

Our Children:

Saint Basil Academy provides a refuge for children whose parents or guardians are unable to care for their children due to illness, death of a parent, chemical addiction, and other problems.

In fulfilling its mission, *Saint Basil Academy* provides a nurturing environment where “neglected” children are buttressed by a support system that allows them to flourish and become meaningful members of society.



“We have been called to heal wounds, to unite what has fallen apart, and to bring home those who have lost their way.” St. Francis of Assisi

Saint Basil Academy provides a beacon of hope and a safe haven for Orthodox children in need by ensuring material, spiritual, and emotional support for the development of the whole person: body, mind, and spirit.

The staff of *Saint Basil Academy* provides the structure that the children need through hours of selfless giving. Through the behavior modification program, the children are taught accountability and responsibility for themselves. *Saint Basil Academy* holds education at the forefront of its mission to serve the children.

Our Mission:

Saint Basil Academy is supported totally through donations. In addition to educating and providing full medical and emotional support for the children, the Academy is entrusted to maintain and upgrade over twenty-five buildings on the grounds which is essential for the safety and well being of the children and staff.



“Let the children come to me...” says our Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 19:14)

Help Give a Child a Future!

He calls the young in need to *Saint Basil Academy*. It is through your financial support and prayers that *Saint Basil Academy* is able to perform the life saving mission of our Lord.

Your gift brings about a dramatic change, a transformation in the tragic, harsh, difficult life of a child. It is an investment in their future. Truly a life saving act that transforms a young life from one of a destitute future to one of a future with choices and hope.

Saint Basil Academy is a 501 C 3 entity and all donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Make a Difference:

If you would like to become a supporter of *Saint Basil Academy* please feel free to contact us today. We are open to any type of donation that you believe will benefit our organization. Listed below are just a few of the ways you can have an impact on these innocent children's lives.

- Monetary donations for daily operations
- Renovation of buildings
- Supplies for daily living such as clothing, general hygiene products, etc.
- Sponsorship of events such as fund-raisers or children's activities
- Support with music lessons, class trips, school supplies, and any other childcare expenses
- Donate a vehicle for everyday operations
- Donate time spent with children such as recreational and leisure activities or become involved in the tutor programs
- Host a child during the Holidays
- Become a **God Parent**
- Join our **Sponsor a Child** program





A Real Life Testimony:



"My father passed away when I was four, leaving behind my mother, my younger sister, and myself. It was at this point that I came to Saint Basil Academy and began my life. If it were not for Saint Basil Academy I would not be

who I am or where I am today. I graduated high school and went on to college. I received my bachelor's degree in human development at the Hellenic College in Brookline, Massachusetts. I am currently attending Fordham University where I am working on my Master's degree and am planning on becoming a high school guidance counselor. While growing up at the Academy, I realized that I wanted to do something to help kids.

I thank God for giving my sister and me the opportunity to grow up in such a loving and wonderful environment where we were able to grow to be strong Greek Orthodox Christians. Saint Basil Academy will always have a place in my heart."

-Stavroula Katsifas, age 22.



History of the Academy:

Saint Basil Academy was founded in 1944 through the vision of the Archbishop Athenagoras, of blessed memory. He went to the National Philoptochos Society who purchased the property. The Archbishop envisioned the Academy as a home and school for orphans and other children of the Greek Orthodox Church who needed a safe place and a Christian home to be raised. Since that time, in addition to being a thriving children's home, the Academy has served as a parochial school, a Teacher's College, and a national retreat center and currently houses the Archdiocese Center for Family Care.

Saint Basil Academy is located in Garrison, New York, sixty miles north of New York City on 250 acres overlooking the majestic Hudson River. Visitors are welcome. For more information, please contact the Director of Development directly at (845) 424-8121.

*We Teach,
We Heal,
We Bring the Light of Christ
To Young Lives*

Saint Basil Academy

"A home for Orthodox Children in need."

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