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# **ZURI-INVEST AG**

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he charity event taking place in Cyprus on July 8, on the yacht Zeus which has sailed to the island especially for this purpose, aims to support the nine Special Schools in Cyprus. A distinguished list of guests, all of whom embrace the same philosophy of helping and supporting vulnerable groups of people, have been invited to enjoy a special evening

featuring the magnificent voice of Anna Vissi. John Christodoulou and The

Yianis Christodoulou Foundation have taken the initiative to support Special Schools in Cyprus in upgrading their facilities and improving the services provided to disabled children. This follows the Foundation's cooperation with several Special Schools last year as part of Hands Up For All, the Pancyprian Special Schools competition and its desire to respond to the specific requirements of children with disabilities or special needs. It is noted that The Yianis Christodoulou Foundation operates with no expenses as its management fees are covered by the Yianis Group, and all

expenses relating to the event will be covered by John Christodoulou personally, thereby increasing the amount donated to the nine Special Schools. This brochure presents the mission, vision and aims of The Yianis Christodoulou Foundation, as well as a sample of its work in Cyprus. It also provides the opportunity to the nine Parents Associations to present the aims and needs of their schools. Last but not least, it showcases the sponsors and supporters of the charity event.



In fact, this right must lie at the very foundation of everything we do, so that is always ensured and reinforced. Well done to the Yianis Foundation for believing in this dream.

# Child's Smile Says It

JOHN (YIANIS) CHRISTODOULOU HAS ALWAYS BELIEVED THAT CHILDREN ARE THE KEY TO A PROSPEROUS AND BRIGHT FUTURE. WHICH IS WHY HE ESTABLISHED THE YIANIS CHRISTODOULOU FOUNDATION. THE LAST 18 MONTHS AND THE IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC HAVE HIGHLIGHTED SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC INEQUALITY ACROSS THE WORLD AND SHOWN HOW THE MORE VULNERABLE SECTIONS OF SOCIETY ARE IN EVEN GREATER NEED THAN BEFORE. JOHN CHRISTODOULOU COULD NOT REMAIN **INDIFFERENT TO THEIR** UNPRECEDENTED SUFFERING WITHOUT TAKING ACTION. HERE, HE EXPLAINS WHAT LED TO HIS COLLABORATION WITH ANNA VISSI ON THEIR SHARED GOAL OF HELPING TO TRANSFORM THE LIVES OF

CHILDREN IN NEED.

adly, even in 2021, children with special needs are still marginalized and I can only imagine the challenges that their families had to cope with during the pandemic, as it is not just physically but also mentally that the children and their families suffer. "Having worked with Special Schools in the past, it was evident to me that they were in dire need of additional funding and support. We were touched by the great efforts of the teachers and staff of the schools, as well as of the children's parents. Furthermore, we feel that it is important not only to raise funds for the schools but to raise awareness more generally of this issue in Cyprus as well. "Anna Vissi has had an incredible career – one that is still going strong - in a very competitive industry. I believe that artists can and should use their voice to give back, raise awareness and spread a positive mental attitude among their fans, including the most vulnerable. Anna has been a true friend and she is our Cypriot angel. "All the YCF's philanthropic endeavours have their own story and each one is extremely special. Obviously, the 3rd Kaimakli Primary School, which I attended as a child, is close to my heart, as is the one in Rizokarpaso too.

"Philanthropy should never be obligatory; each to

their own. Most people in life do things because

way, they enjoy it more. Personally it makes me

"The impact of our donations on the schools is

feel good to be giving.

clear: A child's smile says it all."

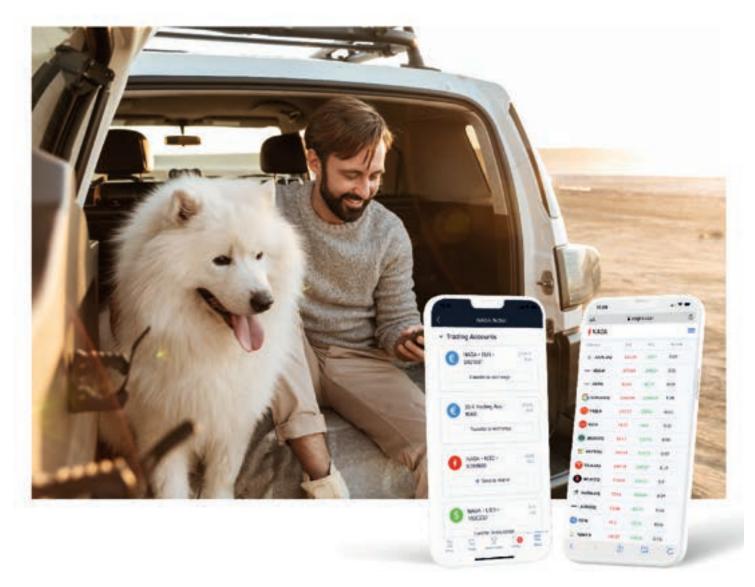
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ANNA VISSI HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH CHARITABLE CAUSES FROM ALMOST AS LONG AS SHE HAS BEEN A PROFESSIONAL SINGER, FROM HER 1985 PARTICIPATION IN THE GREEK CHARITY SINGLE "FOR THE CHILDREN". SHE HAS RELEASED SONGS FOR CHARITY AND PERFORMED **FUNDRAISING CONCERTS OVER** THE LAST 30 YEARS. HERE, SHE EXPLAINS **HOW SHE MET JOHN** CHRISTODOULOU. HOW SHE SEES THE POWER OF MUSIC AND WHAT SHE ADVISES HER FANS TO DO IF THEY WANT TO IMPROVE THE WORLD.

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met John Christodoulou six years ago when I performed for his birthday celebration in Monaco, which was an adventurous night to remember! Since then, we've kept in touch and I've had the opportunity to

learn about his Foundation and got to know him better as a person. John means everything that he does, he loves his country

dearly and he will even attempt the impossible if it means he can help.

"I guess all of the charitable events that I have been involved in have made me hopeful about the future of the world! Each one in a different way, but the feeling is the same. No matter who I'm singing for – whether for a child, old people who need support, for sick or poor individuals – the feeling is one of unconditional love that we all want to spread in order to help others. I only wish that such charity events would be held more often.

"The impact of music on charitable causes is huge! Music is the antidote for most of the negative things we are going through as humans. Especially, in these kind of cases, I believe it's a form of salvation. "For artists, being invested in charitable causes is not just important but, I would say, necessary!









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THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL BE AUCTIONED DURING THE CHARITY GALA BEING HELD ONBOARD THE YACHT ZEUS IN CYPRUS ON JULY 8, WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF CYPRIOT SINGING STAR ANNA VISSI IN THE PRESENCE OF MARINA VERNICOS, DAVID COULTHARD AND CHRISTIAN MOORE. JOHN CHRISTODOULOU AND THE YIANIS CHRISTODOULOU FOUNDATION HAVE TAKEN THE INITIATIVE TO SUPPORT SPECIAL SCHOOLS IN CYPRUS IN UPGRADING THEIR FACILITIES AND IMPROVING THE SERVICES PROVIDED TO DISABLED CHILDREN. THIS FOLLOWS THE FOUNDATION'S COOPERATION WITH SEVERAL SPECIAL SCHOOLS LAST YEAR AS PART OF HANDS UP FOR ALL, THE PANCYPRIAN SPECIAL SCHOOLS COMPETITION AND ITS DESIRE TO RESPOND TO THE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES OR SPECIAL NEEDS.



# KARTING LESSONS AND DINNER FOR TWO IN MONACL . WITH DAVID COULTHARD

Spend an afternoon learning how to go kart with David Coulthard, followed by dinner in Monaco. David Coulthard MBE is a former Formula 1 racing driver from Scotland, later turned presenter, commentator and journalist. Nicknamed 'DC', he competed in 15 seasons of Formula One between 1994 and 2008, taking 13 Grand Prix victories and 62 podium finishes. John Christodoulou will also join for what is bound to be a memorable evening out!



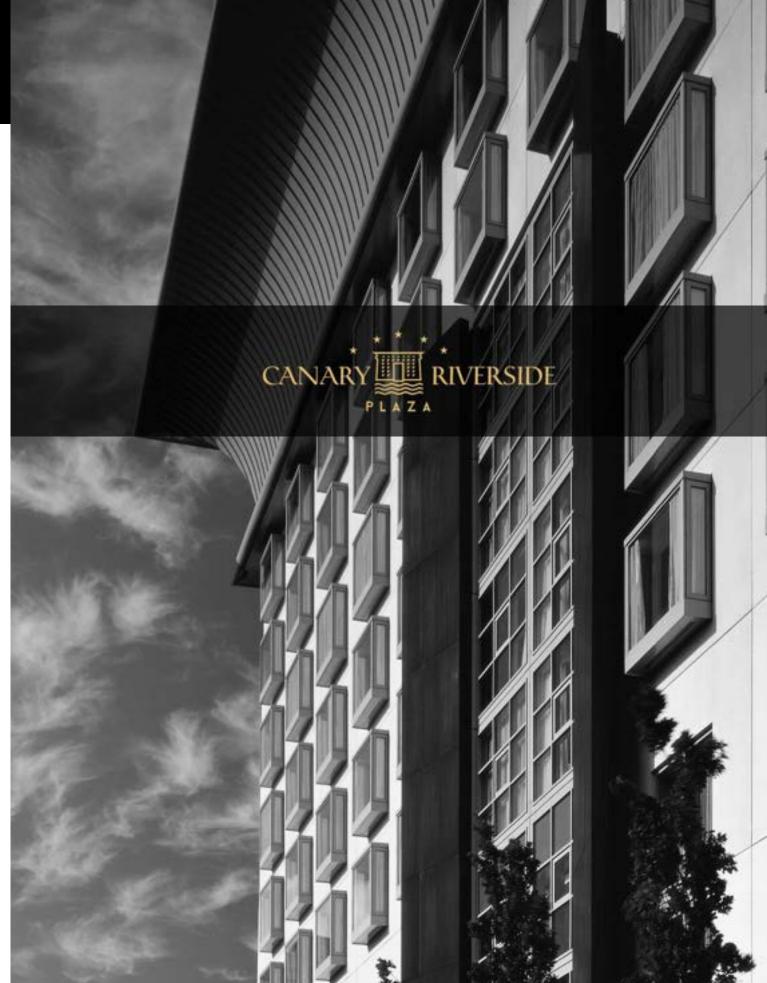
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# LIMITED EDITION PHOTOGRAPH BY MARINA VERNICOS . (TO BE PRESENTED BY THE ARTIST IN PERSON ON THE NIGHT)

Marina Vernicos was born and raised in Athens, Greece. She studied Communications and Photography at Emerson College, Boston and Business Administration at Harvard Extension School. Since 2001, she has held a number of solo shows and participated in group exhibitions in distinguished galleries and museums around the world, including The Museum of Cycladic Art in Greece, the Louvre and the Eiffel Tower in Paris, the Hangaram Art Museum in Korea, and venues in London, Monaco and New York.









# DINNER AND A NIGHT OUT IN MONACO WITH JOHN CHRISTODOULOU AND ANNA VISSI

Join Anna Vissi and John Christodoulou for a memorable evening in Monaco on September 26, 2021. It will follow Anna Vissi's first-ever performance at the Salle de Etoiles in Monaco on September 25. Part of the proceeds from the concert will be donated to The Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation.



JAMES BOND MOVIE POSTER SIGNED BY ROGER MOORE (TO BE PRESENTED BY THE ACTOR'S SON, CHRISTIAN MOORE, IN PERSON ON THE NIGHT)

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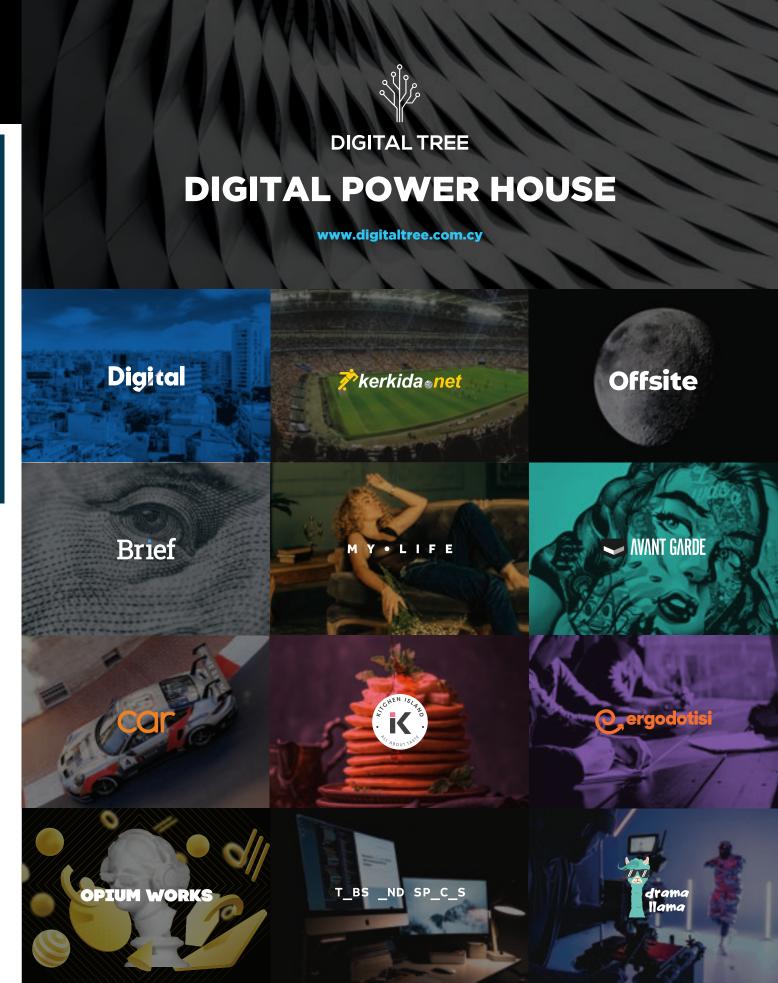
mer. It is a fantastic way to enrich your summer holidays, by relaxing during the day and enjoying Mykonos' famed nightlife.



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- One private visit to David Coulthard Museum in Scotland
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  of the children whose families have been affected severely by the recent fire outbreaks
  in cooperation with the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports and Youth.





# Christodoulou Foundation

THE YIANIS CHRISTODOULOU FOUNDATION WAS FOUNDED IN THE UK BUT IT CURRENTLY OPERATES IN OTHER COUNTRIES AS WELL, INCLUDING CYPRUS. WHICH IS THE HOMELAND OF ITS FOUNDER, JOHN CHRISTODOULOU. FOR MANY YEARS, MR. CHRISTODOULOU HAD DONATED TO NUMEROUS CHARITIES AND, IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE HIS CONTRIBUTION AND SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN. HE CREATED HIS CHARITABLE FOUNDATION WITH THE AIM OF UTILIZING ITS FUNDS IN THE BEST POSSIBLE WAY. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE FOUNDATION OPERATES WITH NO EXPENSES AS ITS MANAGEMENT FEES ARE COVERED BY THE YIANIS GROUP. WHICH MAXIMIZES THE IMPACT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CHILDREN IN NEED. AT THE HEART OF THE FOUNDATION'S PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES ARE THOSE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE IN IMMEDIATE NEED OF HELP AND SUPPORT OF ANY KIND.

# THE FOUNDATION'S MISSION

he mission of the Yianis Christodoulou Foundation is to provide support and help to vulnerable groups of society, particularly children and young people.

Its main aims are:

- To provide opportunities for education and training, and the better acquisition and use of their knowledge, skills and competencies later in life.
- To improve their living conditions and quality of life, so that they may grow up in a safe and healthy environment.
- To empower students and youth in general to create a better future for themselves.
- To offer resources to improve the quality of life of children and young people with special needs.

# THE FOUNDATION'S VISION

he Foundation envisions creating equal opportunities for the development and education of children and young people in societies that offer access to quality education, by helping them fully utilize their abilities. The Foundation strives to have a positive impact on children's development, by investing in projects in Special School units and orphanages.

# THE FOUNDATION'S COMMITMENT

he empowerment, support and development of young people involves many sectors. For this reason, the Foundation has committed to support children, young people and their families in the following four areas.

- Education: Infrastructure Enhancement
- Talent Development and Promotion
- Social & Emotional Learning
- Support to Underserved Children and Their Families

The Foundation grants funding, provides equipment/ products and offers services through the organization and implementation of special programmes in selected sectors (educational programmes, training, sports, health/social welfare, etc.). All its activities are implemented either independently or in collaboration with other entities, charitable

organisations or community groups, which share the Foundation's passion for helping children in need. In general, the Foundation undertakes projects that are selected through its own research and procedures. Additionally, requests submitted by other entities which promote the aims of the Foundation are also considered.

# SUCCESSFUL PROJECTS

he Foundation has completed numerous projects during its time of operation in Cyprus.

On the following pages, we present three of the projects that have been successfully implemented together with interviews with the representatives of each project, who have shared the benefits enjoyed by the childrent following the Foundation's donations.

(1) The 3rd Kaimakli Primary School in

Nicosia, where the YCF renovated and created a multi-purpose high-tech room, upgraded the outdoor basketball court and constructed a sunshade over the court.

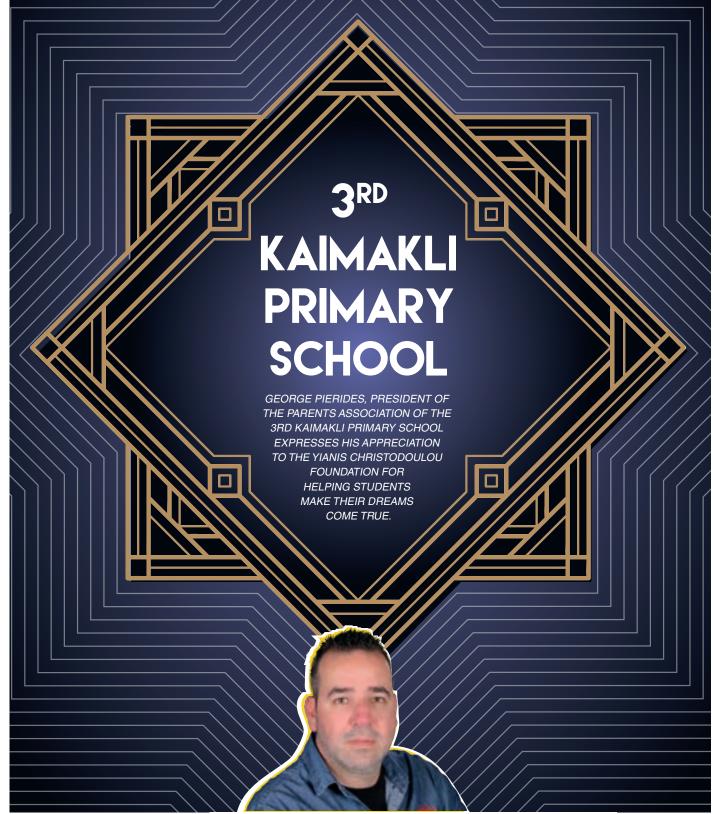
(2) Sistema Cyprus, which the YCF has supported since it was set up to offer free music education to vulnerable groups of children. Initially, the YCF purchased 18 string instruments and this year it has

also bought a new set of percussion instruments.

(3) The Nicosia Children's House, where the YCF has fully renovated the ground floor and equipped the house with new furniture, laptops, a TV, a printer and other useful equipment. It has also created two study rooms for the children, a new dining room, a library and a common area.

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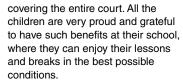


help, by laying a new floor on the basketball court maximize children's safety and in 2021, it provided significant financial support for the construction of sunshade

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"The Yianis Christodoulou Foundation reminds us of how important it is to give back to society nowadays, especially when people are suffering daily from social, financial, political and other serious problems. It reminds us that giving is the purpose of life, what gives us the strength to keep moving forward. No matter how many material possessions you may have, there is no meaning to life if you don't know how to give and how to support others. Achieving a good life means creating real and good relationships with others, something that becomes reality through giving back. We are grateful to you, Yiannis Christodoulou, for reminding us that, by helping us with our dreams, you will make our children's dreams come true!"





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instruments to Sistema Cyprus twice, in 2018 and in 2021. On both occasions the children felt very important, knowing that they had been given a rare opportunity and they also felt responsible for their musical instruments. Especially at the beginning they were extremely careful. The moment that I will always remember was when the double bass children entered the room and they saw their double basses. They stayed by the door, shocked, as if they couldn't believe that these big instruments were actually for them. The children with the cellos would take 15 minutes opening their instruments every time, just to be careful. The children who play violas would carry their instruments on their backs all the time when not at Sistema and their parents wore Yianis Christodoulou hats every day. The percussionists would play the timpani, marimba, xylophone and glockenspiel with such pride and a constant

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"According to our philosophy, there is charitable action that is devoid of respect for those who benefit from it, and there are true acts of love, which acknowledge the worth and the humanity of the people being served, which is definitely what The Yianis Christodoulou Foundation does in Cyprus. It is a foundation that truly cares about children. Whenever we meet with Mr. Christodoulou, he remembers some of our children's names and asks to see them.

"Every person should have the ability to give back to society, including children that have received support themselves. Thanks to the support that Sistema Cyprus has received from The Yianis Christodoulou Foundation, our children have been given precisely that: an opportunity to be a part of the society they live in and empowered to give back."



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he UN Convention on the Rights of the Child is an international instrument for the promotion and protection of the rights of the children around the globe. Within this framework, the Yianis Christodoulou Foundation in close cooperation with the Social Welfare Services of the Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance, proceeded with the renovation of two Children's Homes in Cyprus, which host children under the care of the Director of Social Welfare Services.

"The renovation projects were undertaken, based on the mission and the vision of the Yianis Christodoulou Foundation to provide children with the necessary means so as to reach their full potential and improve their lives, and recognizing the right of children to grow up in a family environment, in an atmosphere of happiness, love and understanding in order to develop his/her personality fully and harmoniously. The projects provided an opportunity to improve the environment and the children's living conditions and to create a modern, friendly and



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gives back to society and, specifically,

to children and their families by creating meaningful opportunities for children and adolescents to grow and learn. By invest-

ing in today's children and having an impact on their development, opportunities are created for the children themselves,

as well as for future society."



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ISLANDWIDE SPECIAL SCHOOLS COMPETITION

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THE YIANIS CHRISTODOULOU FOUNDATION (YCF) WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE THE TEACHERS AND STUDENTS OF THE SPECIAL SCHOOLS THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE ISLANDWIDE SPECIAL SCHOOLS COMPETITION **ENTITLED HELPING CHILDREN - HANDS** UP FOR ALL. THROUGH THE COMPETITION. THE YCF WANTED TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH VARIOUS DISABILITIES/NEEDS ATTENDING SPECIAL SCHOOLS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD ON THEIR CREATIVITY, INTERESTS AND TALENTS THROUGH ART- OR MUSIC-RELATED WORKS THAT CONVEY THE UNIVERSAL VALUES OF EQUALITY, LOVE, RESPECT, FRIENDSHIP, INCLUSION, ACCESS, ETC.



Il the Special Schools in Cyprus demonstrated great interest in participating and worked really hard to send a wide range of entries: amazing songs and videos that show the work of the teachers and students, colourful drawings, 3D artworks and more. The judging process was hard and the panel faced numerous challenges before reaching its verdict.

In accordance with the regulations of the Hands Up For All competition, three main prizes with a total value of €17,000 were awarded to three winning

3rd prize of €2,000, should be awarded equally to the remaining six Special Schools, taking the total prize money for the eight competing schools to €27,000.

schools: €10,000 (1st prize), €5,000 (2nd prize) and €2,000 (3rd prize). After making a careful consideration of all the entries and recognizing the amount of effort and time that the teachers and the students had devoted to the competition, the YCF decided that the 3rd prize of €2,000, should be awarded equally to the remaining six Special Schools, taking the total prize money for the eight

THE 1ST PRIZE OF €10,000 WAS AWARDED TO THE SAINT SPYRIDON SPECIAL SCHOOL (LARNACA) FOR THE SONG I CREATE, I SHARE, I LOVE. THAT'S WHO I AM AND ITS ACCOMPANYING VIDEO. THE MAIN SINGERS ARE NEFELI ANTONIOU, GIORGOS ANASTASIOU AND ANDRY KAKOUSHI. THE SONG WAS COMPOSED BY ELENA ELEFTHERIADOU AND THE LYRICS WERE WRITTEN BY ANDRY CHARALAMBOUS IN COOPERATION WITH THE STUDENTS.

# The 2nd prize

of €5,000 was awarded to the Saint Barnabas Special School (Liopetri) for the 3D artwork entitled From Collaboration to Love, from Love to Solidarity and Hands Up For All Once Again. The 3rd prize of €2,000 was awarded equally to each of the six other participating Special Schools, so €2,000 goes to each of the following:

- Evangelismos Special School (Nicosia) for the song Raise Your Hands High
- Nicosia Special School (Nicosia) for the video Our Children
- School for the Deaf (Nicosia) for the video All the World's a Stage
- Saint Luke Special School (Limassol) for the video 3,2,1, Liftoff
- Theoskepasti Special School (Paphos) for the life raft named Learning Knows No Bounds
- School for the Blind (Nicosia) for the artwork All Love is in Our Hands, Let's Share It

In accordance with the rules of the competition, all the prize money will be (or has already been) used for the purchase of essential equipment and/or for improvements/upgrades to the infrastructure/facilities of the above schools, based on their needs and with the approval of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sport and youth.

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# Saiwr Spyridos SPECIAL SCHOOL

ΕΙΔΙΚΟ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟ ΑΓΙΟΥ ΣΠΥΡΙΔΩΝΑ, ΛΑΡΝΑΚΑ

ARGYRIS KARAGIORGIS,
PRESIDENT OF THE SCHOOL'S
PARENTS ASSOCIATION, EXPLAINS
HOW THE YCF DONATION WAS
USED TO CREATE ANOTHER
INTERACTIVE PLAYGROUND IN
THE SCHOOL AND HIGHLIGHTS
HOW FULFILLING IT IS TO GIVE
BACK TO SOCIETY.

















"The Yianis Christodoulou Foundation was there for us during the competition, listening and offering any support we needed. In a world that is constantly changing, giving back to society is very important. It connects people and communities and creates a sense of purpose in our lives! Giving back to society fulfills our deepest human needs, enhancing the values of solidarity and love among people."

# Saint Barnaloas SPECIAL s C H O O L

ELIAS ELIA, PRESIDENT
OF THE SCHOOL'S PARENTS
ASSOCIATION, UNDERLINES
THE IMPORTANCE OF A
WELL-EQUIPPED LEARNING
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PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH
EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES
TO REACH THEIR
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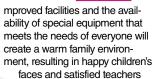








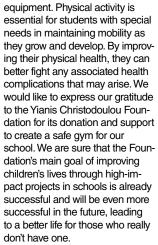




and parents. When what is required becomes available, it will empower self-confidence and independence, achieving maximum output. Using this donation to acquire new learning materials can improve the quality of learning and teaching in our school and also

provide equal opportunities to our students to learn, succeed and reach their full potential. "We aim to use the funding to renovate the school's facilities in order to improve the children's living conditions, provide higher quality education and improve outcomes. It will give us additional resources to meet the needs of all students and resolve any inequities and to ensure that the key ingredients of student success - access to technology, a safe and well-equipped learning environment – are available to all, irrespective of their economic status, disability or race. "Our school participated in the Islandwide Special Schools Competition Hands Up for All and was awarded the 2nd prize of €5,000 for the 3D artwork entitled, From Collaboration to Love, from Love to Solidarity and Hands Up For All Once Again. The school has upgraded its facilities by pur-

chasing various sports and fitness



"The importance of giving back to society was best described by Mahatma Gandhi, who said, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." We give back because it teaches us to find compassion within ourselves and to stay attached to the values that are linked to the common good. True fulfilment is not found in material possessions; this is well understood by people who have a good life based on material and career success. The real meaning of life never comes from what you have but from what you give. It is very important to give back to society, especially nowadays, and to support others in the many ups and downs of life, just as they will support you if needed. All people, especially the poor, disabled and other unfortunate individuals, rely on emotional and financial support from other people living in their community, whether next-door neighbours or others living far away. They can use the help to find their feet and their place in society and maybe someday they will be in the position to reciprocate. Giving back to society contributes to the greater social good and is a way to leave behind a much better world."



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# SPECIAL S C H O O L

ΕΙΔΙΚΟ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟ ΛΕΥΚΩΣΙΑΣ

PANAYIOTIS SAVVIDES,
PRESIDENT OF THE
SCHOOL'S PARENTS
ASSOCIATION, OUTLINES
THE IMPORTANCE
OF PROVIDING
PROFESSIONALS WITH THE
RIGHT TOOLS IN ORDER TO
PERFORM TO THE BEST OF
THEIR ABILITIES.















ne important aspect of education in Special Schools is the strong focus on health, safety and behavioural needs. Our school professionals – teachers and therapists – play a critical role in the students' lives and

education, especially those with severe needs, autism or behaviour issues. Our plan is to increase the impact of our staff by providing them with the right resources, so they can perform to the highest standards and develop the social, emotional, and behavioural support that our school provides.

'An ever-increasing challenge at our school is the enrolment of young children, sometimes as young as 5½ years old. Their needs are much different from their older schoolmates,' at a school that was purposely built for them. Our younger students need special indoor and outdoor spaces so that they can thrive in safety and comfort. Our plan is to use the proceeds from the event to create those spaces by purchasing toys, furniture and technical equipment that are suitable for them. Therefore, we need to close a funding gap to make sure that our younger students have the right equipment when they need it, instead of waiting for months or sometimes years, for the ministry's internal procurement processes.

"A huge thank you from the Nicosia Special School to the Yiannis Foundation for organising and hosting the Gala Dinner with the goal of supporting the nine Special Schools in Cyprus. We knew that setting up the Hands Up For All competition last year was the beginning of something beautiful and we were delighted that last year's contribution to the Nicosia Special Education School generated immense energy and the engagement of our students. We are certain that this year's activities will generate even more enthusiasm. Our students always love new stuff. "Giving back means fighting for a cause and realising that there are people who face greater challenges; as a community, it should be our prerogative to help them. This brings me to the word *Philotimo*, a word packed with positive values, that encompasses all the Greek virtues: standing up for family and community, respect for one another and walking the right path, doing good and demanding the same of others. A person's behaviour towards the less fortunate reveals the manner in which he/she was raised by the preceding generations. So thank you for your Philotimo."

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CHRISTODOULOU,
PRESIDENT OF THE
SCHOOL'S PARENTS
ASSOCIATION, EXPLAINS
HOW A SMALL ACT OF
KINDNESS CAN CHANGE
A CHILD'S LIFE.

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ΕΙΔΙΚΟ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΣΜΟΣ, ΛΕΥΚΩΣΙΑ



fter the challenging 2020-2021 academic year, the proceeds from this fundraising event will enable us to plan and implement three of our projects that are of high importance for the wellbeing of our students and staff. These include building a bus shelter at the school entrance to protect students from unexpected rainfall or extreme temperatures during the summer, building a shelter/ sunshade in the main schoolyard to ensure that students are protected during break time and events can be planned regardless of weather conditions, and finally carrying out maintenance on the main playground, including re-laying the main area and replacing damaged equipment. "A better future within the school environment is ensured when working hand to hand with organisations like The Yianis Christodoulou Foundation. Students with special needs will benefit from the continuous innovations being made at the school, such as the renovation of the schoolyard, as this will have a positive impact on their socialising and interaction with one another and will provide a psychological boost to both them and the staff, who will continue their mission to creating a student-friendly environment with equal opportunities for all. Small changes always bring hope for better days! "On behalf of the students, parents, and the staff of our school, I would like to deeply thank Yianis Christodoulou for his support during these past two

years. It is of vital importance for us to have continuous support from fundraising events and charities in order to be able to plan and implement projects that will contribute to a better future for people with disabilities. Last year, the Foundation's donation was used for the purchase of equipment and resources for the Traffic Education Park. "A more humanitarian approach

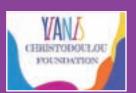
towards life needs to be at the top of each and everyone's priority list. Any form of volunteering gives people a sense of purpose and the feeling of fulfilment through giving back to society is unparalleled. Giving back is also a great way to get to know your community and the needs of its citizens in the absence of government assistance. Giving back to the community may not always benefit everyone but it benefits you as a person, both mentally and physically."





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# SPECIAL

"IT IS VERY IMPORTANT
TO GIVE BACK TO SOCIETY,
PARTICULARLY IN THE CASE
OF SPECIAL SCHOOLS," SAYS
DEMETRIS HADJIOANNOU,
PRESIDENT OF THE SCHOOL'S
PARENTS ASSOCIATION,
HIGHLIGHTING THE SPECIAL
SCHOOLS' GROWING NEED FOR
ASSISTANCE AND THE IMPACT
THAT FINANCIAL AID CAN HAVE
ON THE STUDENTS.

S C H O O

ΕΙΔΙΚΟ ΣΧΟΛΕΙΟ ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΥ ΛΟΥΚΑ, ΛΕΜΕΣΟΣ

will help us cover part of the expenses needed for the planned upgrade and renovation of the schoolyard through the laying of new safety flooring and the addition of appropriate new outdoor playground equipment. This will offer the children a safe environment in which they can be creative with good quality equipment. Moreover, we will also be able to use the yard to host various school events which the students have been missing out on, due to its present unsuitability. "Last year's Hands Up For

All competition for Special Schools organized by The Yianis Christodoulou Foundation enabled the teaching staff and students to collaborate on creative projects. The benefits were twofold for everyone involved as, in addition to the prize money which helped the Special Schools acquire some essential equipment, it also helped the students develop various skills.

"The financial assistance offered by The Yianis Christ-odoulou Foundation to the Saint Luke Special School was used for the purchase of a DJ mic, music mix and lighting equipment for the school's music therapy

programme for teenage students. "It is very important to give back to society, particularly in the case of Special Schools, which will always have additional needs that are not covered by state budgets. Our School's needs are increasing every year due to the growing number of students enrolled and so the assistance offered by organizations such as The Yianis Christodoulou Foundation is always extremely







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PARENTS ASSOCIATION
REPRESENTATIVE ANDRI
MOLYVA PROVIDES AN
INSIGHT INTO THE SCHOOL'S
NEEDS AND EXPLAINS THE
IMPACT THAT A DONATION
FROM THE YCF CAN HAVE
ON STUDENTS AND THEIR
EDUCATION.

he money from the fund-

he money from the fundraising event will be used for the purchase of special equipment, computers and other aids that are essential for the various treatments required by the children at the school. Since this kind of equipment is crucial to their treatment, they are thus being given the opportunity to develop as many skills as they can.

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"The charitable action of
the Yianis Christodoulou Foundation and the
commendable support that
it has offered to various organisations over the past
few years is extremely
significant. The money
raised from today's event
will be of immense help
to us because the needs
of Special Schools such
as ours are very great

and every piece of equipment costs a considerable amount of money. "I believe that it is of great importance these days to be giving to others. Times are always tough but they are even tougher now, due to the pandemic. Our school's Parents Association runs an annual fundraising event of its own but last year we were unable to organize it due to the pandemic, so any kind of help is even more valuable to us right now."







SPECIAL SCHOOLS COMPETITION

ΣΧΟΛΗ ΚΩΦΩΝ, ΛΕΥΚΩΣΙΑ

ANASTASIA TSIGARIDOU, PRESIDENT OF THE SCHOOL'S PARENTS ASSOCIATION, HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPORTANCE OF A BEAUTIFUL, FUNCTIONAL AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH CHILDREN CAN DEVELOP THEIR POTENTIAL.

ur primary goal is for our students to have a better quality school life and to be safe. We want to allow them to operate

in an environment where they feel engaged, in a place that can be functional and beautiful, while constantly tending to their needs.

"There are several issues that we need to address and attend to. To begin with, we need to set up outdoor games for our older students and upgrade the futsal court by installing wire mesh and motion tracking lights for safety reasons. In addition to that, there is a dire need for educational software, and we also have to place tents in the school's inner yard. "I believe it goes without saying that we are more than grateful for the annual support that we receive. It is of great importance to us, both financially and emotionally, to take care of the children in the best possible way, and having people helping us in this effort, is very valuable and deeply appreciated. "The smallest act of

kindness and help is extremely valuable for the children, as it allows them to improve their quality of life and develop their







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KONIOTIS, PRESIDENT OF THE SCHOOL'S PARENTS ASSOCIATION, UNDERLINES THE IMPORTANCE OF DONATIONS TO COVER THE STATE'S LACK OF RESOURCES FOR **EDUCATIONAL** 

he proceedings from the event will be used to purchase equipment that will give our students a better education because - truth be told - there's a great lack of state resources regarding educational

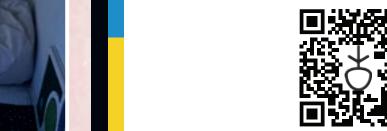
"The donation will have a positive impact on the children, in both the short and long term, since the new equipment and teaching aids will give them a chance to develop certain skills.

"The help offered by The Yianis Christodoulou Foundation gives us breathing room, especially when considering the manifold needs that a Special School has and, hopefully, others will follow in its footsteps and help as much as they can. We would like to express our gratitude to the Foundation and let everyone involved know that their help has been invaluable. "Giving back to society is really important. Let's not forget that some of our fellow human beings

can benefit from even the smallest of gestures. I believe that giving back to society

is a blessing from God."







# AND George David & Andrew Michaels wish you a fabulous musical gala

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# SCHOOL

FOR THE BLIND

ΣΧΟΛΗ ΤΥΦΛΩΝ, ΛΕΥΚΩΣΙΑ

WANTING

TO HELP OTHERS IS AN

INNATE HUMAN TRAIT, SAYS

CHRISTOS AVGOUSTINOS,

PRESIDENT OF THE ST BARNABAS

SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND PARENTS

ASSOCIATION. HE EXPLAINS THAT

BY SETTING A GOOD EXAMPLE

(LIKE THAT OF THE YIANIS

CHRISTODOULOU FOUNDATION),

WE CAN ALL HELP MAKE THE

WORLD A BETTER PLACE.









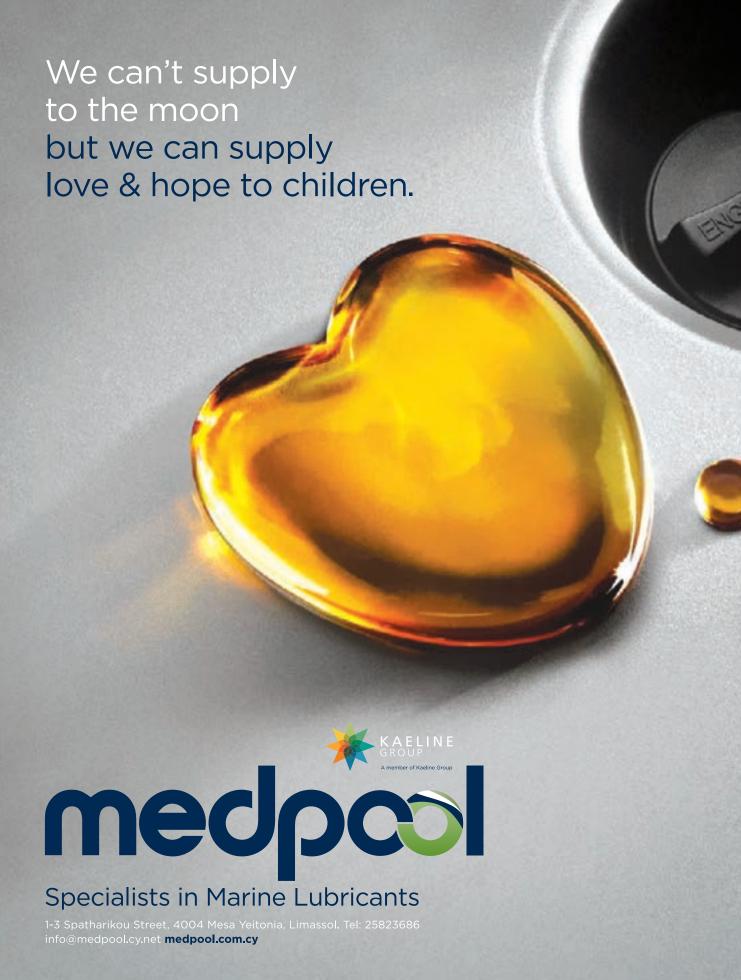
aint Barnabas School for the Blind is the oldest Special School in Cyprus and the only one for children with visual impairment. The School provides services to more than 250 visually impaired children of all ages from across Cyprus and to over 150 adults too. Although it is a state school, its needs cannot be met by government funding alone and so the proceeds of the fundraising event will go towards supporting several

of the School's programmes (e.g. horse riding therapy) or to the creation of a sensory garden (using textures, smells, sounds, water, etc.) for the children.

"We expect that, with this donation, the School will manage to complete tasks that cannot be funded by the annual budget so that visually impaired children will gain joyful and valuable experiences that are very important to their development.

"The Yianis Christodoulou Foundation, through its concern and initiatives for the benefit of children and, in our case, those with visual impairment, is like the Good Fairy that makes beautiful dreams come true! What is really amazing and invaluable to us is the fact that The Yianis Christodoulou Foundation comes to our aid without us even having to ask. "It is very important to realise that we are not

alone on planet Earth. No human being can live on his/her own; we all need one another. Human relationships and human interactions are those which identify us and characterize our development and the path we take in life. Even if it seems that we have everything and we don't need any help or support, the need for giving is there. Some people tend to forget that they are social beings who need to feed not just their bodies but their souls too. They also forget that their way of life can be a model or a mirror for others. By considering all human beings as important and supporting those in need, we contribute to a better society and, at the same time, we become healthier and more fulfilled individuals. Nikos Lygeros says that we should prepare people to live in a society of humanity, not just a society of humans, and giving back is an essential element to achieve that."





# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



Our deepest gratitude is also expressed to Amara Hotel Ltd for their kind offer to donate their catering services for the gala dinner at no cost. The Amara and Elysium Hotels have also each offered a free weekend's accommodation and spa treatment for two in vouchers to be auctioned.

John Christodoulou and The Yianis Christodoulou Foundation express their appreciation for this gesture. Mr Christodoulou has said that "For such initiatives, all contributions are valuable and much-appreciated, so that all Cypriots will join forces to support Special Schools."

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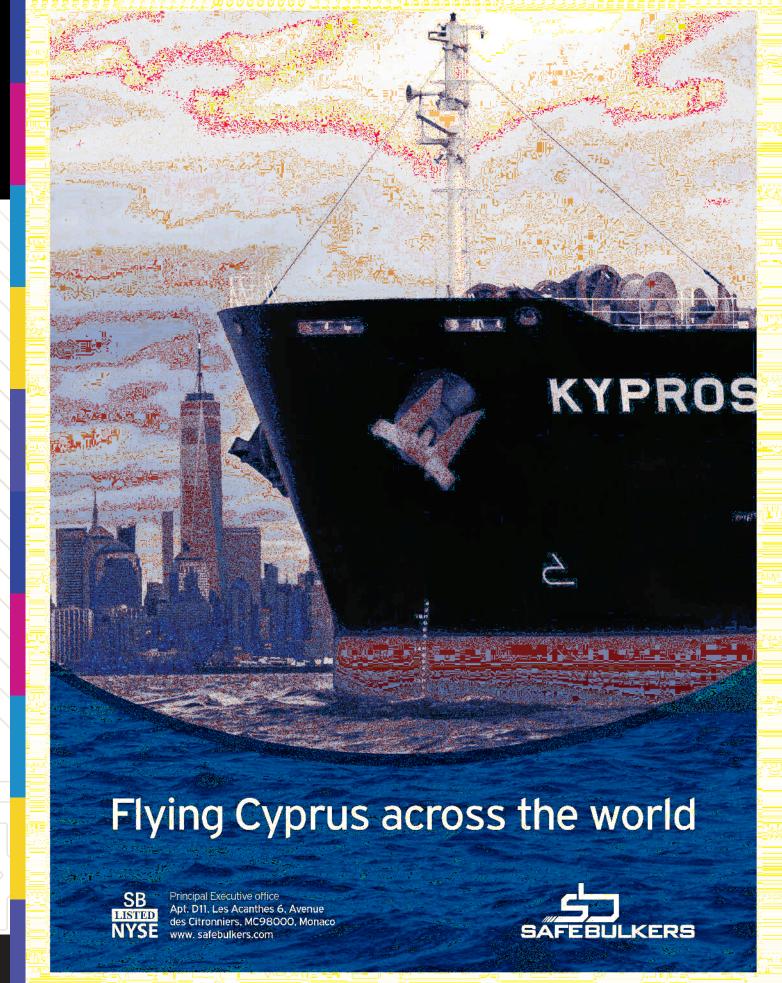
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