

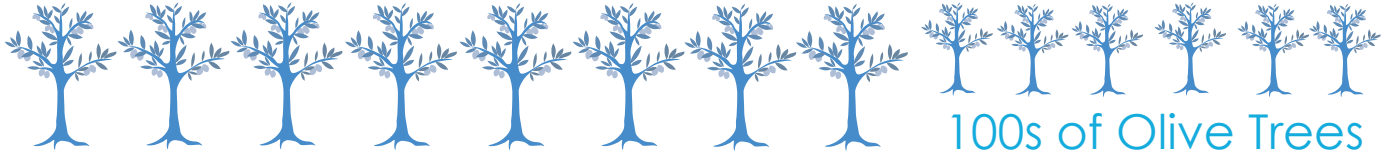
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Teams
Led

1000+ FLASHCARDS FOR
STUDENTS
IN SUMMER
SCHOOL



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*Piddles
the
dog*



100s of Olive Trees

One
Aegean
Sea



O N E COUNTRY MANAGER



GREECE 2018



One Local
Garden
Planted with
veggies

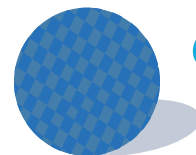


Heraklion

A TEMPLE
FROM GREEK
MYTHOLOGY--
KNOSSOS



Countless
Four Square
Games at
Recess



1,952

hours of English
instruction to
students

SIX
COMMUNITY
PARTNERS



GREECE Our History

In 2005, the Mayor's Office of the Municipality of Malevizi (previously named Gazi) on the island of Crete invited Global Volunteers to lead classes and activities during its publicly-sponsored summer school with the main focus of improving students' conversational English-speaking ability. While most students are skilled in classroom learning of the English language, many lack the opportunity to improve their pronunciation, grammar, and verbiage with a native speaker. Students must be able to demonstrate proficiency of the English language in order to enroll in university, so those students that can afford to gain these skills from private English schools are at a significant advantage over lower-income students when seeking upper education. Global Volunteers helps to ensure all students have an opportunity to learn and improve their English abilities by leading the island's English-focused summer school programs.

Over the past 19 years, Global Volunteers has sent 150 teams to Greece with more than 1,359 volunteers, and, in this year alone, these volunteers donated approximately 2,920 hours of Conversational English lessons, labor, and more to the children and families of Crete.

SERVICE Our Work Projects and their Impact

Global Volunteers delivers the 12 Essential Services and supports the Sustainable Development Goals in three categories: Health, Hunger, and Cognitive Development. In Greece, volunteers work with community partners and focus on Cognitive Development in two primary ways.



Conversational English

In 2018, volunteers donated 1952 hours of instruction time during 90 education sessions to helping 612 students improve their English. Volunteers use games and activities as a major vehicle for learning, and work hard to make sure that students are having fun while they expand their English abilities. A favorite of the students is “Fly swatting,” where students race to “swat” the English word written on the board that is spoken by a volunteer.



Labor

In addition to teaching in the summer camps, volunteers also occasionally help to improve community infrastructure by working on labor projects. This year, eight volunteers donated 40 hours to working on this type of project. Together, they helped prepare supply boxes for Syrian refugees living on the island, tended a community garden, and helped paint and clean at the local women’s shelter.

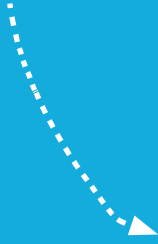
IMPACT SPOTLIGHT

Over the past four years, the European Union has seen a large influx of refugees seeking asylum within its borders. Greece, due to its geographic location and legal system, has been a major point of entry for refugees from Syria, Afghanistan, and Iraq. In 2015 alone, nearly 850,000 individuals landed on the Greek islands. Although many have chosen to continue immigrating to other countries throughout Europe, the island of Crete has become home to a large group of refugees. Currently, approximately 1,500 asylum seekers are housed in Crete. Consisting of all families, these refugees receive a fully furnished apartment, food stamps, and clothing from the European Union-supported ESTIA (Home) accommodation and cash program of the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR).

During the October 2017 service program, Global Volunteers was invited to assist Ploigos, the local organization supporting Crete's refugees, in organizing supplies and materials for the displaced families. Volunteers, Kathy Novak, JoAnne Zoff, Susan Bassett, and Vita and Joe Hines, spent several days traveling to Heraklion, to the organization's warehouse where they helped to sort clothing and other donated items to be distributed to refugee families.

Volunteers also had the opportunity to visit several refugee families in their homes and learn more about their stories. They brought bags full of books, markers, and activities for the children and spoke through a translator fluent in English, Greek, and Arabic. Although brief, these cultural exchanges allowed volunteers and refugees to connect with one another and share in the commonality of the human experience.

JoAnne Zoff & Kathy Novak



Volunteers with refugee family from Syria



Joe Hines





GLOBAL VOLUNTEERS

ABOUT US

Global Volunteers is an international development organization mobilizing teams of short-term volunteers on long-term development projects to help children reach their full potential abroad and in the U.S. We work with, and under, the direction of local leaders in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Caribbean, North America, South America, and the South Pacific to provide the essential services to families as prescribed by the United Nations. Founded in 1984, we are in consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and cooperate with other U.N. agencies such as UNICEF. Global Volunteers maintains a philosophy of comprehensive, sustainable development to ensure lasting benefits to children and families. Deep, long-term relationships are central to Global Volunteers' worldwide success.

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