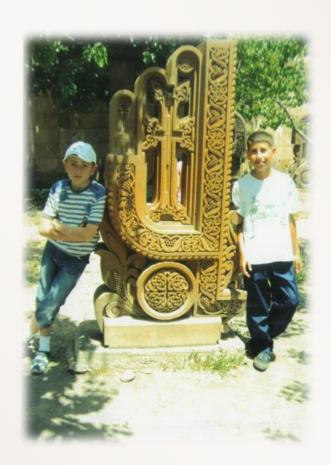


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Message from the Executive Board Chairman

Dear SOAR Friends:

Thank you for making 2013 our most productive year to date!

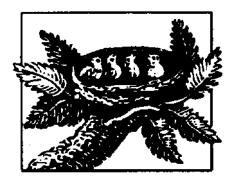
SOAR continues to achieve significant growth in both distributions and geographic presence. In 2006, our first full year of providing humanitarian relief to orphaned Armenian children, we made \$59,700 in distributions. In 2013, our distributions exceeded \$700,000, an increase of approximately 50% from 2012.

Twenty-one (21) new Chapters joined the SOAR family in 2013: Alaska, Amsterdam, Baltimore, Berlin, Brussels, Byblos, Geneva, Hartford, Las Vegas, Milan, Montreal, New York, Orange County, Phoenix, Poland, Portland (OR), Rome, Sacramento, San Diego, Syria, and Zurich. The Chapters provide us with a critical localized presence across the world, reaching populations we could never have accessed in 2005.

My heartfelt gratitude extends to our Executive Board, whose work has increased significantly since 2005; to our Chapters and volunteers, who faithfully advance the SOAR mission across the world; to our Board of Trustees, which oversees our fiscal operations; to our in-country Partners who coordinate our distributions; and, finally, to our financial and emotional supporters. Your steadfast enthusiasm and commitment are uplifting, and we thank you for an extraordinary 2013.

Respectfully,

George S. Yacoubian, Jr., Ph.D., L.L.M. SOAR Founder and Executive Board Chairman







Creation and Management

eorge S. Yacoubian, Jr. and his wife Erica began their adoption process in 2005. Throughout that spring and summer, they went through their home study process and the various levels of domestic governmental approval. While in Armenia visiting the Our Lady of Armenia Center's summer camp, they saw their future daughter for the first time. George and Erica submitted their dossier to the Armenian government that fall, received preliminary approval in December, and obtained final approval the following March. Liliana arrived on American soil on April 23, 2006!



In the fall of 2005, George and Erica founded the Society for Orphaned Armenian Relief (SOAR) as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization to provide humanitarian relief to orphaned children living in Armenia. An experienced Board of Directors was assembled, a network of Partners in Armenia was recruited to assist with distributions, and the website (http://soar-us.org/) was launched. In 2009, a National Board of Trustees was created to annually review SOAR's fiscal operations and distributions.

SOAR assists orphaned children and adults by:

- 1. Working with for-profit corporations to provide donations of specific products. SOAR receives these goods in the United States and ships them through the United Armenia Fund (UAF).
- 2. Collecting donations from individuals, families, and groups across the United States and shipping them to Armenia via UAF.
- 3. Using cash donations to purchase goods and services. Some of these products and services are purchased outside of Armenia. Most, however, are purchased *in* Armenia. This serves the dual purpose of meeting the orphanages' needs while simultaneously supporting Armenia's economy. SOAR's Partners are responsible for either receiving the shipped goods or making the in-country purchases.

SOAR has grown tremendously during the past several years and has broadened its mission to include *orphaned Armenian children and adults throughout the world*. Its work supports 31 Armenian facilities worldwide: 21 in Armenia, two in Artsakh, four in Lebanon, three in Syria, and one in Javakh.

Today, SOAR is represented by 52 Chapters across the world: Ainjar, Atlanta, Amsterdam, Atlanta, Baltimore, Berlin, Boston, Brussels, Byblos, Chicago, Cleveland, Colorado, Delaware, Detroit, Frankfurt/Bonn, Fresno, Geneva, Hartford, Idaho, Javakh, Las Vegas, London, Los Angeles, Miami, Milan, Montreal, Moscow, Munich, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Orange County, Paris, Philadelphia, Pisa, Phoenix, Poland, Portland, Providence, Rome, Sacramento, San Antonio/Austin, San Diego, Seattle, St. Louis, Syria, Toronto, Washington DC Metro, Wisconsin, Yerevan, and Zurich.

Some Chapter volunteers are parents of adopted Armenian children; others simply recognize the significance of SOAR's work and want to help perpetuate its mission. The common bond among them all is the recognition that orphaned Armenians represent the most vulnerable population of Armenian society.

Quality Control



OAR has a strict quality control protocol to assure that all donations, in their entirety, reach the intended recipients. This protocol has five elements:

- 1. SOAR rarely makes cash distributions directly to the orphanages. Rather, goods and services that can be procured in Armenia are purchased by SOAR's Partners and distributed directly to the orphanages.
- 2. SOAR implements chain-of-custody procedures for any distributed goods or services, providing assurance that these items have been received by the orphanages in the exact quantity intended. These procedures have three steps:
 - a. Partners sign for the shipments and/or attest to the type and quantity of goods or services procured in Armenia. This invoice includes an exact description of the type and quantity of goods and services.
 - b. The recipient orphanage's director signs this same invoice, indicating that the exact type and quantity of goods and services received is the quantity indicated.
 - c. Both invoices are mailed to SOAR's Executive Board Chairman.
- 3. SOAR Partners and other volunteers who visit Armenia make random inspections of the orphanages. Any distribution discrepancies are to be reported immediately to SOAR's Executive Board Chairman.
- 4. When possible, goods donated or services provided by SOAR are engraved and/or stamped with a corporate seal. Capital projects are acknowledged with a dedication ceremony and plaque.
- 5. A zero-tolerance policy for fraud, theft, and/or deception is imposed. Any malfeasance would result in the termination of assistance.



Institutions SOAR Supports

SOAR supports 21 institutions in Armenia, two Armenian orphanages in Artsakh, an orphan summer camp in Javakh, four Armenian orphanages in Lebanon, and three Armenian orphanages in Syria:

<u>Armenian Evangelical Boarding School</u> is located in Ainjar, Lebanon, and is home to approximately 75 healthy social orphans.

<u>Birds' Nest Orphanage</u> is located in Byblos, Lebanon and has been home to thousands of Armenian children in the Middle East region for more than 80 years. There are currently 37 children housed at Birds' Nest, ranging in age from 6 months to 17 years old.

Boarding School #1 is a state orphanage in Stepanagert, Artsakh, housing approximately 35 children (both healthy and with special needs) between the ages of 4 and 16.

Boarding School #2 is a state orphanage in Kashatagh, Artsakh, housing approximately 17 children between the ages of 6 and 17.

<u>Bzommar Orphanage</u> is operated by the Armenian Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, a religious order of nuns established in 1847. Throughout the year, the Sisters carry out catechetical, cultural and social work with both natural and social orphans. Approximately 25 girls are housed at Bzommar.

<u>Cardinal Aghajanian Orphanage</u> is located in Ainjar, Lebanon. The orphanage is home to approximately 24 male social orphans.

<u>Children's Home of Gyumri</u> is a state orphanage in Gyumri housing approximately 100 children with special needs, ages 6 years and younger.

Gavar Orphanage is a state orphanage in Gavar housing approximately 115 children between the ages of 3 and 18.

<u>Gyumri Social Childcare Center</u> is a day center in Gyumri. Since July 2006, approximately 230 children from around the province have been served at the Center.

<u>The Holy Cross Armenian Church of Javakh Summer Day Camp</u> in Akhakalak, Georgia, serves 250 social orphans living at or below poverty level in the nearby villages. The camp was created to provide the children with a safe, clean, fun, and spiritual environment during the summer.

<u>Kharberd Orphanage</u> is a state orphanage in Kharberd housing approximately 280 children with special needs between the ages of 6 and 18.

<u>Mari Izmirlyan Orphanage</u> is a state orphanage in Yerevan housing approximately 100 children with special needs between the ages of 6 and 18.

<u>Mer Doon</u> offers a home in Etchmiadzin for Armenian children who have outgrown their orphanage. Mer Doon offer education and a loving and compassionate family environment, thus easing the transition from orphanage life to mainstream society.

<u>Mer Hooys</u> houses approximately 20 teenage girls in the Arapkir district of Yerevan. The girls receive language and job skills training, computer instruction, college preparation and education, religious foundational teaching, life skills training, psychological support, and hope, confidence and love.

Nork Orphanage is a state orphanage in Yerevan housing approximately 80 children (both healthy and with special needs) ages 6 years and under.

<u>Nubarashen</u> is a state boarding school in Yerevan housing approximately 83 children with special needs, ages 7 to 18.

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Orphanage of Fridtjof Nansen is a state orphanage in Gyumri housing approximately 83 children between the ages of 4 and 18.

<u>Our Lady of Armenia Center</u> is a private orphanage in Gyumri housing approximately 45 girls between the ages of 6 and 18. The Center is operated by the Armenian Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, a religious order of nuns established in 1847.

<u>Our Lady of Armenia Educational Center</u> in Tashir, Armenia, is operated by the Armenian Sisters of the Immaculate Conception and provides meals and after-school activities to approximately 30 orphaned and otherwise needy children.

<u>Our Lady of Armenia Center Summer Camp</u> hosts approximately 800 children ages 8 to 15 throughout the summer, in four 16-day sessions. The Camp provides nutritious food, physical rest, recreational activities, and religious-educational experiences both to orphan and otherwise needy children throughout Armenia.

Saint Theresa's Little Flower Orphanage (Azizie and Meydan) is the House of Providence. After the 1915 Genocide, the Armenian Sisters of the Immaculate Conception took responsibility for the displaced and served as comforting and caring "mothers" for the lonely Armenian orphans. In 1936, "The Providence Orphanage" (Nakhakhnamootian Doon) was founded in the Syrian region of Azizie and was a haven for 300 orphaned children. Because of the recent war and the unrest in Aleppo, many of the Armenian orphans could no longer stay at The Providence Orphanage. Some live in Meydan, a very poor Armenian section in Aleppo, and attend Zvartnotz school, while other orphans live in Azizie and attend Zanabek, the other Armenian school run by the Armenian Sisters of the Immaculate Conception.

S.O. Khach Orphanage in Syria has been a family for more than 90 years. Before March 2012, the children lived in the Telil area of Syria. In March 2012, the children moved to a beautiful new facility in the Sis Hamaliren region. Unfortunately, due to civil unrest, the children moved to the Aram Manoogian Community Center in September 2012. The children are cared for by a couple who live with them full-time. There are currently 14 boys and girls living in S.O. Khach Orphanage, ranging in age from 8 to 19 years old.

SOS Children's Villages' Armenian Charity Foundation (Idjevan and Kotayk) is a child-centered organization whose core mission is to provide care and development for children without parental care and children in difficult life circumstances. In 1990, SOS Children's Village in Kotayk opened its doors for children who had lost their parents in the devastating earthquake of December 1988; it was the first SOS Children's Village in any former Soviet republic. SOS Children's Village in Idjevan was founded in 2009. SOS Children's Villages in Armenia operate a wide range of child care and family strengthening community and educational activities.

<u>Terchoonian Home</u> is a private orphanage in Gyumri housing approximately 75 intellectually gifted children between the ages of 3 and 12.

Vanadzor Orphanage is a private orphanage in Vanadzor housing approximately 90 children 18 years of age and under.

<u>Vardashen</u> is a state boarding school in Yerevan housing approximately 82 children who "exhibit socially dangerous behavior" between the ages of 6 and 18.

The Voice of the Armenian Church Summer Day Camp, operating under the auspices of the Eastern Prelacy and its Executive Council, is held in the summer retreat of Tsaghgadzor and hosts 50 orphaned boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 16. The Camp, held in July for eight days, exposes the children to comfort, love, compassion, and care, while simultaneously instilling in them the love of Christ and the history of the Armenian Church.

<u>Warm Hearth</u>, located outside of Yerevan in 3rd Village, is a private group home housing 13 adults with disabilities and mental illnesses who have outgrown the state-funded orphanages. It provides each resident with an alternative to psychiatric institutions and offers holistic care in a family-like setting.

Zadik Orphanage is a state orphanage in Yerevan housing approximately 138 children between the ages of 6 and 18. After the age of 18, the children move to either Rainbow House or a farming village in Arzni.

Mechanisms of Assistance

Donation of Goods

SOAR ships to Armenia several times throughout the year. The following is a non-exhaustive list of items of items always needed by the orphanages: baby supplies (e.g., diapers and powder); Band-Aids; bath towels; bedding (for cribs and twin beds); blankets; new and gently used books; **new** clothing (infants through young adult); educational toys; musical items (e.g., CDs and radios); nonprescription medication (e.g., Tylenol and vitamins); personal hygiene products (e.g., brushes, combs, shampoo, and soap); shoes; and umbrellas. SOAR accepts certain products (e.g., diapers) only in their original sealed packaging.

Please contact George S. Yacoubian, Jr., at <u>gyacoubian@soar-us.org</u> to coordinate a shipment.

Financial Donations

All cash donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. Donations can be made by check or through SOAR's secure online donation system. Checks should be made out to SOAR and mailed to:

Society for Orphaned Armenian Relief (SOAR) c/o George S. Yacoubian, Jr. 1060 First Avenue, Suite 400 King of Prussia, PA 19406

Special Gifts Program

In addition to conventional financial donations, SOAR offers a Special Gifts Program which includes donor-advised funds, endowments, in lieu of flowers, and scholarships. For more information, please contact George S. Yacoubian, Jr., at gyacoubian@soar-us.org.



Sponsorship Program

aunched in the spring of 2010, SOAR's sponsorship program offers benefactors the opportunity to personally connect with an orphaned Armenian child or adult. *The entire donation benefits the individual being sponsored. No funds support the facilities or SOAR generally, and SOAR assumes the cost of all wiring fees.* SOAR distributed more than \$40,000 in sponsorship funds in 2013.

Sponsors receive a photo and personal profile of the individual being sponsored and updates and notes, drawings, or correspondence at least twice a year. In the case of young or children with special needs, updates will come from the facility directors.

SOAR offers three sponsorship levels:

<u>Full Sponsorship</u>: For a minimum of \$50 a month (\$600 annually), funds support tuition (or a savings account for future tuition), educational books and supplies, musical tutoring, and medical care. Minimum one year commitments are required. Birthday and/or holiday gifts are always appreciated and can be arranged through SOAR.



Mid-Level Sponsorship: For \$25 a month (\$300 annually), funds support tuition (or a savings account for future tuition), educational books and supplies, musical tutoring, and medical care. Minimum one year commitments are required. Birthday and/or holiday gifts are always appreciated and can be arranged through SOAR.

Special Occasion Package: For \$150 annually, the Special Occasion Package provides \$50 each for Easter, Christmas, and a birthday gift. SOAR coordinates all purchases, consistent with the recipient's wishes. We respectfully ask that the \$150 be paid up front and in full.

Sponsorship funds are housed in Philadelphia. When an orphanage director needs sponsorship funds, the request is made through SOAR's in-country Partners. They in turn submit the request to George S. Yacoubian, Jr., SOAR's Executive Board Chairman, or Raffi Jehanian, SOAR's Stateside Sponsorship Program Coordinator. Approved funds are then wired. A Sponsorship Program database is maintained to document the individuals sponsored, their sponsors, and the specific items, amounts, and dates of

distributions. At any time, sponsors may request to be informed of the specifics for any and all distributions.

Today, 176 children and adults are supported through SOAR's Sponsorship Program!

Please visit http://soar-us.org/enroll.html to enroll.



SOAR-National

In September, eight runners ran 13.1 miles in the "Rock 'n Roll Philaldelphia ½ Marathon" to benefit Vanadzor Orphanage.

In December, SOAR held its second annual online auction, operated through Bidding For Good. Nearly 300 items were available, including art, books, clothing, handcrafts by the orphaned children in Armenia, jewelry, sports memorabilia, and vacation packages. In addition, many



items were offered for sale, including the funding of capital projects, sponsorships, and the hosting of Christmas parties for the orphanages SOAR supports worldwide. The auction raised nearly \$12,000.



SOAR-Boston hosted two events this year: a lecture by author and criminal defense attorney Mark Geragos in May, and a grand piano concert by Karine' Poghosyan in November.



SOAR-Chicago

It was a full year for SOAR-Chicago, which included donations to four orphanage Christmas parties; supply of mattresses/beds, furniture, and kitchen supplies to Mari Izmarilyn Orphanage; donations to Knights of Vartan Silent Auction; hosting of Saints Joachim and Anne luncheon; and participation in August's Taste of Armenia street fair. In April, the Chapter staged a fundraising event that included a Mark Geragos book signing and Ditka's restaurant silent auction. The event also showcased guest vocalist Lusine and special appearance by Mike Ditka. Throughout the year, the Chapter also continued its ongoing SOAR-label Benefit Wines fundraiser which it had established in 2012.

SOAR-Colorado

In August, SOAR-Colorado sponsored the fourth annual January Art Show to raise awareness and funds for the Warm Hearth group home in Armenia, which serves adult orphans with disabilities. \$3,783 was raised, bringing a total of approximately \$12,000 raised over the past four years. The full amount will be used for the art program at Warm Hearth and will provide the residents with art supplies and vocational teachers who can support them in their artistic work.



In August, SOAR-Colorado held a giant garage sale to support its next January Art Show. Donated goods, big and small, were sold, and a refreshing lemonade stand was organized by Hickmans, who are invaluable supporters of our work. A total of \$1,076 was raised to cover the venue, food, music and other expenses for the January 2014 event. Excited by the wild success of the first garage sale, the Board of SOAR-Colorado made a decision to hold a sale every summer in Longmont, Colorado.



Finally, in the fall, SOAR-Colorado hosted a stylish gathering to introduce itself to the wider Colorado community. In classic Hye style, Chapter members laid out a delicious spread of variety of wines and cheeses and pastries and sweets to enjoy by the fire at the Pinnacle Clubhouse in downtown Denver. The board met wonderful people and left freshly energized for its work.

SOAR-Delaware

In July, SOAR-Delaware and SOAR-Philadelphia co-hosted a pancake breakfast at Applebee's. The event raised approximately \$1,000 to benefit the children at Nork Orphanage.



SOAR-Geneva

On November 2nd, in the Armenian Center of Geneva, the Chapter held an event to introduce SOAR's mission and vision to its local community, with the support of its special guest, European Region's Director Lucy Clements. The attendees were impressed with the success of SOAR, which is based on the dedication of volunteers throughout the world. Proceeds from the Geneva event were used to purchase 10 new bicycles for the children at Vanadzor Orphanage.





SOAR-Las Vegas

In the fall of 2013, SOAR-Las Vegas had two fundraisers: a raffle and an NFL Fantasy Football tournament. More than \$1,700 was raised.

SOAR-Los Angeles



In February, SOAR-Los Angeles co-presidents Kohar Mardirossian Pelter and Tamar G. Arminak visited the Prelacy, to meet with H. E. the Archbishop Moushegh Mardirossian, seeking guidance in establishing connections with Birds' Nest orphanage in Lebanon. SOAR-LA expresses its deepest gratitude to the Archbishop for his benevolent reception and for his blessings in support of SOAR's work with the orphans.

That same month, SOAR-Los Angeles was proud to announce that the sorority sisterhood of the Armenian Student Association, Alpha Gamma Alpha, held their **first annual fashion show** at CSUN. "Imagine: Runway to Relief" was a huge success. All proceeds were designated for Gyumri Social Childcare Center (Armenia), S. O. Khatch Orphanage (Syria), and Birds' Nest Orphanage (Lebanon).





In July, SOAR-LA held its **annual gala** at the beautiful and picturesque Pasadena Mansions and Gardens. The set up was magical with elegant dining, open bar, desert bar and a complimentary copy of the book *Mistrial* by famed attorneys

Mark Geragos and Pat Harris. The event was sold out. The MC was the beautiful and talented Fox 11 News Anchor Araksya

Karapetyan, whose speech moved and motivated the crowd about the need to support and help the Armenian orphans. The guests of the evening were entertained by the world renowned violinist Yelena Yegoryan in a trio string performance, who performed at the champagne and open bar reception. The Brazilian fire dancers entertained the guests with fire and carnival dancing. Ara Basil brought much laughter to the evening's program with his hilarious comedy and jokes. A representative from SOAR national board, Raffi Jihanian, presented SOAR-LA with a letter of recognition for their support of a healthcare project at the GSCC orphanage in Armenia.



SOAR-LA also graciously sponsored the Christmas parties of eight orphanages, including Warm Hearth, bringing festivities and joy to one and all.





Finally, SOAR-LA wants to extend its deepest gratitude to all its supporters who took the time out of their busy holiday schedule to come and support its fourth Annual **Casino Night**. The fundraiser was a huge success!







SOAR-New Jersey & SOAR-New York

In February, the New York and New Jersey Chapters set a goal to raise \$5,000 for bathroom renovations at Gavar Orphanage. To raise the funds, they sold 500 puzzle pieces for \$10 each (the puzzle depicted an Armenian church). Donors signed the back of each piece because the completed puzzle will be framed in a double sided glass frame for display at the Gavar Orphanage along with a formal framed list of the donors. Many participants contributed more than \$10.00, and the chapter raised funds in excess of their \$5,000 goal!

SOAR-Paris

In September, SOAR-Paris filled a sea container valued at more than \$96,000 of new clothes, linens, shoes, hand towels, mattresses, mattress covers, furniture, hardware, and an array of large appliances for the Our Lady of Armenia Center Summer Camp in Tsaghgadzor. The camp hosts approximately 800 children annually ages 8 to 15 throughout the summer, providing nutritious food, physical rest, recreational activities, and religious-educational experiences both to institutionalized children and to other needy boys and girls.

SOAR-Philadelphia

In July, SOAR-Philadelphia and SOAR-Delaware co-hosted a pancake breakfast at Applebee's.



SOAR-Providence

In September, SOAR-Providence hosted a cocktail reception at the Governor Henry Lippitt House. The guests enjoyed complimentary Armenian delicacies prepared by the SOAR board members.

The evening began with a meet and greet with Providence Mayor



Angel Tavares. Later in the evening, Anna Astvatsaturian Turcotte spoke to the guest about the political struggles between Armenian and Azerbaijan. She also signed copies of her book Nowhere: a Story of Exile, a portion of the proceeds was donated to SOAR.





In May, the Providence Chapter hosted a reception at La Cucina where noted criminal defense attorney Mark Geragos appeared

to promote his new book MISTRIAL: An Inside Look at the How the Criminal Justice System Works and Sometimes Doesn't. A portion of the proceeds of the book sales was donated to SOAR.

Mr. Geragos entertained the audience with excerpts from his book and stories about growing up in an Armenian family. He also spoke about his involvement in the settlement of the lawsuit against New York Life Insurance and AXA Corporation involving insurance policies issued in the early 20th century prior to the genocide by the Ottoman Turk regime.



SOAR-San Diego

On Nov 27th, SOAR-San Diego held its inaugural gala in Sherman Oaks. The event was a great success. Many supporters attended the event and enjoyed a fun and exciting time. Proceeds from this event were designated for humanitarian relief to the Armenian orphans and children in Syria. Throughout the year, the Chapter's fundraising efforts continued by raising awareness within the Armenian community and by raffling off unique baskets each month. Thanks to SOAR supporters, they have been able to achieve much success!



SOAR-Wisconsin

In August, SOAR-Wisconsin hosted "A Day on the Blue" at the Seven Seas Restaurant. The event included live music with Armenian dancing, Armenian dessert sampling and sale and a silent auction. To top off the festivities there was a performance by the Pewaukee Lake Water Ski Club and stand-up Armenian comedy.



Distributions

SOAR's 2013 distributions exceeded \$700,000, a more than 1,000-percent increase from our inaugural year.

Throughout 2013, SOAR distributed more than \$35,000 in sponsorship funds, the primary mechanism for providing *individualized support* to orphaned Armenians. This year's funds were used for medical and dental care, excursions, birthday and holiday gifts, tuition, art and chess lessons, and school supplies.

Other 2013 disbursements included:



JANUARY: Capital renovations/construction at Kharberd Orphanage, Mari Izmirlyan Orphanage, Nubarashen, the Our Lady of Armenia Summer Camp, Sisters of Charity (Bethlehem), Sisters of Charity (Spitak).

FEBRUARY: Shipment of mattresses to SOS Children's Village.



MARCH: Shipment of mattresses to Gyumri Social Childcare Center; capital renovations at Nubarashen; and construction of a soccer field at the Our Lady of Armenia Summer Camp.



APRIL: Appliance purchases for Mari Izmirlyan Orphanage and capital renovations at Gavar Orphanage.

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MAY: Funding of a celebration for International Children's Defense Day. Celebrated on the first day of summer, this holiday is marked in Yerevan with children's joy and laughter, colorful balloons, interesting events, celebrations, chalk drawings, and concerts.



SUMMER: Capital renovations at Gyumri Social Childcare Center and Terchoonian Home.



SEPTEMBER: Sea container shipped to Our Lady of Armenia Center.



NOVEMBER: Capital renovations at Kharberd and Mari Izmirlyan Orphanages.



DECEMBER: Christmas parties for all 31 institutions supported by SOAR worldwide; Capital renovations at Vardashen.

Accounting Summary¹

Opening Balance	\$	49,153.00
Total Annual Revenue	\$	767,333.00
Total Distributions	\$	700,924.00
· Armenian Evangelical Boarding School (Lebanon)	\$	7,300.00
· Birds' Nest	\$	5,000.00
· Boarding School #1 (Artsakh)	\$	5,900.00
· Boarding School #2 (Artsakh)	\$	350.00
· Bzommar Orphanage (Lebanon)	\$	950.00
· Cardinal Aghajanian Orphanage (Lebanon)	\$	300.00
· Children's Home of Gyumri	\$	750.00
· Gavar	\$	15,990.00
· Gyumri Social Childcare Center	\$	90,485.00
· Houys	\$	2,200.00
· Javakh Summer Day Camp	\$	3,300.00
· Kharberd	\$	35,775.00
· Mari Izmirlyan Orphanage	\$	61,100.00
· Mer Doon	\$	300.00
· Mer Hooys	\$	6,935.00
· Nork	\$	4,335.00
· Nubarashen	\$	22,250.00
· Our Lady of Armenia Center	\$	205,904.00
· S.O. Khach	\$	8,000.00
· Sisters of Charity (Bethlehem)	\$	3,900.00
· Sisters of Charity (Spitak)	\$	3,600.00
· SOS Children's Center (Idjevan)	\$	166,400.00
· SOS Children's Center (Kotayk)	\$	300.00
· St. Theresa's (Azizie)	\$	500.00
· St. Theresa's (Meydan)	\$	500.00
· Terchoonian Home	\$	11,030.00
· Vanadzor	\$	4,505.00
· Vardashen	\$	15,800.00
· Voice of the Armenian Summer Camp (VOTAC)	\$	4,400.00
· Warm Hearth	***************************	9,615.00
·Zadik	\$	3,250.00

^{1.} SOAR's 2013 tax return was prepared by Greg Mangasarian, Mangasarian and Associates, 18 E. 2nd Street, Suite #1, Media, PA, 19063.

Accounting Summary¹

Expenses	\$ 92,537.00
· Accounting fees	\$ 1,389.00
· Advertising and promotion	\$ 3,588.00
· Equipment rental	\$ 2,884.00
· Fundraising	\$ 53,713.00
· Insurance	\$ 751.00
· Legal fees	\$ 4,132.00
· Interest	\$ 50.00
· Office expenses	\$ 3,467.00
· Operations	\$ 1,936.00
· Other expenses	\$ 2,898.00
· Other service fees	\$ 8,233.00
· Professional fees	\$ 1,603.00
· Travel	\$ 7,893.00
Closing Balance	\$ 23,025.00

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Conclusion

The Society for Orphaned Armenian Relief (SOAR) was established in the fall of 2005 to provide humanitarian relief to orphaned Armenian children. SOAR's long-term goal is to provide orphaned Armenian children throughout the world with the resources fundamental to their physical, emotional, and intellectual development. Over time, we aim to provide these underprivileged youth with the tools necessary to become accomplished, educated, and self-supporting Armenian adults.

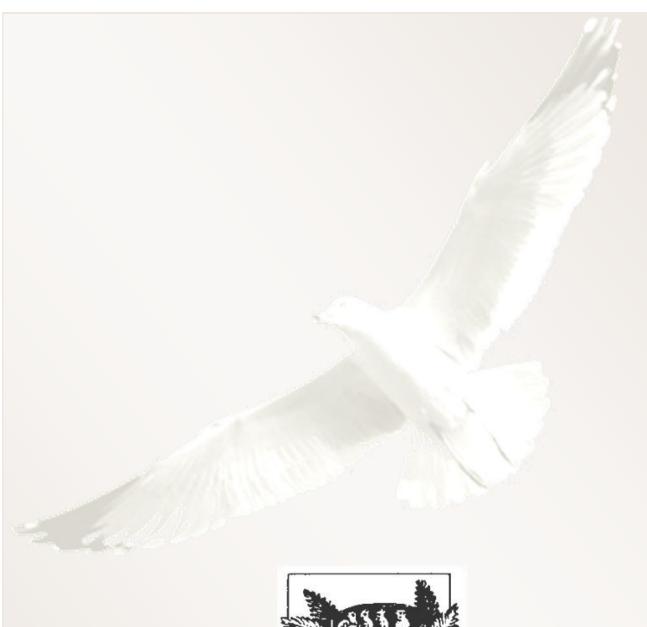
The SOAR family boasts more than 300 volunteers worldwide, supporting 21 institutions (orphanages and summer camps) in Armenia, two Armenian orphanages in Artsakh, an Armenian summer camp in Javakh, four Armenian orphanages in Lebanon, and three Armenian orphanages in Syria. Our website (www.soar-us.org) provides a complete description of the organization, the population served, and the work done to date.

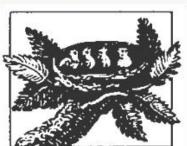
In calendar year 2013, SOAR distributed \$700,924.00 to its target population, donating a variety of new toys, diapers, games, school and office supplies, personal hygiene products, and mattresses. Throughout 2013, SOAR distributed more than \$40,000 in sponsorship funds. SOAR's Sponsorship Program is the primary mechanisms through which we provide *individualized support* to orphaned Armenian children and adults. The funds were used for a variety of needs, including medical and dental expenses, birthday and holiday gifts, tuition and tutoring, hobbies, and school supplies. SOAR's continued growth also allowed it to fund a variety of capital projects, across many of our orphanages.

SOAR is extremely grateful for the emotional and financial support it receives throughout the world. The desire to improve the lives of orphaned Armenian children is the bonding element among all of our supporters. If you have any questions about SOAR, the orphanages we serve, or this 2013 report, please contact George S. Yacoubian, Jr., at (610) 213-3452 or by email at gyacoubian@soar-us.org.









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