

Costas Yannopoulos

Following the death of his Child Andreas in 1995, Mr. Yiannopoulos devoted his professional activities into creating "The Smile of the Child" - fulfilling his son's wishes that every child deserves a smile. Mr. Yiannopoulos has been the organization's ambassador and leader for 27 years - educating influencers and the community about the importance of what they do, and leading the evolution of the organization to an internationally recognized non-profit organization.

He provides visionary leadership and executive oversight to the organization, and has successfully penetrated international organizations to expand cooperative programs for families and children in need globally.

Mr. Yannopoulos has received multiple awards and accreditation for his dedication to humanity.

Employment:

- Chairman of the Board of Directors The Smile of the Child.
- Embassy of Greece in London.
- Grundy Electronics Int'l SA - Managing Director for Greece.
- Founder of computer software, hardware, integrated solutions and Support Company in 1983.
- Expanded family business to target and penetrate the technology sector.

Achievements and Recognition:

- Chairman of the Board of Directors of the European Antibullying Network (EAN) since 2012.
- Member of the Board of the International Center for Missing and Exploited Children (ICMEC).
- Awarded the European Citizen Award in 2014 by the European Parliament for "The Smile of the Child" contributions in defending children's rights.
- Awarded the Honorary Doctorate of the Department of Education and Social Work from the University in Patras in 2021, in recognition of his 27 years of continuous and meaningful service alongside every child in need or in danger.

Personal Data:

- Born in Athens in 1952
- Graduated Waltham Forest College, UK - Management & Marketing
- Birkbeck London University - BSC Marketing