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**ALKIONIDES UK CHARITY WISHES TO THANK HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP NIKITAS
AND HIS EXCELLENCY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, MR ANDREAS KAKOURIS**

On Saturday 23 May 2023, the charity celebrated its 25th Anniversary of its registration in Cyprus, at a Gala Dinner at St. Panteleimon Church Hall. The charity was honoured by the presence of His Eminence Archbishop Nikitas of Thyateira and Great Britain, His Excellency the High Commissioner Mr Kakouris, the Deputy High Commissioner Mr Miltiades, the Consul General Mr Odysseos, Honorary Consul of Greece, Mr Philippides, Protospesbyter Father Constantinos Papageorgiou, President of St. Panteleimon Dr. Prokopiou, Mrs Georgina Dimopoulou from the A. G. Leventis Foundation, priests and leaders of the Cypriot community.

In a moving speech, Archbishop Nikitas praised the volunteers for their hard work and mentioned that he was very pleased to receive a thank you together with receipts for generous donations in support of the Alkionides UK work. He promised that he will continue to support the charity and that he will recommend that all Greek Orthodox Churches in the UK collect, once a year, for this worthwhile cause, to help towards patients' needs.

The High Commissioner, patron of the charity, also spoke highly of the work of Alkionides UK and the teams of volunteers who act to bring relief to families at a critical time in their lives. The government of Cyprus covers the enormous medical costs for treatments that cannot be done in Cyprus. The Alkionides UK 'Nest' provides a home-from-home and members accompany patients to hospitals and provide moral support.

Founder president, Mrs Marie Parisinou-Nicholsby said that the archbishop's support has given great courage and strength to the team members. She added that Volunteerism strengthens communities and Giving warms the heart and brings hope.

The Alkionides UK 'Nest':

With the help of major sponsors: **CAPITAL GROUP, THE A.G. LEVENTIS FOUNDATION, ALKIONIDES CYPRUS, THE REO STAKIS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION, JOMARO, CHRISTOS LAZARI and others, the committee is moving forward with the house purchase, with the help of Xenophon Protopapas' law office.**

The Alkionides UK 'Nest', is always full. **George** who suffers from amyloidosis, has been waiting for a second liver transplant for over five years. **Christos**, just married at 30, had complications after receiving the organ and had to stay for a year. **Aristos** is slowly recovering in intensive care after the operation, he is very emotional and grateful to Alkionides UK. **Kypros**, with his wife Maria who is a nurse at the Makarios hospital, had to leave their young children and jobs, in order to undergo a complex operation to enable him to absorb food. In addition, the charity helped the families of three young babies, by sharing the costly hotel accommodation with the Leukaemia Society.

Our team in **Birmingham and the Midlands**, organises outings, funded by the **KEITH COOMBS TRUST**, for 13 families with children with special educational needs.

A huge thank you to the St. Panteleimon community, **SUNVIL**, The Windermere Hotel, photographer **Alexios Gennaris**, all volunteers and those who sponsored the event and donated raffle gifts.

Raffle winners: 2246, 1830, 1607, 1546, 1814, 1195, 1770, 1136, 2575, 2842, 2776, 1379, 1632, 1468, 2907, 1421, 1053, 2506, 2703, 2004, 2016, 2016.

The Charity has minimal administration costs and is made up of dedicated volunteers. You too can become a volunteer, a sponsor or a member. For information: www.alkionides.org Tel: 0791 3968639 ή 07794 329493

