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In late 2021 Navarino visited London's Kew Gardens not only to admire the beautiful surroundings but also to get involved in their valuable conservation projects. We expressed our willingness to support this noble work, and so in January 2022, we decided to cooperate with the Gardens on two "branches". First, our UK office "adopted" an endangered Oak tree – Quercus Durifolia – in the Garden premises which is currently under threat of extinction.

Our support will help make sure that it is properly looked after for the next generation to admire. Secondly, we got involved in a Greek based Kew project along with the University of Athens' Biology Dept, whose goal is to gather and store seeds from native Greek flora. To support this, we imported a special "Pneumonic Seed Cleanser" from Canada which separates dust and unwanted material from seeds before they are carefully stored at controlled temperatures.

The Navarino Action Team gathered again in mid-April along with a group from Panerythraikos Basketball Club, on Hymettus Mountain. We were invited by Philodassiki -one of the oldest Greek environmental foundations (est. 1899)- to help gather fallen branches from this winter's severe snow front. It was strenuous work but left everybody pleased as after a few hours the site was cleared, allowing some of our youngest members to plant a dozen new fir trees.







Thalassa Foundation is a nonprofit environmental organisation that has been monitoring marine wildlife since 2004, through various projects in the Aegean and Mediterranean Sea. The Foundation is committed to environmental conservation and sustainability, goals that Navarino readily identifies with, and so we were happy to be able to help them with the provision of a satellite phone and airtime for seamless communication during their boat expeditions throughout the Aegean.

SEAD is a specially trained volunteer fire fighting team, operating in the northeast of Attica, very close to where devastating fires burned thousands of acres last year in August. During this uneven fight the team's 4X4 vehicles and machinery suffered extensive damage. When Navarino was called to help, we were able to contribute to their maintenance costs and to the importing of new spare parts, to support their readiness this year in time to help minimize any damages to the forest.

Mykonos Port Police underwater rover

As a technology company, Navarino strives provide innovative equipment which helps develop its' recipients' skills, further. On that basis, after a few months of planning we came to an agreement with the Port Police Department of one of the busiest Islands, Mykonos, to provide them with an underwater rover. The first of its kind, such a rover can be used in various ways, including identifying underwater items,



providing vessels with underwater monitoring capacity and also pollution monitoring. It is able to transmit real-time, high-quality video from areas that divers are unable to visit, with a span of up to 100 meters. It will be made available also to all neighboring islands if need be.

Larissa nursing home defibrillator



At the end of last year, Navarino CSR team's attention was directed to Larissa's Nursing Home which houses more than 70 elderly people and has been servicing the city for more than 60 years. Unfortunately, it was facing many important operational shortages, including the lack of a defibrillator. Navarino was pleased to swiftly arrange for the procurement of one, as well as for the necessary four hour personnel training program, at the Nursing Home premises in May.



During the past years Navarino has been supporting the "Hamogelo Tou Paidiou -Moschato House" which is Greece's largest children protection organisation. In March we were informed of their upcoming 20 car convoy destined for the Romanian-Ukrainian borders that would provide food, clothing and help direct Ukrainian refugees to a safe place. Navarino contributed with food and children's toys but most importantly – after the specific organisation's request – offered the convoy a satellite phone to use in case of emergency.



Since we started our CSR Dept. the fight against Alzheimer's disease has always been on our radar. Starting last year with our donation to the Alzheimer's Society UK, we are continuing this year by supporting the newly formed Nefeli Day Care Centre next to the Herakleion PAGNI Hospital. Crete is considered all over Europe as a perfect location for such a centre for many reasons, the weather and local diet being just a couple of them. We were delighted to agree with the centre's management on a multi-level program of support including donations of an A/C unit, perimeter CCTV system, gym equipment and outdoor furniture.

"The Good Shepherd" children's home

Only a few kilometers from our Piraeus offices there is an Institution that houses about 30 children and supports twice as many, on an "on and off" basis depending on their age, adoption status and academic needs. Welcoming children from under-privileged backgrounds, 'The Good Shepherd' (O $K\alpha\lambda\delta\varsigma$ $\Pi o\mu\dot{\eta}\nu)$ is more than a shelter for them. It offers a family environment as a platform to restart their lives. The occasional lack of basic resources was an area Navarino was able to help with the provision of medicines, olive oil, a laptop with a projector and the installment of A/C units. In June, we also helped organise a very successful musical afternoon with performances from the "Angels of Joy", another cultural organisation that we proudly support.

Copiers donation to Piraeus schools

When the Navarino IT Dept informed our CSR team that we had 7 copiers going unused, we contacted the Piraeus Vice Mayor for Education, to inform schools of their availability should they be needed. The response was immediate, with several schoolmasters calling us,

asking for immediate delivery. After adding some new ink toners, Navarino delivered 5 copiers and 2 copy-fax-scanner machines to seven different Piraeus schools, hopefully providing an example for more companies to follow in the future.