

## About BLESS USA

BLESS USA was established in 1989 as a nonprofit charity organization that extends monetary aid and support from the United States to disadvantaged [Coptic Orthodox](#) Christians in Egypt. All contributions collected are sent to BLESS Egypt, our overseas office located in Cairo, Egypt. BLESS – the Bishopric of Public Ecumenical and Social Services – distributes these funds among seven [programs](#). These programs include: Support for Families, Healthcare Program, Education Assistance, Marriage Expense Assistance, Sudan and Emergency Aid, Housing and Infrastructure, and Income Generating Projects.

The Board of Directors governs the policies and operations of BLESS USA and oversees the direction of the organization. It is chaired by His Holiness Pope Tawadros II, Pope and Patriarch of the [Coptic Orthodox Church](#).

BLESS USA operates under the guidance of His Grace Bishop Youannes in Egypt and His Grace Bishop Karas in the United States.

From its headquarters at the Archdiocese of North America in Cedar Grove, New Jersey, it is managed by a volunteer staff that exists to identify needs, develop plans, manage operations and provide accountability.

BLESS USA is devoted entirely to humanitarian activities. BLESS USA does not fund programs of Church infrastructure, mission, reconstruction, or seminary support.

BLESS USA is a registered tax-exempt 501(c)(3) charity organization under the Internal Revenue Code. At the end of each fiscal year (January through December), each contributor receives their contribution summary.

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