



For Armenia. Forever.





I believe we are the most fortunate generation of Armenians in a thousand years. I know that many people will be astounded by that statement. All of us are painfully aware of how difficult the last 15 years have been for the people of Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh.

Despite all the difficulties that all of us are aware of, it is important for us to appreciate the efforts of the greater Armenian-American Diaspora in rebuilding the Homeland. After nearly a thousand years of foreign domination and ninety years after the genocide of our people, we are not only still here. But we are here and given the privilege and the right that so many have struggled for, to build a new nation, a new Armenia that we can all be proud of.

Armenia Fund has been the primary conduit of such efforts of the Armenian-American Diaspora. With a strong supporter base in the Western United States, Armenia Fund has overcome challenges in the homeland by meeting urgent needs and cementing long term developments. Thanks to its global network of affiliates in more than 19 countries, Armenia Fund continues to bring together individuals, major community organizations and share the common goal of providing a secure future for the Armenian nation.

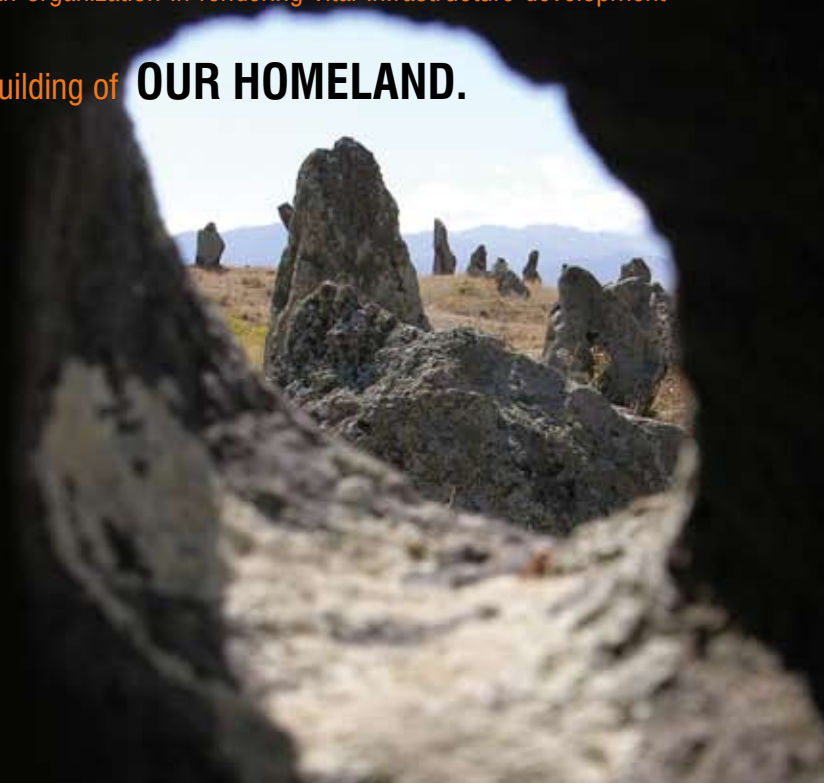
Our efforts were clearly shown, once again, during our 2005 Telethon when we registered the highest rate of participation amongst members of the public. This demonstrated, yet again, that Armenia Fund remains the premier non-profit humanitarian organization in rendering vital infrastructure development projects in Armenia and Karabakh.

Thank you for being a part in the rebuilding of **OUR HOMELAND.**

Thank you,

MARIA MEHRANIAN

Chairperson



The Mission

THE GLOBAL FAMILY OF “HAYASTAN” ALL-ARMENIAN FUND AFFILIATES WAS FOUNDED IN 1991 TO PROVIDE LARGE-SCALE HUMANITARIAN AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO THE NEWLY INDEPENDENT REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA BY BRINGING TOGETHER THE RESOURCES OF ARMENIAN COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

Established in 1994 in Los Angeles, California, Armenia Fund, Inc. is a 501(c) (3) tax-exempt, non-governmental, non-political corporation serving as the U.S. Western Region affiliate of the “Hayastan” All-Armenian Fund. Since the inception of “Hayastan” All-Armenian Fund, its 19 affiliates around the world have implemented critically vital humanitarian aid and infrastructure development projects, totaling over \$140 million, in Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh.

New Management



Sarkis Kotanjian, Executive Director

January 2005 marked a turning point for the management of Armenia Fund. Sarkis Kotanjian, the Director of Public Affairs, took over the responsibilities of the Executive Director. Under Kotanjian’s leadership, Armenia Fund led a major public campaign in the Western United States, through the 2004 Telethon, for the completion of the Nagorno Karabakh North-South Highway. Armenia Fund also revamped its public outreach program and raised its organizational profile by reaching out to communities outside California, notably in Nevada, Washington, and Texas.

During 2005 Kotanjian significantly modified the Fund’s office and operations by implementing a world-class database management program, and oversaw a major mid-year fundraiser. During the summer months, Kotanjian worked with experts from France, Armenia, and the United States to formulate the regional development plan of Martakert. In addition to his work in Armenia and Karabakh, he oversaw the planning, coordination, and operations leading to the 2005 Telethon.



Greg Boyrazian, Director of Development

Joining Armenia Fund’s new management was Greg Boyrazian as the new Director of Communications and Development. He has been chiefly responsible for keeping Armenian-American communities outside of California in line with the Fund’s public outreach program and developing community bases that support the organization’s initiatives. In addition, Boyrazian oversaw the revamping of Armenia Fund’s website. During the 2005 Telethon, he was primarily responsible for all global satellite connections and broadcasts airing in more than 25 cities across North America.

Ashot Bekor School

Stepanakert, Nagorno-Karabakh Republic

In 2005 renovation continued in key areas of the school. Water and sewer lines were restored. Thanks to this upgrade, the school now has a safe drinking water source. The facility was connected to the city's electricity grid, securing a safe and reliable source of power. Once renovation is completed in each classroom, furniture and necessary school supplies are installed. Plans are also underway to complete the landscaping of the school, in order to provide a safe and healthy playground environment for the students.



School #29

Gyumri, Republic of Armenia



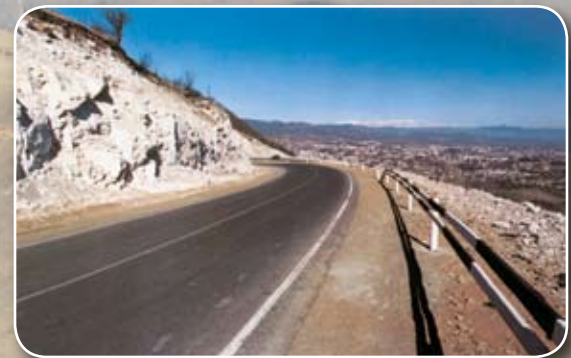
During 2005 major construction was completed. The school was thoroughly furnished with new desks, chairs, and classroom equipment. Under a special partnership with the Armenia School Connectivity Program (ASCP) and Armenia Fund, the school received more than 30 new computers for its laboratory. ASCP is a program of the United States Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. All computers are connected to the Internet through a modern school network. This is certainly a window to the world for the students of Gyumri School #29. During 2005 construction continued on the gymnasium and auxiliary auditorium – the largest in any school in Armenia. The project was made possible through a generous donation by Dr. Joseph and Mrs. Alyce Dorian.



Highway Maintenance

Goris-Stepanakert

Los Angeles-based philanthropists Mr. and Mrs. Vahe and Veronic Karapetian financed the vital maintenance of the Goris-Stepanakert highway, which connected Armenia with Karabakh. The maintenance of the highway includes repair of potholes and normal wear and tear components, repair of water evacuation systems along the highway, repainting of safety lines dividing the highway, and replacement of damaged safety guard rails. During the winter months accumulation and consequent removal of snow and ice take a heavy toll on the road. Thanks to the generous support of Mr. and Mrs. Karapetian, the road is now maintained in accordance with Western standards. The highway is a crucial infrastructure link in the socio-economic development of both Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh.



Armenia Fund Projects

North-South Highway

Nagorno-Karabakh Republic



Thanks to record-breaking donor response, the 2004 Telethon secured the entire financing of the North-South Highway, allowing Armenia Fund to work on completing the critically important highway.

During November 2005, the Vank-Kichan crossroad section, at a length of 3.2 miles, was opened. The remaining sections of the highway will be completed in late 2006. Of these sections is the Tsakouri-Hadrut portion of the highway that stretches 6.9 miles. Construction began in 2003 and its completion is slated for September of 2006.

The last 2.1 miles of this section will undergo complete asphaltting. Also slated for completion in September 2006 is the Azohk-Tsakouri section. Construction on this portion started in 2004 and stretches 6.2 miles. Since last year, the double-phase construction of the Stepanakert-Karmir Shouka section (5.4 miles and 7.7 miles) has been proceeding. Asphaltting will begin in the spring of 2006. The opening of the section is scheduled for November-December of 2006.

Started in 2004, construction of the 3.2 miles long Kichan-Drmbon section is nearing completion. Currently, the 4 miles and 4.2 miles section of Kichan-Drmbon are being constructed and is slated for completion in November of 2006.

The construction of the Drmbon-Mardakert section is also divided into stages. The multiphase construction of the 7.2 miles long section started in April 2005. Asphaltting in this section will begin in spring. In addition to ongoing works, in February 2006, the Fund announced a tender for the 2.5 miles section of Drmbon-Mardakert.

Secondary School #5

Etchmiadzin, Republic of Armenia

Through a generous donation by Mr. and Mrs. Berj and Belet Shahbazian of Los Angeles, California, Armenia Fund adopted this project in 2005. The four-wing school was initially constructed in 1970 for 970 students. The number of students has decreased significantly over the years, with the student body now numbering 380, in grades 1 through 11. The first of the two stages of construction is already complete.

The remaining areas slated for future repair are the main wing, the gymnasium, and the auditorium.

The scope of work for the first stage included:

- Removal of old asbestos roofing and replacement with metal roofing;
- Installation of new water and sewer systems
- Installation of new electric wiring
- Installation of a drinking-water tank and pump
- Replacement of all interior doors
- Repair of existing windows and installation of several new ones
- Complete renovation of six restrooms
- Replacement of flooring
- Complete repair of all walls and ceilings
- Plastering and painting of all interior surfaces
- Installation of new metal doors at the main entrance



Armenian Archaeological Institute

Yerevan, Republic of Armenia

Upon the recommendation of Dr. Herant Katchadourian of Palo Alto, California, the Flora Family Foundation entrusted Armenia Fund with the implementation of a special project through a grant of \$15,000. The grant will enable the implementation of the publications program of the Armenian Archaeological Institute in the Republic of Armenia.



The Armenian Archeological Institute is dedicated to creating public understanding about Armenia's rich cultural past while supporting research and study. The publications program will allow the Institute to publish significant finds, inform the world of Armenia's vast trove of traditions and legacies, as well as promote archaeological interest in the republic.

The family of William and Flora Lamson Hewlett, for whom the Foundation is named, established the Flora Family Foundation, which was incorporated as a private foundation in 1998 in the State of California. The Foundation awards grants on a strictly invitational basis.

"Filmadaran" National Motion Picture Archive

Yerevan, Republic of Armenia

Armenia Fund financed the crucial rehabilitation of the basement of the National Motion Picture Archive in Yerevan, Armenia. This important building houses the national archives of all the motion pictures and films ever produced in Armenia. Thus the building requires special environmental attention and climate control in order to protect its priceless archives. Due to a lack of proper maintenance since the collapse of the Soviet Union, the building has been in dire need of repair and renovation. The basement of the building was flooded due to a rupture of the sewer system. This resulted in increased humidity levels throughout the building, causing critical damage to the films. Armenia Fund financed the complete repair of the sewer system to safeguard against future ruptures. The National Motion Picture Archive has recently been granted a United States Agency for International Development grant.



Reconstruction of Shushi

Shushi, Nagorno-Karabakh Republic



A group of Los Angeles-based philanthropists and businesspeople have initiated an ambitious plan to contribute to the reconstruction of Shushi.

The project includes renovating the public park in the center of Shushi and reconstruction of the historic market in its original form. Also included in this project is the reconstruction of the old Oriental Bathhouse.

The first stage of this effort will be concentrated on the block starting from the square in front of the government building and ending at the ancient marketplace facing the Mosque.

The main objectives of this initiative are to restore Shushi's cultural splendor, improve the tourism infrastructure, and create jobs for more than 150 people.





"The energy, the people of Armenia Fund and other Armenian institutions – they've been very generous [in] helping Armenia to grow and develop, and that's tremendously helped Armenia's economic development."

H.E. VARTAN OSKANIAN

Minister of Foreign Affairs,
Republic of Armenia

Statement made at the Los Angeles
World Affairs Council, November
2005



"Armenia Fund has empowered Armenians from throughout the world to take advantage of the historic opportunity to be a part of Armenia's state-building."

H.E. TATOUL MARKARIAN

Ambassador of the Republic of
Armenia to the U.S.A.



"I am very pleased to be able to give me wholehearted and enthusiastic support to the works of the Armenia Fund, because they are helping the people of Artsakh in a very magnificent way. With all the comforts of Western society, with all the things that we take for granted – hospitals, schools, clean water, and electricity... you will remember the Armenians of Artsakh and you will help Armenia Fund to give them a life that's worthy of the heroism, the heroes who paid the price, the families that still pay the price for keeping your historic land of Artsakh."

**BARONESS CAROLINE COX
OF QUEENSBURY**

Deputy Speaker, House of Lords of
the United Kingdom



"It is important to me that the friendship between Armenia and America flourishes, and I know that you are working toward that end everyday. I commend the Armenia Fund for raising more than \$110 million dollars for schools, healthcare, roads and other critical infrastructure and humanitarian efforts in Armenia"

U.S. SENATOR BARBARA BOXER

(D-California)



"Armenia is a special place and beginning with the notable work of the Armenia Fund, we can work toward reducing poverty and cementing democratic and economic reforms. I thank you for all that you do."

U.S. SENATOR NORM COLEMAN

(R-Minnesota)



"Great possibilities and opportunities emerge when people come together to serve their communities and help others. Your advocacy advances the country's progress and develops its transportation infrastructure, healthcare and education systems and waterways. I commend you for your care and concern. Thank you for your enduring contributions to the worldwide Armenian communities."

**GOVERNOR ARNOLD
SCHWARZENEGGER (R)**

State of California



"Armenia Fund has been doing the important work of vital infrastructure improvements in Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh. Traveling myself through beautiful Karabakh and seeing its people struggle to overcome the destruction of war, I was so impressed with the signs along the roadways indicating that Armenian-Americans were personally investing in its future."

REP. LLOYD DOGGETT

(D-Texas)
Member of Congress



"I would like to commend Armenia Fund for its significant contributions to the humanitarian recovery of Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh by pulling together the financial resources of Armenians around the world. Together we can continue to help Armenia and Nagorno-Karabakh grow and prosper."

REP. JOSEPH KNOLLENBERG

(R-Michigan)
Member of Congress
Armenian Caucus Co-Chair



"The Armenia Fund is a great opportunity to help with various causes in Armenia. I remember specifically the Fund was used to build the highway linking Armenia and Karabakh. We have tried in Congress to provide funding in Karabakh, but what the Armenia Fund does for hospitals, education and healthcare in Armenia and Karabakh is just wonderful."

REP. FRANK PALLONE JR.

(D-New Jersey)
Member of Congress
Armenian Caucus Co-Chair



"Since 1996, Armenia Fund has implemented more than \$120 million of infrastructure development assistance and humanitarian aid for Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh. In 2004, Armenia Fund reached new heights by raising a record breaking \$11.5 million for Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh. Please help the people of Armenia and Nagorno Karabakh."

REP. GEORGE RADANOVICH

(R-California)
Member of Congress



"Through the efforts of the Armenia Fund, important infrastructure development projects, including 200 residential buildings and 138 miles of new highways have been completed. These efforts have vastly improved living standards in Armenia and Artsakh, but there is still much more important work that needs to be done. I commend the Armenia Fund for their past and present devotion to the beautiful land of Armenia. The hard work of the Armenia Fund...is something we are all thankful for."

REP. ADAM SCHIFF

(D-California)
Member of Congress



"I am so proud to be associated with the Armenia Fund and the significant contributions it is making to the livelihood of Armenians living around the world. Through its public outreach campaigns, Armenia Fund engages all levels of the community and brings Armenia closer to the Diaspora. I wish the Fund every success"

REP. DIANE E. WATSON

(D-California)
Member of Congress

Appreciation



International Board of Trustees Meeting

With the North-South Highway in Nagorno Karabakh nearing completion, the Board of Trustees of “Hayastan” All-Armenian Fund identified a new three-year assistance project, “Revival of Artsakh,” during the organization’s 14th annual meeting on May 2, 2005, in Yerevan, Armenia. Chaired by H.E. Robert Kocharian, President of the Republic of Armenia, over 27 trustees and 19 representatives from affiliates worldwide convened for Armenia Fund’s annual meeting. Armenia Fund’s U.S. Western Region was represented by Maria

Mehranian, Chairperson, Ara Aghishian, Esq., Vice-Chair, and Sarkis Kotanjian, Executive Director.

Highlighting the accomplishments of 2004, Dr. Naira Melkounian, Executive Director of “Hayastan” All-Armenian Fund, emphasized the significance of Telethon 2004 and the unprecedented \$11.5 million dollars raised worldwide towards the completion of the North-South Highway. During the meeting several issues were discussed, one being the fluctuating currency exchange rates and how they affect the income of “Hayastan” All-Armenian Fund. In order to offset the effect of such fluctua-

tions, the trustees decided to forge a closer working relationship between Hayastan All-Armenian Fund and the Central Bank of Armenia. The latter will advise the Fund on trends in currency exchange rates.

At the board meeting the trustees approved the nomination of Ara Vardanyan as Deputy Executive Director of the Fund. Mr. Vardanyan previously served as the Head of the International Relations Department of the Fund. Vardanyan was chiefly responsible for maintaining the Fund’s international presence through its network of 19 global affiliates and the implementation of its public outreach programs.

New Website



In order to better communicate and publicize project activities carried out in the Homeland, Armenia Fund revamped its existing website. The web portal at www.armeniafund.org was completely redesigned by Stratomedia, Inc., a leading design firm based in Washington, D.C. The project was spearheaded by Armen Kanayan, the president of the firm. The team developed an advanced content management system that allows Armenia Fund office staff to easily update the website, resulting in significant cost cutting, as this helps eliminate web-maintenance fees and delays. In addition, a secure online system was installed to accept credit card donations via the site. During the Telethon, the site was used to stream the complete 12-hour program. More than 10,000 viewers from Australia to Sweden logged on to watch the Telethon. This marks an important milestone for Armenia Fund in terms of reaching a greater audience and viewership for the Telethon.

Armenian Genocide – 90th Anniversary Commemoration



On April 23, 2005, the offices of Armenia Fund coordinated and sponsored a live television program on the 90th anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. The one-hour special featured a live satellite connection between Yerevan, Armenia, and Los Angeles. Participants from Los Angeles engaged in a discussion of the Armenian Genocide and informed their counterparts in Yerevan about Diaspora wide commemorations. Participants from Yerevan included Foreign Affairs Minister Vartan Oskanian, Parliament Deputy Speaker Vahan Hovannissian, and Executive Director of “Hayastan” All-Armenian Fund Dr. Naira Melkounian as well as prominent genocide scholars. Participants from Los Angeles included members from all major Armenian-American organizations and political parties. Armenia Fund spearheaded this international program, which was aired on Armenian Public Television via satellite.

2005 Beneficiary Project Martakert Regional Development

At the international board of trustees meeting the Martakert regional development plan was adopted as the assistance project for Fiscal Year 2005. The regional development plan is a multi-level and multifaceted project that is aimed at the socio-economic rehabilitation of Martakert, which has been severely impacted by the war. Martakert's only new major infrastructure element is the North-South highway, which connects the region with the capital of Nagorno Karabakh, Stepanakert, and consequently Yerevan, Armenia.

At the international board of trustees meeting the 19 affiliates adopted various portions of the plan. The development plan calls for the construction of drinking water facilities, rehabilitation of local schools, reconstruction of a regional hospital and an ambulance system, and agricultural development designed to restore Karabakh as the breadbasket of the region.



As the U.S. Western Region affiliate of the Fund, Armenia Fund adopted the healthcare revitalization portion of the development plan. As it took on this massive project, Armenia Fund launched the planning stage by completing a comprehensive study of the healthcare situation and needs of Martakert.

Based on findings by healthcare professionals, the plan calls for the complete reconstruction of the Martakert Regional Hospital, the incorporation of six ambulances with a communications dispatch center, the purchase of modern medical equipment, and provision of appropriate staff training.



"Armenia is not only our homeland but also our common heritage that we have received from our forefathers. It belongs to all of us - the people who live in Armenia and the people who live in the Diaspora. It is our common duty to make it strong and prosperous. 'Hayastan' All-Armenian Fund is the organization that unites our resources to fulfill that duty"

MRS. NAIRA MELKOUMIAN

Executive Director
"Hayastan" All-Armenian Fund

CONSTRUCTION OF DRINKING WATER FACILITIES



REHABILITATION OF LOCAL SCHOOLS



RECONSTRUCTION OF A REGIONAL HOSPITAL



AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT



Martakert Regional Hospital

General Information

The two-story hospital was built in 1971. The building was pillaged during the war as it was targeted by Azeri aerial and artillery attacks and changed hands twice.

Two of the hospital's three wings have been partially renovated after the war by Family Care, Red Cross, and the government of Nagorno Karabakh, but the passage of time and lack of maintenance have taken their toll. The main wing has never seen any reconstruction or renovation.

The building is in tatters. Furthermore, the hospital was built with Soviet standards, which woefully fall short of Western norms: the layout of the rooms, their sizes, and locations, as well as the ratio of doctors and nurses to patients are wrong. The institution does not function as a regional hospital, but rather as an emergency care unit for the city of Martakert and nearby villages alone.

The sanitary condition of the hospital is unacceptable. There is only one bathroom per floor and only one shower room located in the reception area, on the first floor. All of the bathrooms are in terrible condition, with most of the toilets and sinks broken.

Medical equipment is archaic and limited to the most basic needs of an emergency healthcare outpost. There is only one ambulance, which functions mainly as transport for medical personnel.



As a result of the project, the following units will be fully renovated:



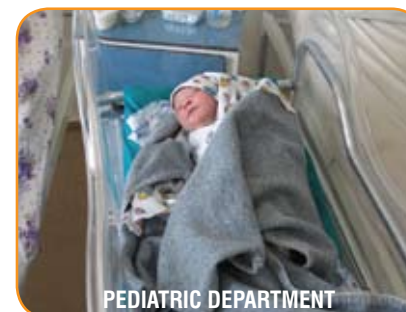
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GENERAL MEDICINE DEPARTMENT



INFECTIOUS DISEASES DEPARTMENT

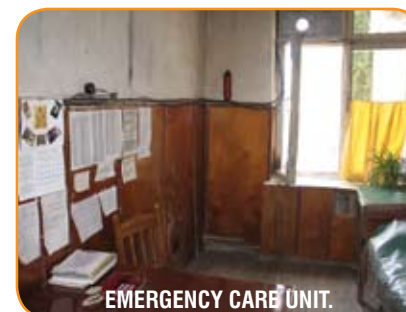


PEDIATRIC DEPARTMENT

The following new units will be established:



AMBULANCE DISPATCH UNIT FOR FIVE AMBULANCES



EMERGENCY CARE UNIT.

The walls, floors, and ceilings of all departments will be renovated. New doors and windows will be installed. A new roof will be placed. New electrical wiring, drinking water and sewer systems, and heating apparatuses will be installed.

New medical equipment and furniture will be purchased, and all the doctors and nurses will be trained to be able to function in a hospital of Western standards. The entire hospital will be computerized and a new telephone system will be set up.

Key Fundraising Activities



Comedian Vahe Berberian

Ashot Bekor School

\$36,600 was raised at the Vahe Berberian Comedy-dinner on April 3, 2005. The event was graciously organized by Mrs. Janet Mirzayan. Proceeds benefited the Ashot Bekor School in Stepanakert, Karabakh.

2005 Phone-a-thon

During the summer months of July and August Armenia Fund held a major mid-year fundraiser through a phone-a-thon campaign. The program was designed to educate the donors of Armenia Fund about the Martakert Regional Development Plan, as well as familiarize them with the healthcare initiative. Over 5,000 calls were made by a group of college students. \$80,000 was raised during this campaign. Through major campaigns of this nature, Armenia Fund continues to educate its donors and supporters.

L to R: Archbishop Mardirossian, Ambassador Markarian, Chairperson Mehranian, Archbishop Derderian, Vice-Chairman Aghishian, and Executive Director Kotanjian

Welcoming Ambassador Markarian to California

In an effort to generate greater community involvement, Armenia Fund hosted a pre-sale dinner event for the 2005 Annual Gala at the Tarzana home of Armenia Fund benefactors Mr. and Mrs. Berj and Belet Shahbazian on Friday, September 30.

With the help of the gala co-chairs Lily Ring Balian, Jasik Jarahian, Janet Mirzayan, Anahid Sarian, and Julia Aghishian, Armenia Fund sold out the tables of the November 18 event.

The pre-sale event brought together prominent community members and officials including special guests H.E. Tatoul Markarian, Ambassador of the Republic of Armenia to the United States, H.E. Archbishop Hovnan Derderian, Primate of the Western Diocese of the Armenian Church of North America, and H.E. Archbishop Moushegh Mardirossian, Prelate of the Western Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America.



The evening also honored the Shahbazian family for their generosity and commitment to sponsoring the renovation of Etchmiadzin School #5 in Armenia. The first phase of the project was completed in May, with the final phase scheduled for completion in 2006.

Maria Mehranian and Ara Aghishian, Chairperson and Vice-Chair of Armenia Fund, respectively, granted an Honorary Armenia Fund Membership to the Shahbazian family. The honor is bestowed on major donors of the organization.





Telethon 2005

Build a New Horizon



Philanthropist Albert Boyajian appeals to viewers with Arsine Khanjian, President Ghoukasian and Hrnt Tokhatian.



Celebrity Attorney Mark Geragos (R) and Larry Zarian answer phone calls during the Telethon



Harout Pamboukjian rocks the studios with his band

Telethon Kickoff

Armenia Fund launched Telethon 2005 with a logo-unveiling ceremony and reception on Wednesday, September 14, at the Casa Adobe de San Rafael in Glendale, California.

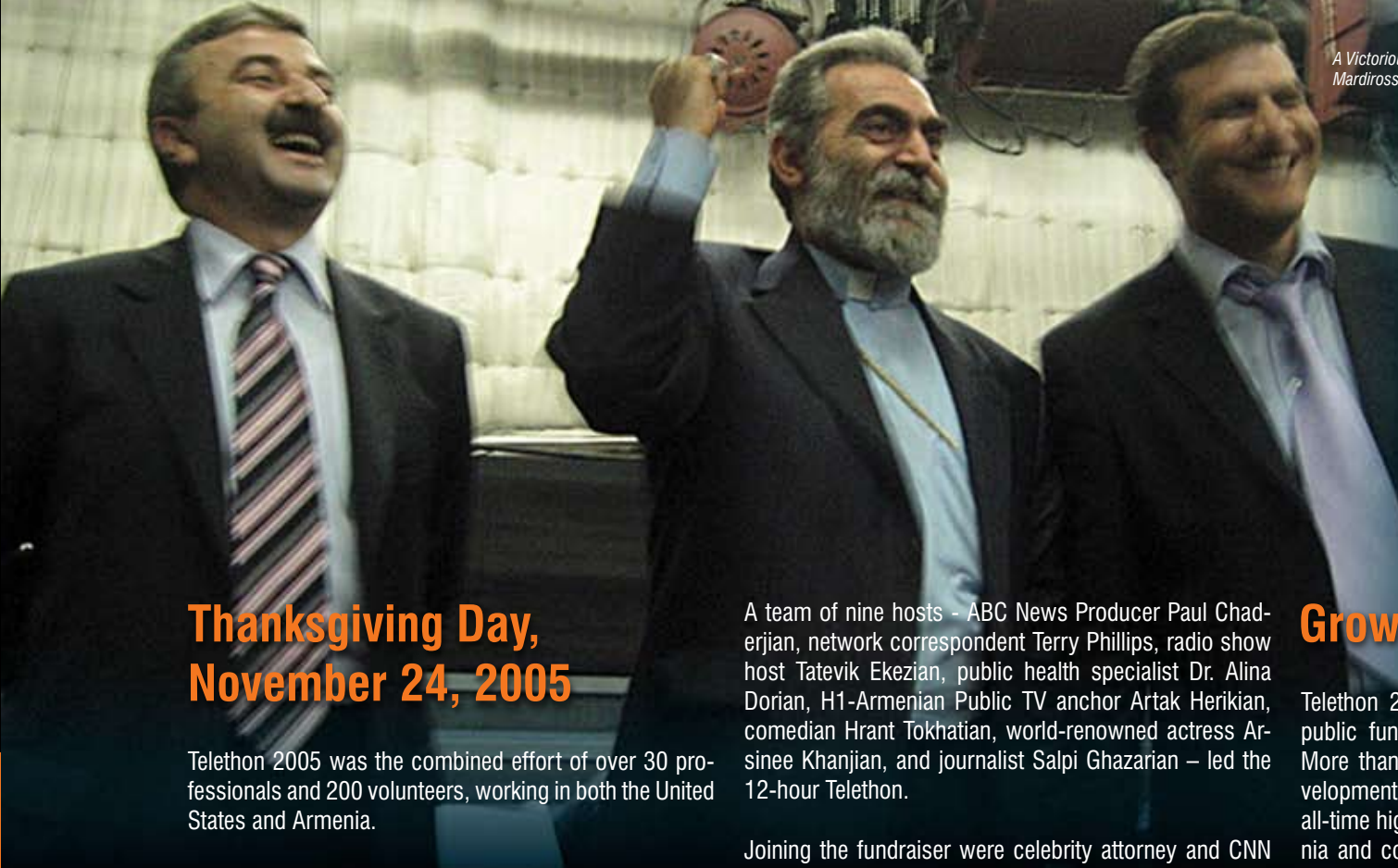
The logo as well as the Telethon's theme, "Build a New Horizon," were created by local graphic artist Helena Gregorian. The orange and white logo



Armenia Fund leadership with California officials at the Telethon Kickoff

features the four key elements of Telethon 2005: agricultural development, construction of water distribution systems, healthcare, and education.

The 2005 Telethon launch brought together representatives of all major Armenian-American organizations and a number of local elected and appointed officials of the cities of Glendale, La Canada, Pasadena, and Burbank as well as California State Representatives.



A Victorious Day – Parliament Speaker Ghouljian, Archbishop Barkev Mardirossian and host Artak Herikian share a laugh after the Telethon.

Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 2005

Telethon 2005 was the combined effort of over 30 professionals and 200 volunteers, working in both the United States and Armenia.

The broadcast featured live performances and interviews with celebrities, Armenia Fund supporters, and political leaders from Armenia, Karabakh, and the Diaspora. The 2005 Telethon was a truly international event. It was aired via satellite around the globe. During the live program various international affiliates of the Fund joined via live video satellite from France, Argentina, Armenia, and Russia.

Telethon 2005, airing from Glendale, California, was a 12-hour event broadcast throughout the United States, Europe, South America, the Middle East, and Armenia. Telethon 2005's goal was to raise funds for the Martakert Regional Development Plan. Upon completion, the plan will bring to fruition a regional healthcare program, drinking and irrigation water systems, agricultural developments and programs, and regional educational programs, such as rebuilding schools and libraries.

A team of nine hosts - ABC News Producer Paul Chaderjian, network correspondent Terry Phillips, radio show host Tatevik Ekejian, public health specialist Dr. Alina Dorian, H1-Armenian Public TV anchor Artak Herikian, comedian Hrant Tokhatian, world-renowned actress Arsinée Khanjian, and journalist Salpi Ghazarian – led the 12-hour Telethon.

Joining the fundraiser were celebrity attorney and CNN legal analyst Mark Geragos and former Glendale Mayor Larry Zarian. Both answered phone calls during the peak hours of the Telethon.

Various local musicians and renowned singers led the entertainment portion of the program. Among them was Harout Pamboukjian and his band, who rocked the studios and certainly caused a jolt in the fundraising efforts.

The Telethon remains a cherished highlight of community activities throughout the Armenian Diaspora. It is a day when members of the community unite under one mission. Over the years the Telethon has significantly improved its quality, in terms of both content and production, thanks to the vision of Armenia Fund executives. This is a special program that invites family viewing enjoyment across the world and participation in a day when gratitude is celebrated.



Salpi Ghazarian with past Armenia Fund Chairmen (L-R) Tomik Alexanian, Rafi Ourfalian, and Zaven Khanjian

Growth Trends

Telethon 2005 set another milestone in the Armenian public fundraising arena in the U.S. Western Region. More than \$1.9 million was pledged during the Redevelopment of Martakert Region campaign, indicating an all-time high in the pledged amounts in Southern California and combined other regions of Western U.S. This unprecedented success is attributed to the strong participation of the general public and higher- and mid-range donors marking all-time highs since 1996 – the first year that a Telethon was organized by “Hayastan” All-Armenian Fund.

Seventy-two percent (\$1.3 million) of all pledges during the 2005 Telethon were made by donors in the \$1 to \$9,999 category. The total amount raised from this donor category increased by 20% compared to the previous year and registered an all-time high.



Americans for Artsakh Event



On November 19, 2005, a dinner reception was graciously hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Bedros and Anna Oruncackiel, under the auspices of Americans for Artsakh, a Washington, D.C.-based charitable organization. The event sought to raise funds for Armenia Fund initiatives, notably the Martakert Regional Hospital. Mr. Zaven Khanjian, President of Americans for Artsakh, spearheaded this major fundraiser. More than \$80,000 was raised through the generous support of Armenia Fund benefactors. Mr. and Mrs. Oruncackiel donated \$30,000 in addition to hosting the event.

2005 Annual Gala Millennium Biltmore Hotel



H.E. Vartan Oskanian

On November 18, 2005, Armenia Fund held its annual gala at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles. The event's guest of honor was H.E. Arkady Ghoukasian, President of the Republic of Nagorno Karabakh, and the keynote speaker was H.E. Vartan Oskanian, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia. Also in attendance was Mrs. Naira Melkoumian, Executive Director of "Hayastan" All-Armenian Fund. The evening was graciously emceed by Terry Phillips, network correspondent of National Public Radio, NBC, and CBS. The gala attracted prominent community members and donors. More than \$50,500 was raised for the Martakert Regional Hospital during the event.



H.E. Arkady Ghoukasian



M.C. Terry Phillips

Humanitarians of the Year

Armenia Fund expresses its sincere gratitude to the following individuals who unyieldingly brought forth their participation in the humanitarian endeavors of Armenia Fund. Without their volunteer efforts Armenia Fund could have not reached its goals.



Mrs. Jasik Jarahian

Mrs. Jarahian's active participation is not new to the Armenian-American community. As one of the Annual Gala Co-Chairs, Mrs. Jarahian oversaw the planning and organization of this special event. Proceeds from the sold-out Gala benefited the Martakert Regional Hospital.



Mr. Zaven Khanjian

A former Chairman of the Board of Armenia Fund (1998-2000), Mr. Khanjian led key fundraisers for the Martakert Regional Hospital. Currently serving as Chairman of Americans for Artsakh of Washington, D.C., Mr. Khanjian remains active with the Fund.



Ms. Sonia Kutukian

An active supporter of Armenia Fund, Ms. Kutukian volunteers at the Armenia Fund office, assisting in various administrative tasks. A devoted believer of the Fund's mission, Ms. Kutukian's assistance can not be described in mere words.



Mrs. Janet Mirzayan

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