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YA'SOU GACS!

***How Greek-American Community Services Transformed Chicago's
Greek Community***

By

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On a cold and snow-swept evening in December 1982, motivated by the Hellenic ideals of “*philotimo*” and “*philoxenia*,” a small group of Greek Americans launched a movement that forever changed the landscape of Chicago’s Greek community. *Ya’Sou GACS!* is the inside, firsthand account of how this eclectic group created and nurtured a legacy that spanned the latter half of the twentieth century and continues through today.

Nearly forty years after this groundbreaking meeting, the co-founders of Greek-American Community Services and the Greek-American Nursing Home Committee (Elaine Thomopoulos and John Psiharis) come together to recount the untold story of how a determined group of Greek-Americans helped launch a cultural renaissance in Chicago’s Greek Community that counts among its achievements: The establishment of the second Greek-American nursing home in the nation, an impressive portfolio of groundbreaking cultural programming, an unprecedented record in promoting cross-cultural and multi-ethnic cooperation and understanding, and a legacy of service in caring for the elderly and helping those in need.

Not only does this book chronicle the history of these organizations, it is a snapshot of Chicago’s Greek community during the 1980s, 1990s, and the early years of the new millennium. In addition to a detailed and in-depth narrative and photos, this book includes a comprehensive chronological history of Greek-American Community Services and the Greek-American Nursing Home Committee, a comprehensive “Who’s Who” for each organization, and a profile of Chicago’s Greek community during this era.

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