



**AMERICA
WE THANK YOU**
An Armenian Tribute to Near East Relief

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Rhode Island was an integral supporter of Near East Relief (NER), the American-led campaign that quickly sparked an international response with its unprecedented humanitarian endeavor, mobilizing all segments of the American citizenry including elected officials, celebrities and laypersons alike, to help rescue victims of the Armenian Genocide in Ottoman Turkey from 1915-1930.



- Rhode Island facilitated its relief efforts from its NER state headquarters located at 56 Washington Street in Providence.
- In 1922 President Warren Harding appointed a Near East Relief Emergency Committee with the purpose of ensuring close co-operation between respective NER state offices to maximize the impact of the relief efforts.
- Workers of the NER from New York, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Connecticut worked closely with the Near East Emergency Committee and during one of their meetings received a single gift of \$10,000.
- American school children helped the orphaned children in Armenia by collecting money and canned milk. April 25, 1923, was designated as Condensed Milk Day for Near East Orphans throughout all of the schools in Providence, Rhode Island.

Rhode Island, We Thank You!

Thanks to the generosity of the Near East Relief, its participating organizations and entities, the U.S. Government and State Governments, and especially the American people at large, over 1,000,000 refugees and 132,000 orphans of the Armenian Nation and other Christian minorities were rescued, fed, clothed, and educated. We have survived, thrived, and prospered from the horrors of Genocide at the hands of Ottoman Turkey.

For your unwavering support and unprecedented generosity in donating to Near East Relief's humanitarian efforts, Rhode Island, We Thank You!



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