



2010-2011 Daughters of Penelope National Projects

At the 2010 Supreme Convention in Montreal, Canada, the Daughters of Penelope selected five mandatory charity projects for the 2010-2011 obligations year. They are:

- ☞ Daughters of Penelope Foundation, Inc.
- ☞ Domestic Family Violence Center: Penelope House, Mobile, AL
- ☞ Domestic Family Violence Center: Penelope's Place, Brockton, MA
- ☞ Penelopean Foundation Day Care Center, Athens, Greece
- ☞ University of Miami, Sylvester Cancer Research Center (Papanicolaou).

Daughters of Penelope Foundation, Inc. - The Daughters of Penelope Foundation, Inc., was established in 1983 to promote educational, cultural, scholarship and civic programs; to foster research in art, education, science and public affairs, to promote social, ethical, philanthropic, cultural, educational and intellectual interests of the members of the Daughters of Penelope and to preserve and promote the ideals and traditions of Hellenism. As a tax exempt 501 (c) 3 Foundation in the U.S.A., the Foundation provides funding for scholarships, seminars, symposiums, lectures and other educational activities. The Foundation has promoted education through reading with its Children's Literacy Program; awarded the Daughters of Penelope scholarships each year; submitted the Greek Immigrant Oral History Study tapes to the Library of Congress; and sponsored Lectures and Symposia. Web site: www.dopfoundationinc.com

Penelope House Family Violence Center - www.penelopehouse.org - Penelope House, the first shelter for battered women and children in Alabama, was founded under the direction of the Daughters of Penelope Chapter in 1978. Penelope House was one of the first such shelters in the nation and has served as a model for many shelters in the U.S. Penelope House helps victims of domestic violence to gain social and economic independence through shelter, counseling, advocacy and referral to community resources and agencies. The 24-hour crisis lines provide counseling, information and referral services to families in abusive situations. Penelope House provides shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children. Victims are provided a safe place to stay while assessing their life situation and setting goals for the future. Financial support to Penelope House helps saves lives of victims of domestic violence's and their children and helps provide them needed services.

Penelope's Place Family Violence Center - Penelope's Place, a collaboration between the Daughters of Penelope and Health Imperatives, is a 24/7 emergency residence in the City of Brockton, MA, for women and children fleeing domestic violence. Residents live at Penelope's Place for an average of 90 days. During that time Penelope's Place staff provides a safe place for healing from the trauma of domestic violence. Each resident is assigned to a primary staff person, who works with the resident and her family to develop goals to achieve self-sufficiency upon leaving Penelope's Place. Services provided include counseling, housing, legal and medical advocacy, life skills, parenting skills, and job coaching. In addition, children receive services from a specialized child therapist. Penelope's Place can accommodate up to five families at any time.

Penelopean Foundation Day Care Center - This Center was founded in 1957 from the initial idea of members of the Karyatides #271 Chapter in Athens, Greece, to exhibit philanthropy in the community. The Center started as a shelter for young girls in need of protection and education. In 1975 the Center converted to a day care center for children of working or incapacitated mothers of low income or no income in Athens. The Center hosts babies from 3 months old to pre-school age of 5 1/2. More than 3,000 children have received care, attention, and education in the Penelopean Day Care Center. This Center is a role model in Greece because of the high level of service and care given to the children who come each day. The Center receives funding from the government and private sources, but operating expenses, needs of the facilities and children are always more than the available resources. E-mail: penelopeoncenter1@yahoo.com.

University of Miami, Sylvester Cancer Research Center (Papanicolaou) - This dedicated comprehensive cancer center opened, is a world leader in the search for a cancer cure. The Daughters of Penelope are members of the Grand Founders of the Giving Societies of the Sylvester Cancer Center, where our funds are given. The Center is involved in hundreds of research initiatives and is recognized as one of the top cancer treatment and research facilities, with advanced cancer-fighting diagnostic and treatment services. Translating research breakthroughs into more effective treatments remains one of Sylvester's highest priorities, particularly in the areas of the many gynecological cancers that include many clinical research trials. Part of this Center, formerly the Papanicolaou Cancer Center, was named for Dr. George Papanicolaou, who through his research left an impressive legacy introducing the world to the women's life saving test called the "Pap Smear." The new Pap Corps volunteers conduct fund raising for cancer research at the Center.