History and Purpose of the IOCC Foundation

The IOCC Foundation began in 2004 out of a commitment to advance the mission of International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC), an agency of the Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America. The IOCC Foundation was also born out of a desire by those committed to this humanitarian mission to have a vehicle through which assets contributed to IOCC receive stewardship so that these gifts have long-term impact on IOCC’s global philanthropic work.

The IOCC Foundation is dedicated to supporting existing humanitarian relief and development programs and providing seed money to establish new programs and strategic humanitarian initiatives. Gifts to the IOCC Foundation are disbursed to support the mission of IOCC. The IOCC Foundation is a nonprofit organization which exists to further the work of IOCC and support its charitable mission.

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The Foundation funded this new greenhouse at a residence for girls and women with disabilities in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
Building a Legacy of Service

In Bosnia and Herzegovina last year, Foundation funding helped IOCC respond to the needs of vulnerable locals and migrants there while also helping partners grow their own ability to serve. The project equipped two health and residential centers—a residence for women and girls with disabilities and a daycare for children with special needs—to support patients’ long-term therapy and the institutions’ own development needs. The initiative also supported families affected by COVID-19, particularly households that include people with disabilities and children with cancer, by providing basic hygiene supplies. In all, the work directly served over 4,500 people.

Continuing work to assist rural farmers in Georgia, IOCC’s agriculture development and livelihoods activities advanced in 2021 with the establishment of a farmers’ co-op. During the 2019 project, IOCC identified the need for a market where small farmers could sell fresh and dried herbs and fruits. A business-oriented solar-drying fruit- and vegetable-processing co-op, set up and equipped with Foundation funds, allows members—especially women, youth, and internally displaced people—to enjoy increased economic security. What’s more, the co-op connects participants from past projects to new opportunities as they sell their products in bulk, accessing new markets.

This project, which marks a beginning, has the potential to attract institutional funding and support the expansion of IOCC’s work in Georgia. In this way, Foundation projects lay the groundwork: modest grants can establish projects that grow and expand over time, creating lasting change in communities.

Thank you for partnering with us to build this legacy as we serve those in need around the world.

Yours in Christ,

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Our auditors have expressed an unmodified opinion on our financial statements. These financial statements include associated notes that are essential to understanding the information presented herein. The full set of statements and notes may be obtained from the IOCC Foundation.