



SOCIETY FOR ORPHANED ARMENIAN RELIEF

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Gyumri SOAR "Charity Dental Clinic"

The charity dental clinic started its activity in March 2016. During 2016-2023 **3186** patients were served. During 2023, 465 patients from which 320 children of the care facilities and 145 children from Shirak community.

In the beginning, the dental clinic provided services exclusively to the students of daycare and boarding institutions, orphanages but as a result of the "Deinstitutionalization Program", some institutions were closed and the children returned to their biological families.

Considering that the dental clinic provides service in the region of Shirak marz, which is considered a disaster zone and occupies one of the first places in the country in terms of unemployment and poverty, there are many socially disadvantaged and large families here.

Based on all this, the dental clinic gave the opportunity to the children of the community (0-16 years old) to use the service free of charge and the 16 seniors served at clinic made a symbolic donation.

During these years, the dental clinic has actively cooperated with both state and private institutions:

- OUR Lady of Armenia Center in Gyumri
- «Thrchoonian Tun» orphanage /closed in 2019/
- Gyumri State Boarding school N 1 SNCO /closed in 2019/
- Gyumri Social Child Care center SNCO /closed in 2021/
- Gyumri F.Nansen Boarding No. 2 NOC now reformed Shirak Marz Child and Family Support Center of NOC
- Community Development and Social Support Center
- Little Prince in Gyumri run by Armenin Caritas
- «Khachmeruk» NGO
- «Alvan Tsaghik» Kindergarden
- «Symbol of Kidness» NGO
- «Emil Aregak» Center for children and youth with multiple disabilities

We regularly receive a positive response and a great demand for the service from the above mentioned institutions and community representatives.



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Due to the situation in the country, a service was also provided to the children of Artsakh.

The dental clinic provides the following services: oral and dental consultation, treatment of teeth and gums, removal of tartar, polishing and removal of molars, milk teeth and primary teeth.


The dental clinic is located in the city of Gyumri, Shirak region, equipped with high-quality equipment and materials, which are regularly updated and kept in good condition. The professional team of the dental clinic has appropriate qualifications and carries out the work with high quality, showing a psychological approach taking into account the age and personality of the children.

During these years, the dental clinic hosted [volunteer dentists](#) from different countries. As a result of regular cooperation, we have been hosting dentist Ronald Sani as part of Fresno's "Medical Mission to Armenia" program for 4 years. We cooperated with "Birthright Armenia" organization as a result of which we hosted 3 volunteers from Moscow, Leningrad and Egypt in different years.

The dental clinic also emphasizes early diagnosis and treatment of dental problems, as well as dental and oral care literacy, for which we [conducted visits to schools in various rural communities](#), conducted research among 1st and 7th grade students, taught dental care through games and didactic materials. proper care, consumption of healthy food.

The medical team of the dental clinic also cooperated in the ["Maternal and Newborn health" program of the SOAR Foundation, conducted by CDSSC NGO](#) for pregnant women and if necessary provided consultation and services in the dental clinic.

There are following suggestions for further implementation of SOAR Charitable Dental Clinic program:

-  To continue providing services for the children of the above mentioned institutions and from vulnerable families.



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- ✚ Suggest local medical institutions, colleges to refer students to dental clinic for educational practice and professional orientation.
- ✚ To continue conducting research and information visits to rural communities.
- ✚ To cooperate with various national and international organizations for hosting medical volunteers, dentists.
- ✚ To continue cooperation in " Maternal and Newborn health" program of the SOAR.

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