

History

The Estonian Relief Committee (ERC) was established in 1941 to aid Estonians impacted by World War II, the communist Russian occupation, and deportations to Siberia.

The ERC received 501(c)3 designation on Oct. 31, 1942 “to relieve and mitigate the suffering of Estonian citizens.”

From 1948-1952, the ERC helped Estonian refugees find homes and jobs in the free world, including over 12,000 emigres to the USA .

In the 1950’s, the ERC funded Estonian children’s summer camps in Germany and provided seed money for the construction of an Estonian War Veterans Home in Germany.

In the 1960’s, the ERC expanded its support to include Estonian youth groups and cultural activities in the US.

In the 1970s-80s the ERC sent aid packages to needy Estonians via Sweden.

After Estonia regained its independence in the early 1990’s, the ERC expanded its charitable activities to include registered charities in Estonia. In the US, the ERC continues to support Estonian heritage and cultural organizations, with a focus on our youth.

Countless Estonians have served on the ERC board and as members since the organization’s inception. Presidents include: Salme Kaiv, Aleksandra Berg, Erich Harkna, Rudolf Kiviranna, Alfred Anderson, Paul Saar, Voldemar Vaher, Endel Reinpold and Toomas Kilm.

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Estonian Relief Committee

Eesti Abistamiskomitee USA-s



Ensuring our Estonian future across the USA

Helping our fellow Estonians in the Homeland



www.estoreliefusa.org

Our Mission

Ensure the future of our Estonian community across the USA

Provide grants to Estonian - American non-profit organizations including youth groups and camps, choirs, folk-dancers, and related projects and events to preserve and promote our heritage, culture, language, Estonian Houses and properties.

Help our fellow Estonians in need in Estonia

Provide grants to select registered non-profit organizations in Estonia that have the means to use our grants for charitable purposes to reach many in need.



ERC across the USA

- Estonian houses, societies & programs: New York, Long Island, Connecticut, Washington DC, Lakewood, Chicago, Seattle, San Francisco & Northern CA.
- Estonian Choirs
- Estonian Folk Dancing Troops
- Estonia's Song & Dance Festivals
- Estonian Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts
- FAAEY (Järvemetsa/Lakewood camp)
- Estonian Children's Summer Camp
- Estonian American Amateur Athletes
- West Coast ESTO Days
- NY Estonian Culture Days
- Foundation for Estonian Arts & Letters
- Estonian Archives in the USA
- Free Estonian Word newspaper

ERC in Estonia

- Estonian Red Cross Ukraine Refugee Relief
- Tallinn Children's Hospital Foundation
- SOS Children's Villages in Estonia
- Estonian Support Union of the Deafblind
- Women's Shelters
- Food Banks
- Estonian Wounded Warriors Organizations

How YOU can help! Please donate now

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