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## **ALKIONIDES CELEBRATES 20 YEARS!**

Dear supporters thank you for helping us throughout the years!

This year we are celebrating 20 years since the registration of Alkionides in Cyprus and 10 years since our registration with the Charity Commission in the UK. We have proved that genuine volunteerism is a big part of civil society. Without salaried staff or administration expenses, every penny you have so generously donated has been used for the benefit of those in need and we

thank you for your trust. Working in cooperation with the welfare services we have reached thousands of people in desperate need and acted quickly to provide relief. We meet regularly to plan events in order to raise funds and increase awareness in the community.

The Government of Cyprus spends millions of pounds to send patients to the best hospitals but transport and accommodation expenses are not covered. Our 'nest' is a beautiful three-bedroom apartment in Bullingham Mansions in Kensington, near all the major hospitals, where low-income patients can stay for free. Here they receive support from our volunteers, including psychologists, who often accompany them to the hospitals and interpret when needed. Our volunteers have made sure that our patients are very comfortable and enjoying Cypriot television and the support of our ladies.



The entrance to the nest

This period we are looking after 29-year-old George, who is suffering from amyloidosis and waiting for a second liver transplant at Kings Hospital. Baby Panayiotis is being treated at Great Ormond street Hospital because he is nor growing normally. Maria, now 15, was our first patient ten years ago and was afflicted from a rare form of cancer that affected her heart.Christos, 50, came by air-ambulance in a coma to Royal Free where he received a life-saving liver transplant. Young Marilena came for more checks following a long treatment for osteosarcoma of the jaw.

## Celebrate with us!

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018: 20th Anniversary Dinner-Dance at the Penridge Suite, North London at 7.00 p.m. **PLEASE HELP US RAISE FUNDS BY SELLING TICKETS FOR OUR GRAND RAFFLE!!** 

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