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In the Name of Humanity

AMERICAN RELIEF AID
IN GREECE,
1918-1929

EXHIBITION & CONVERSATION

HOSTED BY:

**GREEK ORTHODOX
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2195 WESTCHESTER AVENUE EAST
RYE, NY 10580

Light refreshments served



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**SUNDAY
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6:00 PM

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About the Exhibition

On the centenary commemoration of the Lausanne Convention's signing, the American School of Classical Studies at Athens presents an enlightening exhibition and conversation spotlighting a monumental humanitarian endeavor etched in history: the American relief aid extended to Greece from 1918 to 1929.

The profound impact of the Lausanne Convention's population exchange reverberated as 1.5 million Greek Orthodox Turkish nationals were uprooted from Turkey to Greece, alongside 500,000 Greek nationals of the Muslim religion from Greece to Turkey. This pivotal moment summoned forth the benevolent efforts of several esteemed American humanitarian agencies — including the American Red Cross, the Near East Relief, the American Women's Hospitals, and the YMCA — uniting to deliver invaluable emergency relief to orphaned children and displaced refugees.

Furthermore, these organizations, in collaboration with the American Friends of Greece, the American Collegiate Institute Relief Committee, and the Near East Industries, ingeniously orchestrated avenues of employment, foundational education, and comprehensive mental and physical healthcare.

These multifaceted initiatives empowered the refugees, particularly women, with the tools and resources to attain self-sufficiency, fostering resilience and rejuvenation within their lives. This exhibition brings into focus the tireless efforts of diverse individuals, ranging from political appointees and philanthropic leaders to educators and dedicated relief workers. Motivated by a sense of duty rooted in their Christian, patriotic, or personal beliefs, they collectively played a pivotal role in reshaping Greece into a more livable place after 1922.

The exhibition draws upon a rich array of resources, including correspondence, official documents, rare publications, photographs, artifacts, posters, news reels, short films, and handmade crafts. These treasures, curated from the extensive collections of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens and borrowed from various institutions, converge here for the first time, weaving a compelling narrative of profound significance.

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About the Conversation

After the viewing of the exhibition, George Orfanakos will lead a conversation with the following panelists which include co-curators and contributors:



George Orfanakos
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EXHIBITION CATALOGS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE EVENT