



WE ARE SUCCEEDING THANKS TO YOU!

Another year has ended and we at Sophia remain committed to our promise to always be by the side of our children in Cyprus and Kenya.

In Cyprus, our programme ["I Cook and I Offer"](#) supports a total of 18 full-day primary and 10 nursery schools, providing 1,500 children with freshly cooked lunch every day. We thank all the sponsors of our program and especially the [Bank of Cyprus](#), the main sponsor of "I Cook and I Offer".

In Kenya, the ["I Adopt a Child"](#) programme continues to support children in schools and nurseries, providing [food](#), [clean water](#), [medical care](#), and [education](#). Thanks to you, over 9,000 meals are given daily to children who are in absolute need. This year, hundreds of new sponsors have joined the programme by adopting a child, significantly strengthening our efforts.

At the [Makarios Children's Home](#) we relentlessly continue our work, caring for approximately 220 children every year, offering them safety, care, education, and hope for the future. We look after 107 children from infancy up to 15 years old who live permanently in the Home, while approximately the same number of children attend middle schools, boarding schools, colleges, and universities.

Brief overview of the main actions and events of 2025



- Historic visit of [Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Constantinos Kombos](#) to the Makarios Children's Home in Kenya with representatives of the Ministry, our [Ambassador to Kenya Savvas Vladimirov](#), as well as the Bishop of Kenya Makarios. Mr. Kombos officially inaugurated our new "Olive Tree" building, which was constructed with funding from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Cyprus. Also significant was the on-site signing of a new grant agreement for the Makarios Children's Home between the Ministry of Finance and Sophia for Children for the years 2025 and 2026.

- Screening of [Christiana Aristotelous'](#) documentary ["Journey of Life"](#) from her mission with Sophia in Kenya. Christiana, along with her team - Irini Sofocleous, Fytos Pantela, and Andreas Aristotelous - presents Sophia's work in Kenya through her eyes. Her one-hour documentary, screened with the support of [Alpha Cyprus](#), inspires and moves viewers, resulting in a surge of new adoptions, giving her program a tremendous boost. We are grateful to sponsor [Wade Adams](#), who made this journey possible, as well as [Alpha Bank](#).





- [A team of volunteers](#) walked 63 kilometers, from Paphos to Troodos, with the aim of supporting the food programmes at all-day schools, thanks to our sponsors including [Ergo Home Energy Limited](#), Patsalos Consulting Ltd, [GCC](#), [Wargaming Group Ltd](#), Bank of Cyprus, [CCHQ Services Limited](#), [Team Vision Group](#), [Payabl](#), [Chryssafinis & Polyviou LLC](#), [Deloitte Cyprus](#), [KPMG Cyprus](#), [LLPO Law Firm](#), Papadopoulos Plastics, [Phanos Epiphaniou Public Ltd](#), and [Alpha Audit](#).

- EGGspression event initiated and supported by the [XeniArtSpace](#) gallery, where 30 artists created unique egg-shaped artworks to support Sophia. The egg artworks were "adopted" for an amount of €5,000 each by individuals and companies, with all proceeds going to Sophia to support our "I Cook and I Offer" programme.



- [Marina Shacola's](#) photography exhibition titled "Sunscares" was presented at the [Omikron Gallery](#). The artistic curation was undertaken by [Nikos Pattichis](#), while the accompanying exhibition text was authored by artist [Savvas Christodoulides](#). The event was organized in collaboration with the newspaper [Phileleftheros](#), and all proceeds were exclusively donated to support Sophia.

- A concert with [Natassa Bofiliou](#) on June 11th. We joined forces for the first time with Natasha and her team to support Sophia, sponsored by [Eurobank](#) and [Panglobe](#).



- Visit to the Sotiros Primary School in Larnaca with executives from [Petrolina](#), sponsors of the "I Cook and I Offer" programme at the school, and [Galatia Pamporidis](#), who cooked delicious meals and sweets for the children.



- Participation of [SIGG Switzerland](#) for the fourth consecutive year in the 3 Country Marathon to support the Makarios Children's Home, while SIGG continues to support our organization with the collectible Sophia bottles with the slogan "Water is Life".



- Event at the [Starbucks Centennial](#) main store in Nicosia, which hosted the children from the Pyrgos all-day primary school.

- The children of the all-day primary school and kindergarten in Tochni, where Sophia operates the programme "I Cook and I Offer" were hosted at the headquarters of the Bank of Cyprus in Nicosia and gave thank-you cards to the staff as a gesture of gratitude for providing lunch at the school. They sang Christmas carols and then visited the [Mall of Cyprus](#), where they were hosted for a meal.



- Theatrical performance of “Calendar Girls” by the Treasury team of the Bank of Cyprus, with the proceeds being donated to our programmes.
- As part of their corporate social responsibility, representatives of the [Andrey & Julia Dashin’s Foundation](#) visited the all-day primary school of Limassol Saint Anthony to see the operation of the "I Cook and I Offer" programme.
- The children of [The American Academy Larnaca](#) are participating for the 8th year in the “I Adopt a Child” programme, with each class in the school supporting a child in Kenya with €20 per month.
- Two more grades from [The English School](#) are adopting a child in Kenya this year through our "I Adopt a Child" programme. In addition to the 7th grade, this year the school is expanding its participation by adding the 4th and 6th grades in the programme.
- Participation in the Nicosia Kids Festival “A Hug for Children,” organized by [Cyfield Group](#) as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility and Sustainable Development, aiming to promote and support the work of charitable organizations for children.
- Easter Egg Exhibition by [Yolanda’s Chocolatiers](#), where talented artists and volunteers created unique chocolate eggs to support Sophia for Children.
- The exhibition ["The War’s Forgotten"](#) by our Council Member and volunteer [Demetris Vattis](#) was inaugurated at the House of Cyprus in Athens in the presence of the Ambassador of Cyprus and many art enthusiasts, as well as Greek military personnel and diplomats. The photographs in the book constitute an invaluable historical document, and the proceeds from the sales were in support of Sophia for Children.
- As part of its campaign to celebrate 100 years of McVities Digestive Chocolate Biscuits, [Tryfon Tseriotis](#) organized two events at [Nicosia Mall](#) and the Mall of Cyprus, the proceeds of which were donated to Sophia for Children.

- [Argosy Trading Ltd](#) participated in the Nicosia Corporate Tournament, earning €4,500 which they proceeded to donate to Sophia.



- Support from the Ministry of Agriculture for our food programme “Go Green” at the Makarios Children’s Home, for the creation and maintenance of a vegetable garden, an initiative by Minister [Ms. Maria Panayiotou](#).

Sophia for Children’s collaboration with the renowned Dutch organization [Medical Checks for Children](#) has completed 17 years! Thanks to their help, the annual medical missions provide significant care and attention to all the supported schools, as well as to other schools in poor communities, orphanages, prisons, and detention centers.



Missions to Kenya in 2025

Three missions were carried out in Kenya during the months of February, March, and July. In these missions, among other things:

- The work on the new and old buildings of the Makarios Children's Home was supervised by our volunteer civil engineer Christos Tsentas, while this year we were also joined by Galatia Pamporidis, who cooked for the children of the Home.
- Our medical mission was carried out in collaboration with the Dutch Medical organization MCC. Thousands of children were examined and received medical care, while medicines and vitamins were also provided. Many children were sent under Sophia's guardianship to hospitals.
- Mission for the official visit of the Minister of Foreign Affairs for the inauguration of the "Olive Tree" building at the Makarios Children's Home.

Bazaars

Our [Mikromagazo](#), Sophia's mini African bazaar, selling handmade items from the women we support in Kenya, travelled again this year to the offices of large organizations, Ministries, schools and shopping centers, as well as to music concerts.

In Nicosia at Mall of Cyprus and Nicosia Mall, at the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Alpha Bank, Bank of Cyprus, Eurobank, [Ecommbx](#), Wargaming, Deloitte, [Karacosta Pharmacy](#), in the Famagusta district at [Isola Beach Bar](#) and [Capo Bay Hotel](#), in Limassol at the [MyMall Limassol](#) and at the [King's Avenue Mall](#) in Paphos. In July, we were also present at the two big concerts of our ambassador Anna Vissi in Larnaca.

Sponsorships of 2025

- Bank of Cyprus remains the largest sponsor of our 'I Cook and I Offer' programme, supporting 6 primary and 5 nursery schools, while Argosy Trading Ltd sponsors all ["Melissa"](#) pasta and other products, and [Charalambides Christis](#) sponsors the yogurt for the children's meals.
- The [Starbucks Foundation](#) honors us for the 4th consecutive year with a significant sponsorship for our "I Cook and I Offer" programme in schools in Cyprus.

- SIGG Switzerland and [MyBrands](#) continue their ongoing support with [collectible bottles](#), providing clean water to the children of Kenya.
- The construction company Wade Adams sponsors with €10,000 the Alpha Cyprus's documentary with Christiana Aristotelous.

A big heartfelt thank you to all our sponsors!

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We sincerely thank you all and wish you the very best for 2026, love, health, and solidarity.

Marina Shacola
On behalf of Sophia for Children

