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Hebrews 6:19 NIV

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The Anchor

The St. Nektarios Endowment Fund Highlights and Annual Report

DEVELOPING FUTURE ORTHODOX LEADERS

The value to the youth of our parish provided by the Cockinos Family Youth Ministry Development Fund is immeasurable. We are blessed by this visionary endowment to support the Youth of St. Nektarios, to keep them active in Orthodox life and to invest in our future leaders. The Cockinos fund is the first major gift to the larger, multifaceted St. Nektarios Endowment formed to benefit the overall work and mission of our church. This Fund benefits our Youth Ministry participation at both the Metropolis and the parish levels.

During the past year, the Cockinos Family Ministry has funded full and partial scholarships for our youth to attend various Parish and Metropolis-level youth events and programs. As the costs of participation in various events escalate, this fund allows our youth to continue to represent our parish and actively participate at all levels.

In 2019, The Cockinos Family Ministry funded \$3,825 in scholarships for The Metropolis of Atlanta **St. Stephen's Summer Camp**, a week-long camp held each summer at the Diakonia Retreat Center in Salem, SC. St. Stephen's Summer Camp is grounded on the principals of living an Orthodox lifestyle with twice daily liturgical services; opportunities for reflection; community living and meals; athletics; arts & crafts; and nightly social activities.

BSA Summer Camp, for our parish's **Boy Scout Troop 490** at Camp Grimes is another opportunity for our youth to engage in fellowship and various learning opportunities. Last summer, the Endowment provided scholarship assistance to make attendance possible.

The Endowment provided funds for materials and service projects for our newest youth program, **St. Anna Homeschool Fellowship**. This vibrant, growing group meets once a month for fellowship, worship, service, and learning!

In December, the Fund provided a \$3,000 stipend to help fund our parish's **GOYA Boston Trip**. Twenty of our GOYAnS, along with Father Nektarios and Presbyteria Lia, traveled to Boston for four days of fellowship and service. In Boston, our GOYAnS toured **Hellenic College/Holy Cross Seminary**, visited and provided anointing kits for residents of the **Metropolis of Boston's Philoxenia House**, an on-campus home where Orthodox faithful from

around the world are able to stay while receiving medical treatment at Boston-area hospitals.



The Cockinos Family Fund also blesses our parish-level programming and events. This year, the fund provided approximately \$4,000 to support such programming as **GOYA Summer of Service**, **Hellenic Dance**, **St. Phoebe Ministry** service projects, and our weekly **Orthodox Life (O-Life)** sessions. It has also provided registration fee and travel assistance to families in our parish whose children are speaking at District, Metropolis, and/or National level **St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festivals**.

In addition, the Fund supports a bi-annual summer pilgrimage for students in 9th and 10th grade to the **St. Photios Greek Orthodox National Shrine** with a grant of \$2,500. The shrine is dedicated to the first colony of Greek settlers who came to America in 1768.

The Youth Ministry would like to recognize and thank the St. Nektarios Endowment and specifically the Cockinos Family Youth Ministry Development Fund for helping to ensure that all of our youth are able to take part in programs and events which help them remain active and engaged in the life of the Church.

Helen Giles, Director



Help support the St. Nektarios Endowment

When you choose to shop on AmazonSmile (Same products, same accounts as Amazon) 0.5% of your eligible purchases will be donated to the Endowment.

Just designate the St. Nektarios Endowment as your charity of choice.



Story Time & Building Time at the Center of Hope

The Salvation Army Center of Hope is a 314- bed homeless shelter that sleeps up to 425 homeless women and children every night. These children are displaced from normal life, in an uncertain existence. Many play in a storage room or the parking lot with little to no access to programs outside of the public schools.

Our mission is to have a ministry that provides the children of the Center of Hope with compassionate, fun, and educational programs that are missing from their life.

St. Nektarios Saturday Morning Preschool



Children of the Center of Hope and your Moms Are Invited!

Books ~ Rhymes ~ Songs ~ Craft




Hosted by Larissa and Joe Tristano



We'll make a panda headband!

We serve the Center of Hope families every weekend through alternating **Story Time** and **Building Time** programs. **Story Time** mirrors a public library story time program, geared towards school aged children. It currently consists of reading several stories aloud to the group, leading children through action songs, group activities, crafts, and snacks. We project colorful slides that contain the lyrics to the songs and

activities for the Saturday program so that parents and children can follow along.

Building Time consists of an hour of Legos, blocks, circuit electronic kits, and coloring for toddlers through teens and their moms. The children look forward to both programs and we enjoy the time that we, as a family, get to interact with them.

A grant from The Cockinos Family Youth Ministry Development Fund of the St. Nektarios Endowment has helped achieve our mission to enhance the lives of these homeless children. It has helped upgrade their surroundings, supplied books, crafts, snacks and Legos.

With the help of the Endowment and the support of the St. Nektarios community, the children and their mothers enjoy a respite each Saturday to play and learn in a wholesome and safe environment.

We thank The St. Nektarios Endowment and all of you for your support.

Larissa and Joe Tristano

About the Endowment

The Endowment was established in 2017 to provide donors an opportunity to make planned gifts to the Church that will provide a lasting legacy of financial support and will become a living memorial that honors the vision and mission of St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church.

The Cockinos Family Youth Ministry Development Fund is the First Major Gift to the larger, multi-faceted St. Nektarios Endowment formed to benefit the overall work and mission of our church.

Its goal is to build and expand upon its first gift from the Cockinos family. Future gifts will build upon this foundation and will be earmarked for the general well-being of our church and its ministries—the Endowment invests all principal for long-term growth and makes interest income available for ministry work.

How can you contribute to The St. Nektarios Endowment?

Please consider a gift NOW or a Planned Gift as part of your Estate Planning. Gifts begin at \$5,000 and can include:

- ◆ Bequests made in donor's will or trust
- ◆ Gifts of cash, securities, life insurance, real estate
- ◆ Or qualified retirement plans (401k, IRA)

Please consider adding the Endowment as a beneficiary to your life insurance. Just request a new beneficiary designation form from your insurance company.

The St. Nektarios Endowment is a designated 501(c)3 charity. All gifts are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

The Cockinos Family Youth Ministry Development Fund 2019 Annual Financial Report

- ◆ **Portfolio Balance**
January 1, 2019 = \$441,248
December 31, 2019 = \$496,676
- ◆ **2019 Interest and Dividends Earned – \$24,877**
- ◆ **Fees – \$4,800 annually**
- ◆ **Managed by First Citizens Investment Services**

2019 Grants Awarded

13 grants approved for a total of \$15,575

- ◆ **\$10,575 to St. Nektarios Department for Youth Ministries**
 - ◇ Scholarships to attend St. Stephens Camp, National Oratorical Festival, Winter visit to Holy Cross Seminary
 - ◇ Youth Staff Development
 - ◇ St. Anna Orthodox Home School Fellowship
 - ◇ St. Phoebe Ministry
- ◆ **\$2,000 to Child of God Kenya to benefit youth**
- ◆ **\$1,600 to scholarship support**
- ◆ **\$600 to St. Nektarios Church to support baptismal gifts**
- ◆ **\$500 to Women's Health Shelter Story Time Salvation Army Center of Hope**
- ◆ **\$300 in scholarships to attend Camp Grimes Boy Scout summer camp**

Grant Applications

Open to all St. Nektarios ministries. Individuals may also be eligible.
Grants should benefit youth 18 and younger.
Please contact a committee member for more information.



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The St. Nektarios Endowment Fund & The Legacy Circle

*We have this hope as an anchor for the soul,
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Our Orthodox faith anchors us through generations and across continents. We are members of a community of believers; and our Church has been, is now, and always will be the Body of Christ on earth. We believe we are called to *live* our faith, as we take each step on earth to learn to walk with Christ.

St. Nektarios Church is making a significant impact on our parish members, on our region, and on our world by providing worship, service, witness, and fellowship. To help fulfill this mission, we have established the St. Nektarios Endowment Fund.

By making a gift now or a Planned Gift to the St. Nektarios Endowment, you can leave a lasting legacy to our Church. Your gift will be the anchor for generations to come, and may offer you substantial current tax benefits and future estate tax benefits.

Examples of Gifts to the Endowment include:

**Bequest made in the donor's will or trust — Gift of Cash — Gift of Securities — Gift of Life Insurance
Gift of Real Estate — Qualified Retirement Plans: 401K, IRA**

Gifts begin at \$5,000.

Visit www.stnektarios.org for our brochure and for more information on this Endowment
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Leave a Lasting Legacy

That will become a living memorial

to honor the vision and the mission of St. Nektarios Greek Orthodox Church.

To donate or for more information, simply complete this form and return to the church address on the reverse side or send the requested information in an email to Theodora Sexstone, Endowment Chairman, at tsexstone@gmail.com

Yes I/we want to be a member (s) of the St. Nektarios Endowment and include it in my/our financial planning.

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