000 will purchase a portable ultrasound scanner for Volos.



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Thank you for your continued
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