



## **2011-2012 Daughters of Penelope National Projects**

At the 2011 Supreme Convention in Miami, Florida, the Daughters of Penelope selected three **mandatory** charity projects for the 2011-2012 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

At the 2011 Supreme Convention in Miami, Florida, the Daughters of Penelope also selected three **voluntary** charity projects for the 2011-2012 obligations year. They are:

- ∞ Penelopean Day Care Center, Athens, Greece
- ∞ University of Miami, Sylvester Cancer Research Center (Papanicolaou)
- ∞ Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

**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. For more information, please visit the DOP Foundation, Inc. website at [www.dopfoundationinc.com](http://www.dopfoundationinc.com)

**Penelope House Family Violence Center** - [www.penelopehouse.org](http://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 Day Care Center in Greece** - 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. Visit [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and type *Daughters of Penelope - Karyatides Chapter #271 Retrospective* in the search field to view a presentation on a 60 year history of the Karyatides Chapter and a 55 year history of The Penelopean Day Care Center in Nea Ionia, Greece.

**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.

**Cystic Fibrosis Foundation** – Cystic fibrosis is an inherited chronic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system of about 30,000 children and adults in the United States (70,000 worldwide). A defective gene and its protein product cause the body to produce unusually thick, sticky mucus that clogs the lungs and leads to life-threatening lung infections; and obstructs the pancreas and stops natural enzymes from helping the body break down and absorb food. In the 1950s, few children with cystic fibrosis lived to attend elementary school. Today, advances in research and medical treatments have further enhanced and extended life for children and adults with CF. Many people with the disease can now expect to live into their 30s, 40s and beyond. Since 1955, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation has been the driving force behind the pursuit of a cure. Thanks to the dedication and financial backing of our supporters--patients, families and friends, clinicians, researchers, volunteers, individual donors, corporations and staff, we are making a difference. To learn more, please visit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation website at [www.cff.org](http://www.cff.org).