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Help save a life!

Support the Breast and Cervical Cancer Program for underprivileged women at the Ormylia Foundation, Center for Disease Prevention, "Panagia Philanthropini," in northern Greece.

Panagia Philanthropini provides specialized cancer tests to underprivileged women, regardless of race, religion or nationality.

Panagia Philanthropini provides **free** breast and cervical cancer screening for **7,000 underprivileged women per year**. Remote, underserved populations are especially targeted. "For immigrants from Eastern Europe, the Middle East and Africa, these services are totally unavailable given the cultural barriers that exist," quotes a recent write up in Reuters and Yahoo. "The cultural traditions of the Turkish-speaking Muslims, Pomaks and Roma have even greater obstacles. This service reaches out to women who are under served with great love and care." Every year 20-25 breast cancers and 10-15 cervical cancers are detected at very early stages. Finding cancer so early in its development means it can be cured. The five year survival rate for Ormylia cancer patients is more than 95%.

Even a small amount of support will make a profound difference in the life of an underserved human being!



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Patient Stories:

Maria Lanatavou* is a dentist from a seaside village of Chalcidike. She was tested positive for breast cancer: "I came with the women from our village not thinking anything was wrong. The doctors of the Center called me in after my mammogram and told me that they found a very small tumour the size of a sesame seed. They made arrangements for me to go to the hospital the next day. I went and was operated on. The surgeon took out the tumour with just a small amount of tissue from around it, making my scar small. After the operation the doc told me that my cancer was caught in good time and that my life would be normal after some limited chemo-therapy. In two days I was discharged. As I was leaving the room the nurse came in and asked me to wait for the doctor. I was so scared that something was wrong. He came in and told me not to worry. He simply asked 'where did you get this mammogram? I have never seen such a clear and pristine image.' I told him at Panagia Philanthropini..."

Georgia Aeivazidou* is from the same village, she was diagnosed with cervical cancer in 1992. "The Center doctors sent me to the hospital immediately. The Sisters took care of the appointments for me. The surgeon told me that I would need a hysterectomy and that I was fortunate. 'Six more months and you would have been inoperable. Keep going to Panagia Philanthropini, their screening program saves many lives. You will be fine now.' That's why I keep coming, and why I keep telling women from the village to come to the Center in Ormylia to be screened. It is 2009 and I keep coming back faithfully for my testing..."

** Names altered to protect individual's privacy*

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Your support will help provide life saving cancer testing for an underserved woman. One life saved will impact whole communities and generations to come!

Any amount will help, but here is a short list of what your contribution will mean:

- ❖ *\$1 sends the result home to a woman from her cancer tests, translated into her spoken language and in Greek.*
- ❖ *\$2 provides the medical supplies needed by the doctor when examining a woman.*
- ❖ *\$3 provides the X Ray film needed for one mammogram.*
- ❖ *\$11 provides free bus transport for a Muslim minority or an Immigrant woman to the Center for cancer testing.*
- ❖ *\$35 provides a complete breast and cervical cancer screening for one woman. This includes a pap smear, a pelvic examination, a clinical breast exam, mammogram and social follow up.*
- ❖ *\$350 screens 10 women!!!*

Donations may be made:

- ✓ **By PayPal at the Panagia Philanthropini site:**
www.ormyliafoundation.gr/en/filanthropini.php
- ✓ **By Deposit directly to the Ormylia Foundation Bank Account:**
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IBAN: GR0401104530000045329626670
Swift/BIC: ETHNGRAA
- ✓ **By Check {regular US bank checks are acceptable}:**
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