

American Hellenic Hull: Donation to Arkoi's primary school hosting a single student

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Sponsorship has been an integral part of democracy since ancient times. Nowadays, when the consequences of the economic crisis in Greece are far from eliminated, such initiatives are even more important, especially when it comes to enhancing education in the most remote areas.

Greek-American marine insurance company American Hellenic Hull (AHHIC) and its CEO, Ilias Tsakiris, have made one Arkoi student inhabitant's dream a reality. Arkoi is a small island in the Aegean that is the location of the smallest primary school in the European Union. It currently has only one student. AHHIC's sponsorship has enabled the establishment of the island's first lending library. The library already counts more than 1,000 books donated mainly by Greeks living abroad, and there are many more to come before the summer period.

The key person in the success of the project is the teacher Ms. Maria Faedra Tzialera, recently honored by the Academy of Athens, Greece's National Academy, both for her daily struggle to keep the island's school open and for her consistency in performing her duties. Her efforts include trying to attract new habitants to the island, especially children.

A joint venture of the American P&I Club and Hellenic Hull Management. AHHIC covers hull and machinery and war risks for most classes of vessel, including general cargo vessels, dry balk carriers, all types of tanker, container ships, gas carriers and passenger vessels. It is the first marine insurance company licensed in Cyprus under the requirements of the Solvency II regime.