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PRESS RELEASE

HYGEIA: Free-of-charge medical tests for the residents of Karpathos
80 HYGEIA Group volunteers visited the remote island
"Travelling for Health 2014" Program continues

HYGEIA Group, supported by Marfin Foundation, offered free-of-charge medical tests to the people of Karpathos. This is the third action of the "Traveling for Health" program, which forms part of HYGEIA Group's Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives.

A team of 80 HYGEIA Group volunteers travelled to Karpathos and performed **3500** free-of-charge medical and diagnostic tests on approximately **1100** residents of the island. The team was made up of medical, nursing, technical and administrative staff.

The medical team included 38 physicians with 13 different specialties, and specifically 6 general physicians, 5 cardiologists, 3 surgeons, 2 ophthalmologists, 2 pediatricians, 1 dermatologist, 1 vascular surgeon, 4 gynecologists, 4 orthopedic specialists, 2 ENT physicians, 2 radiologists, 1 anesthesiologist, 3 urologists and 2 pulmonary physicians. The tests were performed at the 1st Primary School of Pigadia, Karpathos, and the Olympos Medical Center, which had been set up accordingly with equipment that had been transferred by HYGEIA vehicles.

The diagnostic tests included **300** blood tests, **100** Pap tests, **500** body & vascular U/S, **300** cardiograms and **250** heart pulsed-wave Doppler, while **30** minor surgeries were also performed. In addition, **5** medical emergencies were also treated.

HYGEIA Group further donated an oxygen concentrator, two computers and two printers to the Karpathos Medical Center.

The newly-elected Mayor of Karpathos, Mr. Ilias Lampros, thanked the HYGEIA Group representatives for their generous offer, noting, *"This is an unprecedented and truly remarkable effort, since the people of Karpathos were able to have so many medical tests performed and be examined by so many physicians in just two days. I want to especially thank HYGEIA Group's Management, as well as its medical, administrative and other staff, for giving us the confidence that we are in very good hands when it comes to healthcare."*

Commenting on the initiative, HYGEIA Group's CEO, Mrs. Areti Souvatzoglou, stated, *"We are continuing to actively support the remote Greek islands and offer healthcare services to people who cannot easily access medical care. The trip to Karpathos was a joyous one, since the enthusiasm of the residents who welcomed us, as well as the willingness demonstrated by HYGEIA's medical, nursing, technical and administrative staff to participate in the program voluntarily, encourages us to continue our efforts in other locations as well."*