



Cyprus Children's Fund, Inc.

2019

Annual Gala

*Honoring*

MR. DENNIS MEHIEL

and

NIKOS MOUYIARIS<sup>†</sup> & MANA PRODUCTS

With the Humanitarian and Philanthropic Award

† posthumously

Sunday, October 20, 2019

Cocktails: 5:00pm - Dinner: 6:00pm

BATTERY GARDENS

1 Battery Pl, New York, NY 10004

## DENNIS MEHIEL



Mr. Mehiel is The Chairman of U.S. Corrugated, Inc., a leading national independent packaging producer. He is the Managing Member of Four M Capital, LLC, a Buffalo Wild Wings Franchisee operating 17 sit-down sports-themed restaurants in the New York Metropolitan region, the Managing Member of Four M Investments, LLC, which maintains Holdings in several technology-based development stage companies.

From 2012 until 2017 Mr. Mehiel served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Battery Park City Authority. BPCA operates a 92 Acre mixed use property at the south end of Manhattan, home to ten million square feet of commercial space and 14,000 residents.

Mr. Mehiel now serves as The Chairman of Friends of St. Nicholas, a newly formed entity charged with completing construction of the St. Nicholas National Shrine at Ground Zero. He is a member of the Holy Trinity Cathedral in New York City, a former member of the Archdiocesan Council, the Lay Leadership of the Greek Orthodox Church of the Americas, and continues as a member of Leadership 100 and Faith: An Endowment for Orthodoxy and Hellenism. He is an Archon of The Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, the world's oldest Lay Religious Organization and a recipient of the Medal of St. Paul, the Highest Honor a lay person may receive from the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America.

## NIKOS MOUYIARIS



Entrepreneur, innovator and philanthropist, Nikos Mouyiaris, was the Founder and CEO of MANA Products, Inc., one of the world's leading contract and private label cosmetics manufacturers. A graduate of St. John's University with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, and Rutgers University with a Master of Science, Nikos was a visionary business and community leader.

Nikos was passionate and steadfast in his support of issues concerning Greece and Cyprus. He was the Founder of the Hellenic American Leadership Council, and was on the board of the Pancyprian Association of America, the Coordinated Effort of Hellenes, and a strong supporter of many others. His philanthropic endeavors included the Elytis Chair at Rutgers, Children's SOS Villages in Greece, and other organizations in the US, Greece and Cyprus. He was also the recipient of the respected

Ellis Island Medal of Honor. Nikos was an understated yet major supporter of Paradise 4 Kids, an Ebola orphanage in Sierra Leone and the Malaika Foundation, educating young girls in the Congo.

Nikos epitomized the American Dream. As a poor student from Cyprus he emigrated to the States in the 1970s and founded Mana Products, Inc., with \$6,000 he borrowed from his brother. In his early days, Nikos incubated some of the leading brands today. Supporting entrepreneurship and beauty innovation made Nikos one of the most respected industry leaders today. His vision has always been to pay-it-forward, and his personal and humble philanthropy has helped hundreds, if not thousands, of people.

Nikos leaves behind his beloved wife Carol and daughter Ariana, and family and friends who will miss him deeply.

# Cyprus Children's Fund, Inc.

*We care for the children of Cyprus*

## Origins and Evolution

Our story began in the aftermath of the brutal Turkish invasion and occupation of Cyprus in the summer of 1974, as Greeks around the world rallied to the aid of the Cypriot people. The Cyprus Children's Fund was established as a sponsorship program whose primary scope was to provide relief and aid to thousands of refugee children and their families. Over the years, this program has evolved into one that seeks to assist Cypriot refugee and non-refugee children alike.

These children come from families facing a diversity of issues, such as handicapped and/or unemployed parents, single-parent households, parents suffering from mental illness or substance abuse, etc. They are also enclaved children, living in the Turkish-occupied part of Cyprus.

The Department of Social Welfare in Cyprus refers these children to the Cyprus Children's Fund through the Ministry of Labor and Social Insurance. Selection is made after review of each case and eligibility for sponsorship is based on a detailed needs assessment. In addition to the financial support they receive through sponsorships, many children benefit from the establishment of long-lasting relationships with sponsors.

## The Sponsorship Program

The minimum cost to sponsor a child is just 66 cents per day or \$20 per month, and one hundred percent of the sponsorship reaches a child in its totality. For this small amount, a sponsor can make a difference to a youngster's life, sharing kindness, helping them buy clothes, shoes, books or something else that will make them feel better about themselves. Many families face numerous challenges compounded by financial problems. A donation is a meaningful way to provide financial and moral support.

## Rewards

A donor will find fulfillment and gratification through the sponsorship of a child in Cyprus. Donors have visited their sponsored children to attend important celebrations and milestones. Many longstanding and nurturing relationships have been created through this program.

## Cyprus Children's Fund Scholarships

The Cyprus Children's Fund grants scholarships to students of Greek and Cypriot descent that study fulltime at American Universities who cannot afford the cost of tuition on their own. The selection of the scholarship recipients takes place in New York each year after the applications have been submitted (deadline of April 30) and reviewed. The Fund awards approximately \$60,000 per year in scholarships.

## CCF Supports Initiatives to Help Underprivileged Cypriot Children

This year our organization, with the invaluable help from sponsors and supporters, has provided financial assistance of more than \$200,000 to the following:

I. Scholarships: \$67,000 of scholarship funds were awarded to underprivileged Greek and Cypriot students who study full-time at an American University.

II. Sponsorships: Over 300 children have been supported through the year with our one-to-one sponsorship program. Every donated penny went to the sponsored child.

III. Gala Dinner proceeds: 100% of our net profit from the 2018 Gala Dinner was donated to seven nonprofit organizations in Cyprus. This year we renewed our support to the Independent Social Support Body (ISSB), an organization assisting Cypriots studying at Universities in Cyprus who cannot afford to pay their tuition. The ISSB was initiated, and has been headed, by the First Lady of the Republic of Cyprus, Mrs. Andri Anastasiades. The Gala Funds were also distributed to the following organizations in Cyprus:

1. Κέντρο Αποσχόλησης Παιδιών με Ειδικές Ανάγκες "Στήριγμα Ζωής" (Center of Children with special needs "Life Support")
2. Σύνδεσμος για Άτομα με Αυτισμό, Πάφος (Autism Society, Paphos)
3. Ίδρυμα Μαργαρίτα Λιασιδού (Margarita Liasidou Foundation)
4. Σύνδεσμος Γονέων και Φίλων Παιδιών με Ειδικές Ανάγκες (Association of Parents and Friends of Children with Special Needs)
5. Ίδρυμα Θεοδόκος (Theodorokos Foundation)
6. Παγκύπριος Σύνδεσμος Γονέων και Φίλων Παιδοογκολογικής Μονάδας (Cyprus Foundation of Parents and Friends of Children with Cancer)

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## Dinner/Table Reservations

- Dinner Tickets \$200 per person*     *Dinner per table (10) \$2,000*  
 My check in the amount of \$..... for ( ) ticket(s) ( ) table(s)  
 payable to the Cyprus Children's Fund is enclosed.

## Sponsorship Levels

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Event Underwriter</b> | \$10,000 | Prominent logo on the program & 20 tickets    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Grand Benefactor</b>  | \$5,000  | Prominent listing on the program & 10 tickets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Benefactor</b>        | \$3,500  | Prominent listing on the program & 8 tickets  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Patron</b>            | \$2,500  | Listing on the program & 6 tickets            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sponsor</b>           | \$1,500  | Listing on the program & 4 tickets            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Supporter</b>         | \$1,000  | Listing on the program & 2 tickets            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Friend</b>            | \$500    | Listing on the program & 1 ticket             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Sustainer</b>         | \$250    | Listing on the program                        |

Name:.....

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City:..... State:..... Zip:.....

Telephone:..... Fax:..... E-mail:.....

Please respond to Cyprus Children's Fund by October 11, 2019

\*Please indicate if you are using the tickets of your sponsorship and call/email us with the names of the people attending the dinner.

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