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The YWCA of Greece consistently supports women's right to equal access to education and specifically higher education. Responding to this need, and for the seventh consecutive year (academic year 2019-2020), we are operating "Athena" Programme – Free Housing for Female College Students". This is the first year that it operates in full capacity by providing housing to 38 young women from the provinces of Greece, to start or continue their studies in the Greek University in Athens.

The Multicenter "Athena", a 3000m² contemporary facility of international standards, is located in the Southern suburb of Ilioupolis, Attika. Until today more than 60 young women have had the opportunity to stay in its pleasant and safe environment. Through this program they were able to participate in group activities and other services offered by the YWCA of Greece, such as the Employment Counseling Center where they were able to receive career advising and prepare their entrance into the work force.

"Athena" Programme falls under the priorities of the World YWCA (safe spaces) and is directly related to one of the targets of the 4th S.D.G., as it ensures equal access to education and universities for all (women).

On July 2008, "Athena" Programme received an honorary distinction of "Innovative Voluntary Action" during the "Voluntary Action" festival 2018 organized by Skywalker.gr, under the auspices of the municipality of Athens.

Lastly, we would like to point out that the provision of safe housing is a long - lasting service for the YWCA of Greece.

Since the 1960s, our housing programs have hosted hundreds of women of all ages, helping them to fulfill their dreams, creating cherished memories and making the organization a reference point in their life span.

