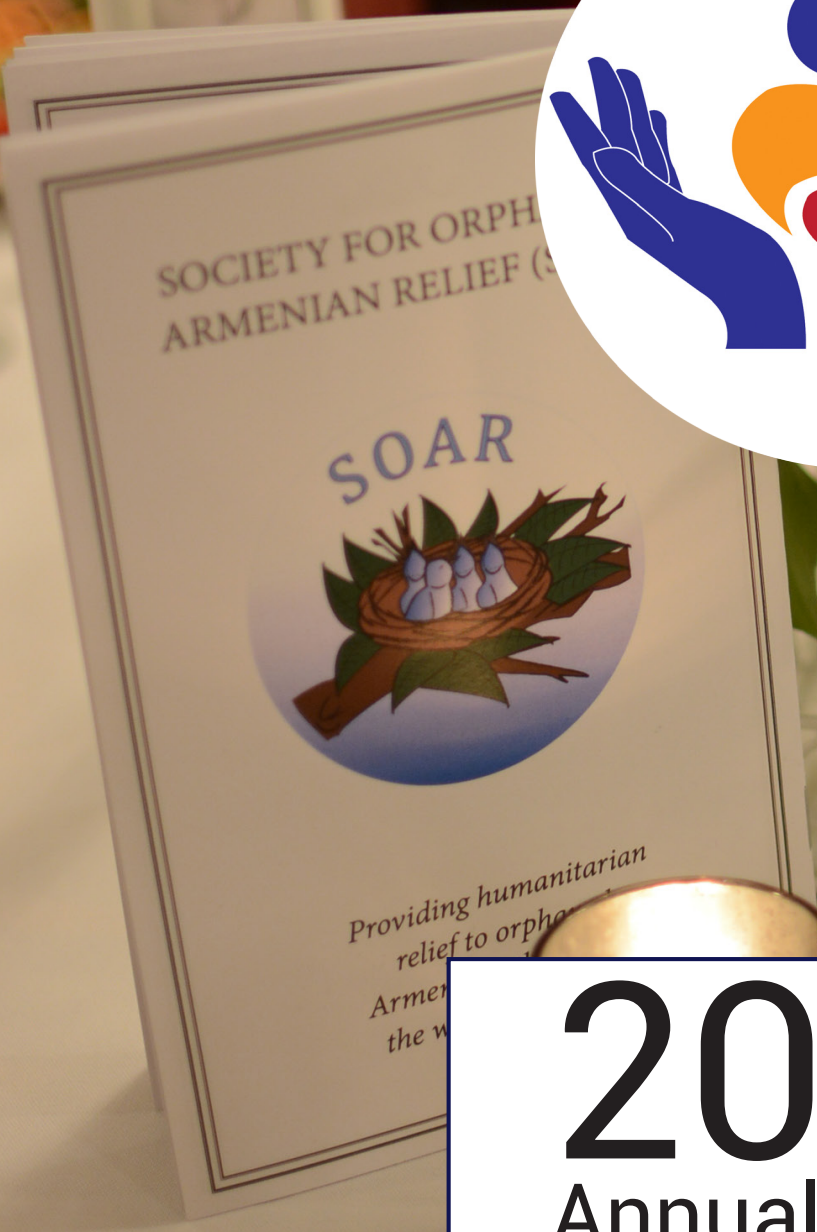


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Greetings from the Executive Board Chairman

To Our SOAR Family:

Our tireless work in 2022 yielded many significant accomplishments, including the opening of The Papken and Anahid Megerian Transitional Center (our second residential center for older teenage females) in Yerevan. These Centers are important not only because they establish for SOAR a physical presence in Armenia, but reflect our continued and evolving commitment to Armenia's most vulnerable populations. As we move into 2023, our 18th year, difficulties remain. The impact of the Artsakh War, and the continual blockade in Artsakh, require us as a people to come together and protect and serve those whose faith in humanity is challenged daily. To those families in Artsakh rebuilding their lives, SOAR is committed to providing emotional and financial support to achieve cultural preservation and economic self-sufficiency. While SOAR remains the only charitable organization whose humanitarian mission is devoted exclusively to orphaned Armenian children, our work continues to transcend residential childcare institutions. In addition to supporting day centers and transitional centers throughout Armenia, our Families of Fallen Soldiers Support Center allows the families of Armenian servicemen killed in battle to receive essential financial, professional, and emotional support. Our pledge to never see the child of a fallen Armenian soldier institutionalized is steadfast.

The sustained interaction between our global volunteers and the populations we support demonstrates that geographical boundaries and cultural distinctions are no hurdle to the mission we embrace. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to SOAR's Executive Board; Trustees; Chapter volunteers; Mother Arousiag Sajonian; Susan Snavelly; Ripsime Biyazyan; and, most importantly, our team in Armenia and Artsakh who keep us connected, emotionally and tangibly, to those populations we are blessed to serve – Executive Director Hripsime Muradyan; Associate Director Hasmik Diarian; Manana Mananyan, Ovsanna Mananyan, Hasmik Meyroyan, Shushan Alexanyan, Marina Muradyan, Alina Martirosian,

Greetings from the Executive Board Chairman (Continued)

Naira Sargsyan, Lora Amatuni, Varduhi Zakyan, Tatev Tumasyan, Mariam Vardanyan, Milena Badalyan, Narine Zhamkochyan, and Kristine Gevorgyan. Your unwavering belief in SOAR's mission makes our work possible. To our financial and emotional supporters who join us on this journey, thank you for allowing us to assist and enrich the endangered and the unprotected!

Respectfully,

George S. Yacoubian, Jr.

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



Creation and Management

George S. Yacoubian, Jr. and Erica Yacoubian began their adoption process in 2005. Throughout the spring and summer, they went through home study and various levels of domestic governmental approval. While in Armenia during the summer of 2005, George saw Liliana for the first time. He submitted her adoption dossier to the Armenian government in the fall of 2005, received preliminary approval in December 2005, and obtained final adoption approval in March 2006. Liliana Sara Yacoubian, the inspiration for our charitable work, arrived in the United States on April 23, 2006.

George S. Yacoubian, Jr. founded the Society for Orphaned Armenian Relief (SOAR) in the fall of 2005 as a charitable organization that provides humanitarian relief to orphaned children living in Armenia. Dr. Yacoubian has served as SOAR's Executive Board Chairman since 2005 and provides oversight and guidance to all SOAR operations worldwide. In early 2006, an experienced and talented Board of Directors was assembled, a network of Partners in Armenia was recruited to assist with distributions, and the web site was launched. Between 2006 and 2008, SOAR established itself as the only charitable organization whose singular mission is to provide humanitarian assistance to orphaned Armenians around the world. In late 2007 and early 2008, SOAR launched its first two Chapters – in Los Angeles and Washington, DC. In 2009, a National Board of Trustees was created to annually review SOAR's fiscal operations and distributions. In 2010, SOAR launched its Sponsorship Fund, which today remains the primary mechanism through which micro-level needs are addressed. Since 2005 SOAR's work has impacted thousands of children across a multitude of constructs, with the penultimate goal to provide institutionalized children with the same educational, emotional, medical, and social support as their non-institutionalized counterparts.

In 2016, SOAR expanded its mission, recognizing that, after a decade of helping children in residential settings, it was necessary to take the proactive step of attempting to reduce the institutionalized orphan population in Armenia. Toward that end, SOAR now supports several day centers, all of which provide services to children at risk for institutionalization. SOAR also established its Services to Children in their Own Home (SCOH) Program. The SCOH Program works with residential institutions to deinstitutionalize and reunify children with biological families and provides home-based services after reunification to reduce the economic, social, emotional, and professional barriers within the family dynamic that may trigger reinstitutionalization.

Represented by 140 Chapters, 5 Junior groups, 2 College Groups, and more than 600 volunteers worldwide, SOAR supported 35 institutions in 2022 – orphanages, boarding schools, day centers, and orphan summer camps – in Armenia, Artsakh, Javakh, Lebanon, and Syria. Chapters contribute to SOAR's mission in a variety of ways, from traditional fundraising to Program development to professional expertise. The common bond among members of the SOAR family is the unwavering belief that orphaned children and adults with disabilities represent the most vulnerable population of Armenian society.

Creation and Management (Continued)

SOAR prides itself on collaboration, creativity, cross-cultural respect, fiscal responsibility, loyalty, and transparency. During the past 17 years, SOAR's work has transcended all reasonable expectations. In 2006, distributions totaled approximately \$60,000. Since 2015, SOAR has exceeded \$1M distributions annually. SOAR's efforts not only address the major humanitarian constructs of education, emotional and psychological support, nutrition, health and hygiene, dental and vision care, and fundamental human rights, but the Programs offer educational curricula on a multitude of topics that stimulate intellectual curiosity, empowerment, and enrichment.

For several of us, SOAR is our life's work, and we are blessed with a dedicated and selfless cadre of supporters who share our short-term aspirations and long-term vision. We are faced with an enormous responsibility. Our greatest trepidation is not inadequacy or a belief that we are ill-equipped to assist the orphaned children we have embraced as our own, but rather that we have influence and power beyond measure. Our daily routine involves an almost incomprehensible desire to assist the abandoned, the sick, the impoverished, and the abused. As SOAR's light shines, we hope that we are unconsciously giving our orphaned population the will to do the same.



Quality Control

SOAR imposes a strict quality control protocol to assure that all goods and services reach their intended recipients.

This protocol has nine primary steps:

1. SOAR rarely makes cash distributions directly to the institutions. Rather, goods and services that can be procured in Armenia are purchased by SOAR staff and distributed directly to the orphanages. In-kind donations from the Armenian diaspora that can be shipped or hand-delivered are encouraged.
2. SOAR uses Microsoft Planner to retain receipts, pictures, and internal documents for all projects.
3. All purchases are memorialized with a receipt or invoice.
4. SOAR implements chain-of-custody procedures for all distributed goods or services to assure that items have been received in the exact quantity intended. The recipient provides written documentation to indicate that the goods and services received is the quantity indicated, after which this documentation is sent to SOAR National and retained in Microsoft Planner.
5. SOAR staff, Chapter members, and other volunteers who visit Armenia make random inspections of the institutions. Discrepancies are to be reported immediately to SOAR's Executive Board Chairman.
6. When possible, donations provided by SOAR are engraved and/or stamped with a corporate seal.
7. Capital projects are acknowledged with a plaque and/or dedication ceremony.
8. SOAR does not transfer funds to other organizations to distribute on our behalf.
9. A zero-tolerance policy for fraud, theft, and/or deception is imposed. Malfeasance would result in the termination of assistance.



Institutions We Support

In 2022 SOAR supported 35 institutions in four countries: 31 orphanages, special boarding schools, day centers, transitional centers, and summer camps in Armenia; one Armenian boarding school in Artsakh; one orphan summer camp in Javakh (Georgia); and two Armenian orphanages in Lebanon

- **Armenian Evangelical Boarding School** in Ainjar, Lebanon, is home to healthy social orphans.
- **Birds' Nest Orphanage** in Byblos, Lebanon, has been home to thousands of Armenian children in the Middle East region for more than 90 years. Today, Birds' Nest houses healthy social orphans.
- **Boarding School** in Stepanakert, Artsakh, houses healthy and special needs children between the ages of 4 and 16.
- **Children's Home of Gyumri** houses children with special needs ages 6 years and younger.
- **Community Development and Social Support Center** in Gyumri, Armenia, is a non-residential center that offers alternative care and material assistance to special needs children and their families. The Center started its activities in 2012.
- **Dzorak Care Center** in Yerevan, Armenia, served as an orphanage for 400 children during the 1940s. In 1959, it became a boarding school for children from underprivileged families. Today, Dzorak serves as an orphanage and nursing home for adults with severe physical and psychological disabilities who have outgrown the traditional orphanage.
- **Gavar Orphanage** in Gavar, Armenia, houses healthy children under the age of 18.
- **The Holy Cross Armenian Church of Javakh Summer Day Camp** in Akhakalak, Georgia, serves social orphans living at or below poverty level from the nearby villages. The camp provides the children with a safe, clean, fun, and spiritual environment during the summer.
- **House of Dreams** was founded in 2019 to work with children who have special educational needs. They provide individual speech therapy, training by a special pedagogue and psychologist, and development of self-care skills. In addition to organizing events and excursions to museums and churches, House of Dreams offers age-focused programs on literacy, elementary mathematics, sand therapy, drawing, logic games, and art therapy. The House of Dreams Director is Tatev Mehrabyan.
- **Kharberd Orphanage** in Yerevan, Armenia, houses children and young adults with severe disabilities.
- **Mari Izmirlyan Orphanage** in Yerevan, Armenia, houses children with special needs between the ages of 6 and 18.
- **Nakashian Children's Support Center (House of Hope-Mer Hoos)** houses teenage girls in the Arapkir district of Yerevan. The girls receive language and job skills training, computer instruction, life skills training, psychological support, and hope, confidence, and love.

Institutions (Continued)

- *Orran*, “haven” in Armenian, was established in Yerevan in April 2000. In 2009, a second Orran center was established in Vanadzor. Today, Orran supports approximately 95 seniors and 200 children across Armenia.
- *The Our Lady of Armenia Annie Bezikian Youth Center* is a private facility in Kanaker that houses girls between the ages of 16 and 22 who have outgrown the traditional orphanage and who are transitioning to independent living. The Center is operated by the Armenian Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, a religious order of nuns established in 1847.
- *Our Lady of Armenia Center* in Gyumri, Armenia, housing healthy children 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.
- *Our Lady of Armenia Center Summer Camp (Tsaghgadzor, Armenia)* hosts approximately 800 children 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.
- *Our Lady of Armenia Educational Center* 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.
- *Our Lady of Armenia Educational Center Summer Camp* in Tashir, Armenia, hosts approximately 50 children ages 7-15 for four weeks throughout the summer. The Camp provides nutritious food, physical rest, recreational activities, educational opportunities, and religious experiences to children from the Tashir community.
- *Prkutyun* in Yerevan, Armenia, is a day center that offers food, educational, and therapeutic services to children and young adults with disabilities.
- *Shirak Marz Child and Family Support Center* located in Gyumri, is a merger of two childcare centers: Gyumri Social Childcare Center and the Orphanage of Fridtjof Nansen. The new Center is a hybrid facility that provides day services to families whose children are at risk for institutionalization while serving as a residential setting for children without permanent familial care.
- *Sisters of Charity (SOC) (Bethlehem and Spitak)* is a Catholic religious order established by Mother Teresa to tend to “the poorest of the poor.” SOC-Bethlehem is a private orphanage outside of Yerevan that houses approximately 20 very young children with severe physical and mental disabilities. SOC-Spitak is a private orphanage that houses approximately 15 teenagers and adults with severe physical and mental disabilities.

Institutions (Continued)

- *SOAR's Transitional Centers (Gyumri and Yerevan)*, are residential settings for older teenage girls who have outgrown the traditional orphanage but who are not yet ready for independent living. The residents go to college; cultivate a business; be enriched by SOAR's academic programs; appreciate volunteerism; learn essential life skills, including home and money management; build self-nurturance and self-confidence; and prepare themselves for emotional, fiscal, and professional independence.
- *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. The organization was founded in 1989 in response to the devastating earthquake of December 1988. In 1990, SOS Children's Village in Kotayk opened its doors for children who had lost their parents in the earthquake. It was the first SOS Children's Village in any former Soviet republic. SOS Children's Village in Idjevan was founded in 2009. Presently, SOS Children's Villages in Armenia operate a wide range of child care and family strengthening community and educational activities.
- *Vardashen* is a state boarding school in Yerevan, Armenia, housing children who exhibit socially dangerous behavior between the ages of 6 and 18.
- *The Voice of the Armenian Church Orphan Summer Camp*, operating under the auspices of the Eastern Prelacy and its Executive Council, is held in the summer retreat of Tsaghgadzor, Armenia, and hosts orphaned children 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.
- *Warm Hearth (3rd village, Arinj, and Jermik Ankyun Geghanist, Armenia)* houses adults with disabilities who have outgrown the state-funded orphanages. The three facilities provide the residents with an alternative to psychiatric institutions, offering holistic care in a family-like setting.
- *Yerevan's Children Home (formerly Nork Orphanage)* in Yerevan, Armenia, houses children (both healthy and with special needs) ages 6 years and under.
- *Yerevan Special School Number 11 (Nubarashen)* is a state boarding school in Yerevan housing children with special needs.

Institutions (Continued)

- **Yerevan State Day Center** was founded in July 2005 to support special needs children aged 6-18 years and their families who are experiencing difficult life circumstances and help facilitate their integration into society. The Center provides pedagogical, educational, and professional orientation services; psychological services, including play therapy, art therapy, speech therapy, and occupational therapy; primary health care and medical consulting; and rights protection and advocacy.
- **Zadik Orphanage** is a state RCI in Yerevan, Armenia, that houses approximately 21 children between the ages of 3 and 18 and serves 83 additional children non-residentially. After the age of 18, the overnight children can move to either Rainbow House, a transitional home, or Zadikavan, a farming village in Arzni.



Funds

Sponsorship Fund:

The Sponsorship Fund is the primary mechanism for addressing *child-specific* needs.

The Sponsorship Fund allows you to personally connect with an orphaned Armenian child or adult. Your entire donation goes directly to the orphan you are sponsoring; no funds support their orphanage or SOAR generally, and SOAR assumes the cost of all wiring fees.

SOAR has **5** sponsorship types:

- Child Sponsorship Fund
- Families of Fallen Soldiers Relief Fund
- Services to Children in their Own Homes (SCOH)
- Artsakh Family Restoration Fund
- SOS Village Sponsorships

In 2022, more than 550 children/families/disabled adults were assisted through these sponsorships.



Funds (Continued)

Art: The Art Fund facilitates interest in the visual arts by offering financial assistance for art supplies, private lessons, and scholarships to advanced art institutions.

Birthday: The Birthday Fund is a program whereby parents request donations to SOAR in lieu of gifts for their children's birthdays. The funds are used to host monthly birthday parties for the children at Nakashian Children's Support Center (formerly Mer Hoos) and the residents at Warm Hearth.

Dental: To address dental issues in Armenia, SOAR's Dental Fund was created and is overseen by a team of dental experts.

The Fund has three (3) primary components:

- Dental clinic construction
- Recruiting dental professionals to volunteer at the OLA Summer Camp
- Procure dental supplies

Diaper: Disposable diapers in Armenia are very expensive. In addition to cost, government allocations for diaper expenses are very low and do not adequately control for the diaper needs of the children. While SOAR firmly believes that the Armenian government should be exclusively responsible for the cost of baby supplies in the state orphanages, we have genuine concern for hygiene and the children's comfort. To address these issues, the Diaper Fund was launched in October 2014 to provide diaper subsidies to Yerevan's Children Home (formerly Nork Orphanage) and Mari Izmirlyan Orphanages.

Eye Care: The Eye Care Fund began in February 2015 to address the diagnosis and treatment of children with serious vision problems.

Orphan Transitional: Chapter volunteers work directly with young adults in Armenia as they transition to independent living, offering mentorship in the areas of education, interview coaching, job training and placement, counseling, and financial planning.

Programs

Developed and managed by our Chapter volunteers, SOAR Programs are academic curricula implemented virtually to the institutions in Armenia. Approximately 16 Programs are offered, including cultural discovery, digital literacy, financial planning, girls' empowerment, language tutoring, and mentoring and professional development

Armenian Language: providing instruction in the Armenian language, particularly for children adopted from Armenia who are now living in the diaspora.

Bible Study: providing an introduction to stories of the Bible in a child-centered format.

Business Development: assisting Armenian orphanages in the development of business ideas by reviewing their business plans, identifying strategies for implementation, etc.

Cultural Discovery (CDP): advances cultural understanding between global SOAR Chapter volunteers and the orphaned children in Armenia.

Digital Literacy and Coding (DLC): The SOAR Digital Literacy Program serves as a preparational step to empower children from disadvantaged conditions to participate and excel in coding and engineering related studies in schools and activity centers that are offered nationwide.

Disability Early Warning System (DEWS): identifying physical and mental disabilities of children newly arrived at orphanages in Armenia, so that needs for immediate medical intervention will not be missed.



Programs (Continued)

Female Empowerment: improving the girls' social, health, and economic resources so that they can stay in school longer, avoid early marriage, delay sexual activity, and prevent unintended pregnancy and transmission of sexually transmitted diseases.

Final Take Film: presents an exhilarating venture into the history of cinema, animation, stop motion, and special effects across a variety of genres, including gangster, musicals, science fiction, and fantasy.

Financial Planning: Educates orphans in the areas of budgeting, employment, identity theft, and money management.

Global Hosting: allowing orphaned or seriously underprivileged children to live with a host family in the States and enjoy a variety of enriching experiences, including a week at Camp Hye Sierra in California.

Human Rights Monitoring: monitoring potential human rights violations within Armenia's orphanages, boarding schools, and day centers.

Language Tutoring: enhancing the foreign language skills of orphaned Armenians through tutoring in English, French, Italian, Russian, Spanish, Japanese, Chinese, Bulgarian, and Ukrainian by SOAR volunteers.

Mental Health and Well-Being: to explore the importance of stress management in our lives and to better understand the concept and benefits of mental well-being.

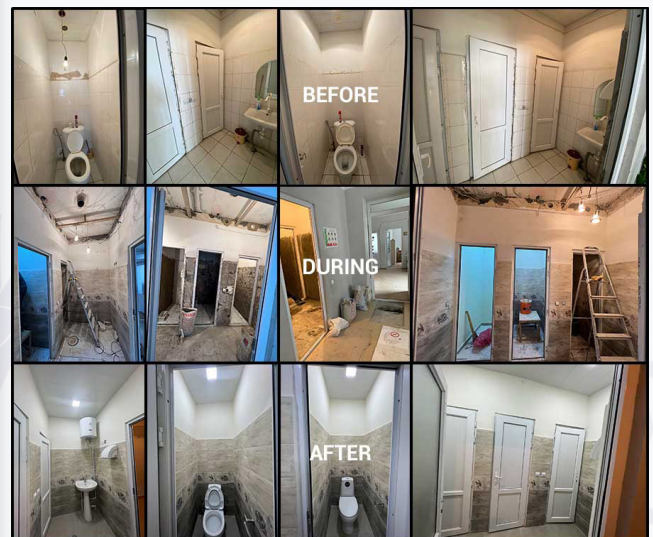
Mentoring and Professional Development: providing personal interaction with adults around the world who can share their education, wisdom, and life and career experiences with institutionalized children.

Pen Pal: arranging traditional letter writing between first grade Armenian children in the United States and orphaned children in Armenia.

Small Beans and Majestic Leaves: aiming to educate young individuals regarding the fascinating world of coffee and tea. Throughout the course viewers will learn interesting facts regarding coffee and tea, witness the structure of a coffee shop, and acquire virtually some practical knowledge regarding the coffee/tea making procedures.

2022 Distributions

- Shunts were supplied for surgical procedures for Edgar and Arina at Sisters of Charity Orphanage
- Renovations of the 1st floor bathroom at Yerevan Ajapnyak Community Children's Social Care Center, funded by SOAR London and the Gulamerian Fund
- Hokehankisd dinner for the children of Our Lady of Armenia, Gyumri. The dinner was funded by Betty Rechelian, Armand Rechelian, and Suzy and Suren Danielyan in remembrance of the 20-year anniversary of the death of their husband and father.
- New printer and laptops for Nakashian Children's Support Center (House of Hope-Mer Hooys) funded by SOAR San Francisco Bay Area
- Diapers for Children's Home Gyumri and Yerevan Children's Home funded by SOAR Phoenix, with special thanks to Ani, daughter of Phoenix board member, Margaret Ehramjian, and the sales from her 2nd Annual Cocoa Bomb fundraiser.



2022 Distributions (Continued)



- Equipment and supplies purchased for the families that are part of the Artsakh Family Restoration Fund.
- Sponsorship funds were used to support university tuition for all of the residents at Our Lady of Armenia Annie Bezikian Center in Kanaker.
- Diapers for Kharberd Orphanage funded by the Gulamerian Fund.
- Three new A/C units for AC units for Nakashian Children's Support Center funded by SOAR Rocky Mountain.
- Diapers for facilities provided monthly through the Diaper Fund.
- Birthday Fund sponsored celebrations throughout the year.
- Office furniture, computers and other office accessories for the new Martuni Center for Social-Psychological Support.



2022 Distributions (Continued)

- Tools and equipment provided for families through the Artsakh Family Restoration Fund.
- New clothing for the children at Children's Home Gyumri.
- Renovations of the kitchen at Our Lady of Armenia Center, Gyumri
- A Snoezelen Room at Yerevan Children's Home funded by SOAR New Jersey.
- Renovations of bedrooms at Yerevan Children's Home funded by SOAR New Jersey and SOAR New York.
- Easter celebrations for all SOAR supported facilities and Fallen Soldier Families.
- 33 residents at Dzorak Care Center received new eyeglasses.
- Work on the garden at the SOAR Transitional Center, Gyumri. New garden furniture funded by the Gulamerian Fund.



2022 Distributions (Continued)



- Food for Prkutyun funded by SOAR Fresno
- June 1st celebration for the Artsakh families in the Families of Fallen Soldiers Relief Fund.
- Our Lady of Armenia Summer Camp in Tsaghgadzor funding by SOAR New York.
- "I CAN" Sports Without Limits Special Olympics held. These special olympics will be held every four years.
- Javakh Summer Camp...funding by SOAR New York and SOAR Detroit.
- New roof for the Wood Craft Shop and Horse Arena at Kharberd Orphanage funded by SOAR Naples and the Gulamerian Fund.
- A floating library at the SOAR Transitional Center, Gyumri.
- Renovations of the 7th area at Children's Home of Gyumri funded by SOAR Naples and the Gulamerian Fund.
- The fruit dehydration system in use at Dzorak. The fruit dehydrator was donated by Pam and Ron Khachadoorian in Honor of their Grandchildren – Van, Siroon, Nooné, and Mané Topjian.

2022 Distributions (Continued)

- Renovations of the 2nd floor bathrooms at Yerevan Ajapnyak Community Children's Social Care Center funded by SOAR Dallas and the Gulamerian Fund.
- A 3-day holiday from July 17th to 19th at Aghveran Park Resort for our 12 Fallen Soldier Artsakh families.
- Children's Home of Gyumri Tenth Department Renovation funded by SOAR La Cañada Chapter and the Gulamerian Fund.
- AGBU Camp in Bulgaria for children of Fallen Soldier Families and SOAR Transitional Center residents.
- New furnishings and household items for the new SOAR Papken and Anahid Megerian Transitional Center in Yerevan.
- Ceiling repairs of the office bathroom at the Fallen Soldier Center caused by strong winds from a storm.
- Summer vacation for the young ladies at Nakashian Children's Support Center funded by SOAR Rokcy Mountains and the Gulamerian Fund.
- Food for Prkutyun funded by the Gulamerian Fund.



2022 Distributions (Continued)



- Psychological counseling for Fallen Soldier Families at the SOAR Families of Fallen Soldiers Center. Food for families during these sessions was funded by the SOAR East Asia Chapter.
- Residents of Mari Izmirlyan summer vacation in Dzaxkadzor Sport Complex hotel.
- Food shopping for the residents at the new SOAR Papken and Anahid Megerian Transitional Center in Yerevan.
- An oxygen reader for Sisters of Charity Orphanage, Bethlehem.
- SOAR staff hosted a training on "Professional First Response in Emergency Situations" held for CPN member organizations in our Tbilisyan office. There were 20 participants from different organizations.
- Materials for carpet weaving classes at Warm Hearth.
- Renovations of the 3rd floor bedrooms, right side, at Dzorak. The renovations were funded by SOAR Jacksonville and the Gulamerian Fund.



2022 Distributions (Continued)

- Sea containers valued at \$643,701.63 were shipped to Armenia.
- The children at Shirak Marz Children and Family Support Center participated in the Art Therapy Program working in sand therapy and clay sculpting. Funds for this were raised by SOAR Kansas City.
- Thanksgiving celebration at Our Lady of Armenia Center, Gyumri.
- Grand Opening of the New Pakpen and Anahit Megerian Transitional Center in Yerevan.
- The children of our Fallen Soldier Families were invited to visit the Coca Cola Factory and Museum.
- Classroom renovations at Yerevan Ajapnyak Community Children's Social Care Center funded by SOAR Baltimore and the Gulamerian Fund.
- Christmas celebrations/gifts for *EVERY* child at SOAR supported facilities, SCOH families, and gifts for Fallen Soldier Families.



Major Projects

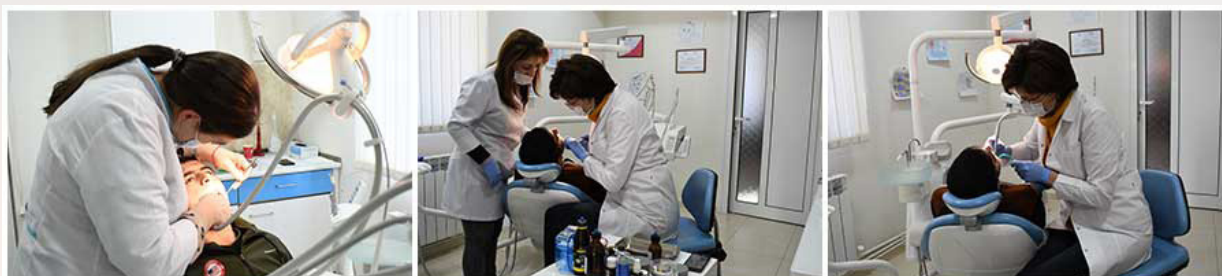
Art Therapy

The goal of this project is to facilitate social inclusion of orphaned children housed at SOS Kotayk through art therapy. Funded by the Jirair S. and Elizabeth Hovnanian Foundation, puppetry, pottery, and sand therapy are the three modes implemented.



Dental Clinic

In 2022 the SOAR Dental Clinic serviced **479** children, seniors, and members of the local community that would otherwise not received any dental care.



Major Projects (Continued)

Families of Fallen Soldiers Relief Fund (FFSRF)

Launched in the summer of 2020, the FFSRF assists the families of fallen and severely disabled Armenian service personnel by providing emotional, educational, and financial support and children's enrichment assistance. The Fund aims to build strong, caring, and loving bonds with each family and to follow the widows and children through the years to assure that no children of fallen

Armenian soldiers are ever institutionalized. We believe that the service and sacrifices made by these Armenian service personnel should never be taken for granted and, just as they have become our heroes, we help their families get past their obstacles and guide them through their darkest times.



The SOAR Families of Fallen Soldiers Support Center in Yerevan

With its grand opening in 2021, the Center serves as a non-residential facility that provides economic assistance, grief counseling, academic tutoring, job placement, and other support services to families of soldiers killed or severely injured in battle. The overarching goal of the Center is to offer compassionate and holistic support to spouses, children, and families grieving the death of an Armenian soldier killed or wounded in battle.



Major Projects (Continued)

Human Rights Monitoring

SOAR's Human Rights Monitoring Program, created in December 2015, monitors potential human rights violations within Armenia's orphanages, boarding schools, and day centers. Specifically, the following constructs are monitored by in-country staff and volunteers: education, food and nutrition, human trafficking, hygiene, physical abuse and neglect, reunification, and sexual abuse. Using a multi-method design, these constructs are examined in each facility quarterly, with reports subsequently provided to facility directors and appropriate governmental personnel.

"I CAN" Special Olympics

The first "I CAN" Special Olympics was held in May 2018, a national sports festival organized by SOAR for people with disabilities.

Fashioned after the Special Olympics, the games were held in Tsaghgadzor over three days, with 150 special needs children and adults participating in a variety of athletic and social activities. "I CAN" will be held every four years.

"I CAN 2022" was held June 24-27. Special needs children from across Armenia attended from orphanages and facilities SOAR supports, like Kharberd Orphanage, Dzorak Care Center, Warm Hearth, Prkutyun Day Center, and more! The children competed in a variety of sports, like bocce, relay races, football, table tennis, basketball, and canoeing!



Major Projects (Continued)

Mobile Eye Care Project

In 2022 the Mobile Eye Care Van visited Nakashian Children's Center taking care of the children and staff, three regions in Artsakh, Vardashen taking care of the residents, parents, and teachers, and Kharberd Orphanage, giving care to residents and staff. **1,853** people were served in 2022!



Music Therapy

Music therapy is the clinical and evidenced-based use of music interventions to accomplish individualized goals within a therapeutic relationship by a credentialed professional who has completed an approved music therapy program. It consists of using music therapeutically to address physical, psychological, cognitive, behavioral, and/or social functioning.

Regular music therapy sessions are held at Yerevan Children's Home as well as other facilities that care for the disabled. The pictures below are from sessions held at Sisters of Charity, Bethlehem.

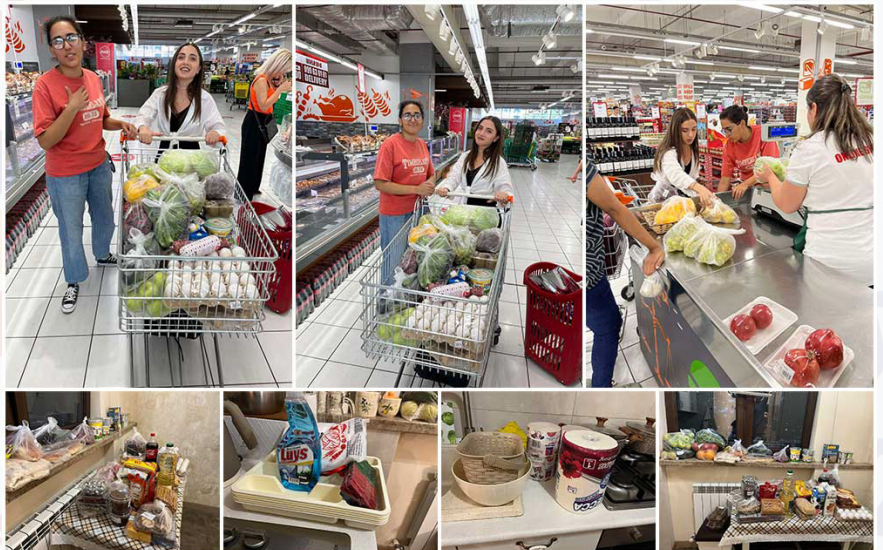


Major Projects (Continued)

SOAR Transitional Centers - Gyumri and Yerevan

SOAR's Transitional Centers are residential setting for older teenage girls who have outgrown the traditional orphanage but who are not yet ready for independent living. At our Center, these young women attend college; cultivate a business; are enriched by our academic programs; appreciate volunteerism; learn essential life skills, including home and money management; build self-nurturance and self-confidence; and prepare themselves for emotional, fiscal, and professional independence. Significant financial support was received by the Harold and Josephine Gulamerian Fund, the Albert Tamberchi Foundation, and an anonymous foundation.

The new Papken and Anahid Megerian Transitional Center in Yerevan was opened in 2022! The residents of the Transitional Center in Gyumri celebrated their **third** year that was filled with activities including launching their Gyumri So-Art Sewing Business (see page 29).



Transitional Center, Yerevan - Shopping for food!



Transitional Center, Gyumri computer certificates



Transitional Center, Gyumri Christmas

Major Projects (Continued)

Gyumri So-Art - A Transitional Center Business

gyumrisoart.com



Gyumri So-Art was developed for the social adaptation of orphans, to provide basic professional skills and to educate them on fiscal independence. We approach our handcraft business to educate our young women in entrepreneurial rather than consumer thinking and to help them appreciate the importance of financial security in the early stages of independent living. Those orphans could leave the walls of a boarding school or orphanage being self-sufficient, socially adapted, active and confident.

Here, the young women create tote bags, Marash bags, tablecloths, table runners, and pillowcases. By supporting our workshop, you not only get quality handcrafts from Armenia but also help our young women acquire professional skills. This is your contribution to Armenia's future.

The website for the Gyumri So-Art store was launched in early 2022.

Some of the store products are below:

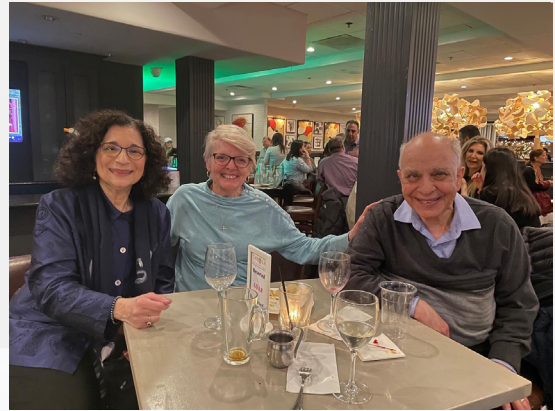


Activity Highlights

SOAR National held our 17-year meetings and Anniversary Gala!



Wednesday night Trustee dinner



Thursday night cocktail reception



Friday and Saturday chapter meetings



*Saturday night
Anniversary Gala*

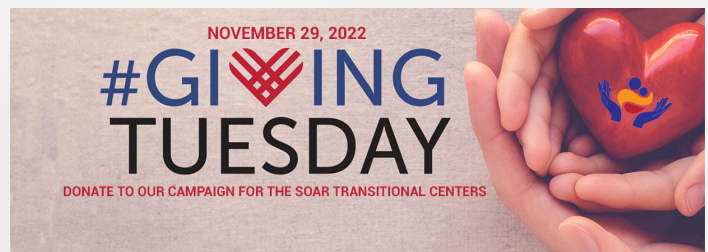


Activity Highlights (Continued)

SOAR National held multiple other initiatives:



Christmas and Easter Campaigns



Giving Tuesday Campaign for the Transitional Centers



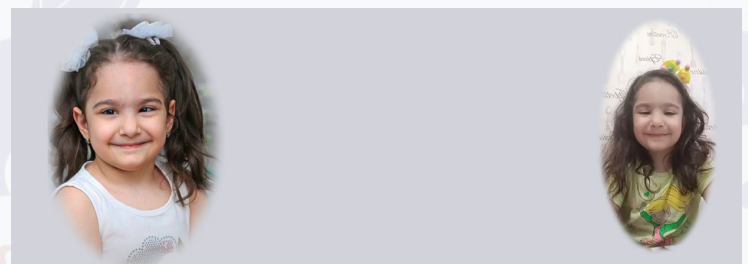
Raised emergency funds for Armenia



Dedicated the month of September to our fallen and severely wounded soldiers and POWs



Annual NFL Pool Eliminator



Held emergency medical fundraiser for Angelina Petrosian



Annual March Madness



Held Lotto 2022



National campaign to save the life of Monika Grogoryan



"I CAN" 2022



Activity Highlights (Continued)

FUNDRAISING

SOAR Anchorage finished their “Education for Tomorrow” Christmas Campaign and funded supplies & equipment for Our Lady of Armenia Annie Bezikian Youth Center in Kanaker. They started their “Empower Family” campaign for the family of fallen Senior Sergeant Squad Commander Vahram Hovhannisyan.

SOAR Atlanta held a very successful “Sip N’ Paint” fundraiser.

SOAR Baltimore held a “Back to School Fundraiser for classroom renovations at Yerevan Ajapnyak Community Children’s Social Care Center. Their board member Patil Bozabalian is holding a Christmas Wine Wednesday and having her guests make a donation to SOAR in lieu of hostess gifts. Funds raised were used to sponsor Christmas gifts and celebrations for two facilities!

SOAR Brussels held a “Charity Concert with Aram Mp3”.

SOAR Cairo Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors in Cairo, they are making a meaningful difference in the lives of at-risk Armenian children and families year after year.

SOAR Carolinas held an online Bingo fundraiser.

SOAR Chicago held a very successful Armenian Wine Tasting Event at Sayat Nova to support the family of Fallen Armenian soldier Armen Mkhitarian, support the SOAR Diaper Fund, and sponsor Christmas celebrations and gifts for SOAR supported facilities. They also hosted a table at the Evanston picnic.

SOAR Cincinnati held a Facebook Birthday Fundraiser for Vergine, wife of fallen Armenian soldier, Albert Bagyants. The chapter continues to support this family and their new bakery.

SOAR Cleveland held a table event on Father’s Day at their local church, St. Gregory of Narek Armenian Church. They also held a Facebook fundraiser to renew their sponsorships for 12-year-old Anahit Qemalyan, Nakashian Children’s Support Center; 13-year-old Arsen Nerkararyan, Orran; and now college students – sisters and brother Izabella, Samvel, and Nune Grigoryan.

Activity Highlights (Continued)

SOAR Dallas held their 2nd Annual “Peace on Earth” Christmas Campaign for Family of Fallen Armenian Soldier Arthur Grigoryan, held their 5th consecutive School Supply Drive for Orphans in Armenia, held their 2nd Annual Father’s Day Fundraiser, hosted a Modern Market Dine and Donate Fundraiser, and held their Annual Easter Fundraiser, this year for bathroom renovations at Yerevan Ajapnyak Community Children’s Social Care Center.

SOAR Detroit held a fundraiser for Javakh Summer Camp and hosted a table at the local community market.

SOAR East Asia provided food for the families of fallen soldiers during their psychological sessions at the Families of Fallen Soldiers Support Center.

SOAR Frankfurt, Munich, Berlin, and Hamburg collaborated with Aroma wines to fundraise for the families of fallen soldiers.

SOAR Fresno held a “Winter Wonderland” Christmas Raffle to raise funds for classroom renovations at Artsakh Boarding School. They also purchased food for Prkutyun and purchased diapers for Dzorak Care Center.

SOAR Harrisburg held a Fundraiser for the Family of Fallen Soldier Taron Stepanyan.

SOAR Hartford held a very successful Backgammon Tournament.

SOAR Indianapolis held an online painting class fundraiser with Anna Krtshatsyan.

SOAR Jacksonville held Yoga Charity Sessions, held their annual BBQ, and held an online Armenian Rare Coin Auction.

SOAR Kanasa City (MO) held an online Mother’s Day Fundraiser for the children at Shirak Marz Child and Family Supprt Center.

SOAR Kentucky held a “World Orphan Day” Fundraiser, and held a fundraiser for the “I CAN” 2022 Special Olympics.

Activity Highlights (Continued)

SOAR La Cañada held a very successful “Paint and Sip” fundraiser and held a “Children of Gyumri” fundraiser. They funded renovations at Children’s Home of Gyumri.

SOAR London held a fundraiser for the Carpte Waeving lessons at Nakashian Children Support Center (Mer Hooys). They funded bathroom renovations at Yerevan State Day Center.

SOAR Long Beach held an “Online Open House).

SOAR Los Angeles received the proceeds from the “Hayk for Our Heroes”, collaborated with Woodland Optometry for an “Eye Care Fundraiser”, and held a Missions Trip Fundraiser for their board member Roxy Keshishyan so she could purchase supplies and equipment to the orphanages she was visiting while on her mission trip to Armenia. Community members, the Kokonyan family, who donated \$3000 to SOAR’s Gyumri Transitional Center as a tribute to their son Alex’s Armenia baptism. Funds were used to renovate the center’s kitchen and purchase bathroom, kitchen and sewing room furniture.

SOAR Luxembourg held an online fundraiser for the Family of Fallen Soldier Levon Shagunts.

SOAR Melbourne held “Wreath Making with Matt Bisaro” fundraiser.

SOAR Minneapolis held a movie night to raise funds for the Mobile Eye Care Project. A board member held a fundraiser in honor of the 10-year anniversary of her mother’s passing. The Chunmei Guo Memorial Scholarship Fund was created to help toward the education of young women studying in the sciences.

SOAR Montebello held a “Food Truck Event” to raise money for SOS Children’s Village Sports and Hobbies.

SOAR Montreal fundraised for the Families of Fallen Soldiers Relief Fund.

SOAR Naples held a “Spring Event” to raise funds for Armenian orphans.

SOAR New Jersey held a very successful “Paint and Sip” fundraiser. The chapter funded bedroom renovations and a Snoezelen Room at Yerevan Children’s Home.

Activity Highlights (Continued)

SOAR New York held their annual “Holiday Cocktail Party and Fundraiser” and a “Spring Social”. The chapter helped pay for Javakh Summer Camp and bedroom renovations at Yerevan Children’s Home.

SOAR Orange County held a “Hello Summer Mixer” fundraiser.

SOAR Perth held a Facebook “Jingle Bells” Christmas Fundraiser for the family of fallen soldier Vilen Sargsyan.

SOAR Philadelphia held a very successful “Designer Bag Bingo” fundraiser.

SOAR Phoenix purchased diapers for Yerevan Children’s Home thanks to the special Cocoa Bomb Fundraiser held by board member Margaret Ehramjian’s daughter Ani.

SOAR Portland, (ME) held a campaign supporting SOAR Lotto 2022.

SOAR Portland, (OR) held a Giving Tuesday Raffle for new computers and a printer for Prkutyun Day Center.

SOAR Rocky Mountains held a “Gift of Giving” Holiday Party and Silent Auction and an “Art of Giving” fundraiser which helped support the “I CAN” 2022 Special Olympics. The chapter also funded a summer vacation for the young ladies at Nakashian Children’s Support Center and new A/C units for the Center as well.

SOAR Sacramento held “A Christmas Cocktail Party and Performance”, and an online Christmas Raffle both to raise funds for Christmas gifts and celebrations for Families of Fallen Soldiers.

SOAR Salt Lake City Chapter President Publishes Children’s Book – Proceeds Earmarked for Lebanon Orphanages and ran the Salt Lake City Half Marathon again in honor of her father.

SOAR San Diego held their 2nd annual “Holly Jolly” Christmas Fundraiser for a Christmas party and gifts for the children at Children’s Home Gyumri.

Activity Highlights (Continued)

SOAR San Francisco Bay Area funded new printer and laptops for Nakashian Children's Support Center (House of Hope-Mer Hooys).

SOAR Syracuse held an online "Envelope Challenge" fundraiser.

SOAR Tennessee held a "Hybrid Stand-Up Comedy Show Featuring Davit Sargsian and Baklava Sale".

SOAR Toronto held a "10th Anniversary Open House", held an online "Live Cooking Tutorial", and held "unwrapKindness" online fundraiser for Christmas gifts for the children at Our Lady of Armenia Orohanage. The chapter funded the purchase of the projector for the new Snoezelen Room at Yerevan Children's Home.

SOAR Ventura County held their very successful "Summer Soiree".

SOAR Washington DC held a "Dinner and Kef".

SOAR Wisconsin held their annual golf outing raising over \$30,000! They helped fund renovations at Armenian Evangelical Boarding School in Lebanon, and many other initiatives. They also help their year end plea.



JOIN US
at the
**HOLE-IN-THE-WALL
GOLF CLUB**
3600 Goodlette-Frank Rd
Naples, FL 34103
(at the corner of
Goodlette-Frank Road and Ohio Drive)

The least of these...


**Friday,
March 18, 2022**

**SOCIETY FOR ORPHANED ARMENIAN RELIEF
NAPLES CHAPTER SPRING EVENT**

6:00-7:00 Cocktails
Dinner to follow
Chapter Update and Comedy Show



For more information and to RSVP, please contact:
Mark Duszynski at naples@soar-us.org or call 414-791-4234



**SOAR Syracuse Chapter
ENVELOPE CHALLENGE**
January 17th - February 4th
Win a prize for your Valentine

Fundraiser for college tuition
for orphaned girls Lala, Lusya, and
Varuhi, residents of Our Lady of
Armenia Annie Bezikian Center
in Kanaker

Hidden in one envelope is the prize
of an **IceLink Eye and
Tracelink Head Set**
Winner will be notified at the end
of the challenge.

**The more envelopes you buy,
the better your chances!**

Choose the envelope(s)
equal to the amount you
would like to donate

**One of the best ways
to raise young women
out of poverty
is education**

**Thank you for
supporting a young
woman's future!**

Purchase your envelopes TODAY at soar-us.org/envelopechallenge



**SOAR Orange County
Hello Summer
Mixer**

**\$40
pre-pay
\$50
at the door**

**Thurs-May
12th
6-9 pm**

La Vida Cantina, 1870 Harbor Boulevard Costa Mesa, CA
Tickets include first round on us and a festa buffet
and a cash prize to the table
Proceeds to benefit the new SOAR Pavilion and Amabel Megarian
Transitional Center in Yerevan
orangecounty@soar-us.org



Activity Highlights (Continued)



SOAR Fresno
Winter Wonderland Raffle

December 5th - December 19th

Get on Santa's Nice List by giving to the orphans at Artsakh Boarding School and contribute to the much-needed renovation of their classrooms.

You will have the chance to win a beautiful gift basket valued at \$250!

TICKETS \$30/each 4 for \$100

Purchase at - soar-us.org/event/fresno

fresno@soar-us.org

SOAR DC Dinner & Ref
For the Families of Our Wounded Soldiers from the 2020 Artsakh War

Sunday December 4, 2022 5:00 PM

Sasuna Cafe
7217 Munceaster Rd.
Derwood, MD 20835

Performance by
Mihran Kocharyan Ref Group

Make a donation to R.S.V.P. HERE

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

washington@soar-us.org

YOU'RE INVITED TO
SOAR'S HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER

Friday, December 9th, 2022
at 7:30 - 10:30 PM

La Vela - 558 11th Avenue
Open Bar

Purchase Tickets of \$80 via
soar-us.org/app/campaigns/soar-us

Indianapolis Chapter Society for Orphaned Relief

SOAR INDIANAPOLIS FALL "FUNDRAISE THROUGH ART"

SOAR Indianapolis invites you to an online **PAINTING CLASS** led by Anna Krishatsyan, a talented artist from Armenia.

Anna Krishatsyan
State Academy of Fine Arts of Armenia

Sunday, November 20, 2022
1:00 - 2:30 PM EST
\$25 USD per person

BRING WITH YOU:

- Paper for watercolor
- Watercolor Paint
- Paint brushes
- Water

Register and Pay Online at:
soar-us.reachapp.com/events/indianapolis/

SOAR Los Angeles Mission Trip

Donations accepted **THROUGH APRIL 15TH**

SOAR LA

SOAR Los Angeles Board Member Romy Keshishyan is traveling to Gyumri, Armenia this May for a volunteer mission trip.

SOAR LA is raising funds so Romy can purchase supplies for the children at the facilities she will be visiting.

*Note: "Gyumi Supplies" when donating via Venmo.

For more information, visit soar-us.org/chapter-activity/la

SOAR (Society for Orphaned Armenian Relief) is the world's only charitable organization devoted exclusively to helping orphaned Armenian children. SOAR is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and your donation is tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law. Visit soar-us.org/donate to learn more.

SOAR Dallas School Supply Drive

Orphans in Armenia need our help!

THRU SEPTEMBER 18th
Drop off at
St. Sarkis Armenian Church
Accepting items from the list and cash donations

Contact us for pick-up or questions:
dallas@soar-us.org
Kristine Ratevsoyan - Chapter President
(469) 215-9264

GO HERE FOR AMAZON LIST

NEW SUPPLIES NEEDED

1. School bags
2. Pencil cases
3. Drawing albums
4. Red, green, blue pens
5. Erasers
6. Rulers
7. Connection pens/fluids
8. Pencil sharpeners
9. Glue sticks/school glue
10. Scotch tapes (invisible and clear)
11. Highlighters
12. Colored pens
13. Colored markers
14. Colored pencils
15. Black pencils (#8)
16. Watercolor sets
17. Whiteboard markers
18. Whiteboard sponges
19. Permanent markers
20. Small stapler and staples
21. Sticky notes - different sizes
22. Notebook/diary/books
23. A4 papers
24. School scissors

SOAR Philadelphia Designer Bag Bingo

Sunday, October 16, 2022
Doors open at 1:30 pm

Armenian Sisters Academy
440 Upper Gulch Rd.
Radnor, PA 19087

Complimentary sweets and non-alcoholic drinks

BYOB

Raffles \$50/50

Tickets:
\$30 early bird by 10/3
\$35 after 10/3 & at door

GO HERE to purchase tickets

Proceeds to benefit Christmas parties of Our Lady of America, Center in Gyumri, Tbilisi, and Karakol.

For more information, contact:
Ken Jahanian at 610-412-2709 or
Patricia Katsigian at 610-412-4310

SOAR Sacramento Christmas Cocktail Party & Performance

Saturday, December 3rd, 2022
Begins at 6:00 PM
At Karapetyan Academy

Family Fun Event

- Live Music
- Entertainment
- Online Raffle
- Step and Repeat
- Food and Drinks
- Hot Chocolate Bar

Join us Saturday for a fun evening out to celebrate the holidays, while raising money for a good cause. Proceeds to benefit Christmas parties and presents for Armenian orphans and families of fallen soldiers.

Buy Your Tickets Today!

Early Bird Special Price: \$30 Per Person or \$40 \$100
Dresscode: Cocktail and Festive
For more details please follow us on social media
[@soar_sacramento](https://www.facebook.com/soarsacramento) [soarsacramento](https://www.facebook.com/soarsacramento)



Armenian Wine Tasting at

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6, 2022 2-5 PM

SAVA NOVIA
157 E Ohio St
Chicago, IL 60611

Heavy hors d'oeuvres and five wine tastings

Silent Auction and Raffles

TICKETS
\$35 by October 27th
\$60 after October 27th
\$70 at the door

Purchase tickets or donate at:
soar-us.org/event/chicagowinetasting

*** Funds to provide humanitarian relief to families impacted by the war ***

Society for Orphaned Armenian Relief (SOAR)
Chicago Chapter
chicago@soar-us.org

Presented by The Society for Orphaned Armenian Relief (SOAR) Rocky Mountains

JOIN US FOR A GIFT OF GIVING

HOLIDAY PARTY AND SILENT AUCTION

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH 6-8PM MST

Proceedings will benefit orphans, line workers, the families of fallen military personnel, and civilians that need immediate humanitarian aid. Due to venue capacity, your \$100 donation will serve as your RSVP and we will count you in!

Clayton Lane Fine Arts
120 Clayton Lane Denver, CO 80206

Scan Here **RSVP & Donate**

Art & Wine Soar NJ Chapter

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17TH 5 PM TO 7 PM
236 ROCK RD,
GLEN ROCK, NJ 07452

All proceeds will go towards birds' nests in Lebanon for months fuel costs

\$65 ENTRY (BYOB)
\$75 ENTRY + 1 BOTTLE OF ITALIAN ROSE SNACKS INCLUDED

See you there!

Activity Highlights (Continued)

PROGRAMS & ADMINISTRATIVE

SOAR Antwerp gave a presentation to the children at Orran through the Cultural Discovery Program and participates in the Female Empowerment Program.

SOAR Athens gave a presentation to the residents of the SOAR Transitional Center, Gyumri through the Final Take Film Program. The chapter also started the Small Beans and Majestic Leaves Program.

SOAR Cairo participates in the Sponsorship Fund bringing awareness and matching supporters to SOAR sponsorships.

SOAR Daimus gave a presentation to the residents at the SOAR Transitional Center through the Cultural Discovery Program.

SOAR Doha is an Internal Administrative Chapter overseeing medical requests and funding.

SOAR Dublin gave a presentation to the residents at the SOAR Transitional Center through the Cultural Discovery Program.

SOAR Estonia participates in the Global Hosting Program and the Digital Literacy and Coding Program.

SOAR Hamburg gives presentations to the children at Orran for the Digital Literacy and Coding Program.

SOAR Helsinki gives English lessons to the children at Orran through the Language Tutoring Program.

SOAR Houston is an Internal Administrative Chapter overseeing medical requests and funding.

SOAR Istanbul organized a city-tour for the kids of SOAR in July 2022. Board member Marko Zerunyan guided the group around the old town, and they visited Beyoğlu Surp Yerrortutyun Armenian Church together.

SOAR Las Vegas holds regular classes with the girls at the SOAR Transitional Center through the Mentoring Program.

Activity Highlights (Continued)

SOAR Leeds gave a presentation to the children at Orran through the Cultural Discovery Program.

SOAR Luxembourg participates in the Language Tutoring Program (English).

SOAR Marseille gave a presentation to the children at Orran on Beirut, Lebanon through the Cultural Discover Program.

SOAR Nottingham gave a presentation to the children at Orran through the Cultural Discovery Program.

SOAR Perth gave a presentation to the children at Orran through the Cultural Discovery Program.

SOAR Pisa is an Internal Administrative Chapter overseeing medical requests and funding.

SOAR Portland (ME) gave a presentation to the children at Orran and to the children at Gyumri Social Childcare Center through the Cultural Discovery Program.

SOAR Prague gave a presentation to the children at Gyumri Social Childcare Center through the Cultural Discovery Program.

SOAR Rotterdam gives English lessons twice weekly to the young ladies at the SOAR Transitional Center through the Language Tutoring Program.

SOAR Saint Petersburg gave a presentation to the children at Orran through the Cultural Discovery Program *and* give regular instruction in Russian to the children at Gavar through the Language Tutoring Program.

SOAR Salt Lake City is an Internal Administrative Chapter assisting in legal matters.

SOAR San Diego gave a presentation on Sicily to the children at Orran gave presentations to the children at Orran and Gavar Orphanage through the Cultural Discovery Program.

Activity Highlights (Continued)

SOAR São Paulo gave a presentation to the children at Orran through the Cultural Discovery Program and participate in the Global Hosting Program.

SOAR Slovakia gave a presentation to the residents at the SOAR Transitional Center through the Cultural Discovery Program.

SOAR Sofia participates in the Global Hosting Program.

SOAR Southeast Asia gave a presentation to the children at Gyumri Social Childcare Center through the Cultural Discovery Program.

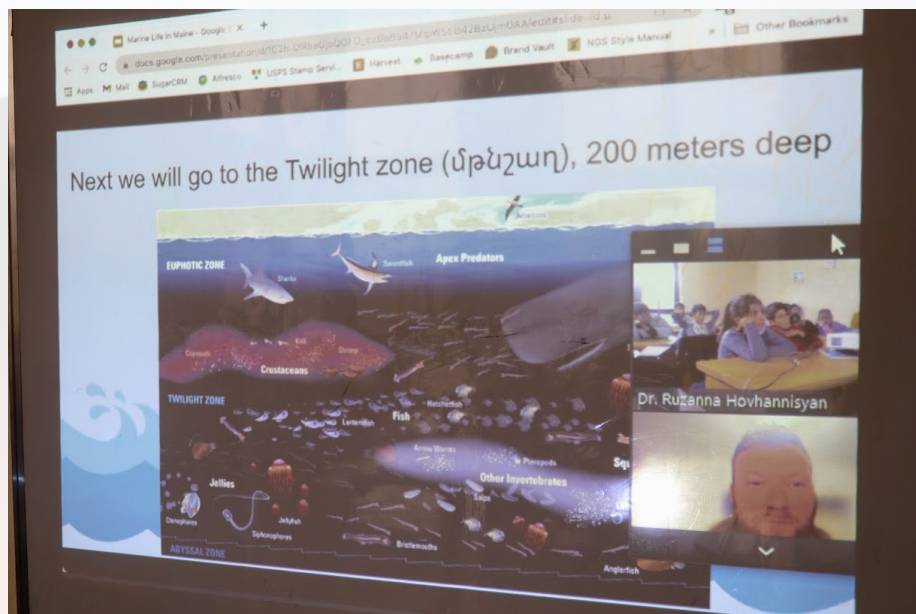
SOAR Stockholm gave a presentation to the children at Orran through the Cultural Discovery Program.

SOAR Vancouver is an Internal Administrative Chapter overseeing medical requests and funding.

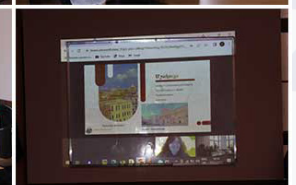
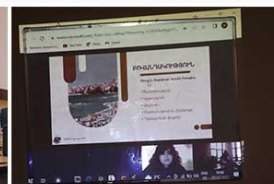
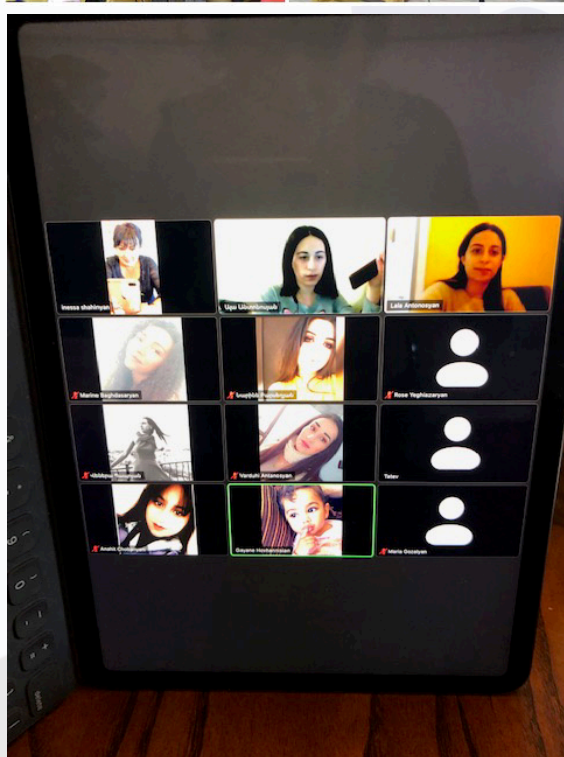
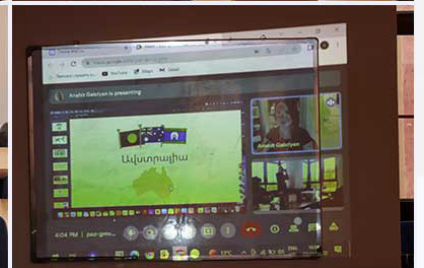
SOAR Vienna gave a presentation to the children at Orran through the Cultural Discovery Program.

SOAR Warsaw gave a presentation to the children at Orran through the Cultural Discovery Program.

SOAR Zurich gave presentations to the children at Orran and Gavar Orphanage through the Cultural Discovery Program.



Activity Highlights (Continued)



Activity Highlights - College Groups

SOAR Assumption University Group held a Fall Fundraiser for Armenian Military Families in Need.



Activity Highlights - Juniors

“Children Helping Children”

SOAR recognizes the importance of developing the future leaders of the Armenian community. SOAR-Juniors was created in October 2013 (by Philadelphia Juniors) for youth between the ages of 8 and 17.

SOAR New Jersey Juniors held a “Garage Sale Fundraiser” for the SOAR Dental Fund.

SOAR NJ JUNIORS GARAGE SALE

JUNE 18, FROM 9 AM - 6 PM

DON'T MISS OUT ON OUR AMAZING ITEMS!
WE WILL HAVE LEMONADE AND COOKIES FOR SALE TOO.
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO DENTAL FUND



Welcome!
840 Banta Place,
Ridgefield

More info at
@SOARJUNIOR_NJ



SOAR Philadelphia Juniors helped with the SOAR Anniversary Gala.

Accounting Summary

Distributions

• Armenian Evangelical Boarding School.....	\$28,555.20
• Artsakh Family Restoration Fund.....	\$51,947.20
• Artsakh Boarding School.....	\$30,734.00
• Birds' Nest Orphanage.....	\$35,653.20
• Community Development and Social Support Center.....	\$4,948.00
• Children's Home Gyumri.....	\$25,570.00
• Dental Clinic.....	\$13,240.00
• Dzorak Care Center.....	\$18,387.00
• Eye Care Project.....	\$8,510.50
• Families of Fallen Soldiers Relief Fund.....	\$178,524.00
• Gavar Orphanage.....	\$4,134.00
• House of Dreams.....	\$7,720.00
• Javakh Summer Camp.....	\$2,254.00
• Kharberd Orphanage.....	\$19,732.00
• Mari Izmirlyan.....	\$3,213.00
• Nakashian Children's Support Center (House of Hope-Mer Hooys).....	\$7,210.00
• Orran.....	\$5,778.00
• Our Lady of Armenia Center.....	\$57,687.00
• OLA-Kanaker.....	\$51,427.00
• OLA-Tashir.....	\$1,050.00
• OLA-Tsaghgadzor.....	\$5,556.00
• Prkutyun.....	\$7,131.00
• Services to Children in their Own Homes (SCOH).....	\$22,415.00
• Shirak Marz Children and Family Social Services.....	\$22,079.63
• Sisters of Charity, Bethlehem.....	\$2,595.00
• Sisters of Charity, Spitak.....	\$800.00
• SOS-Idjevan.....	\$25,800.00
• SOS-Kotayk.....	\$3,120.00
• Source Foundation.....	\$300.00
• Transitional Center, Gyumri.....	\$28,081.00
• Transitional Center, Yerevan.....	\$143,659.00
• Vardashen.....	\$600.00
• Warm Hearth.....	\$7,856.00
• Yerevan Children's Home (Nork).....	\$16,194.00
• Yerevan Special School Number 11 (Nubarashen).....	\$700.00
• Yerevan State Day Center.....	\$5,461.00
• Zadik.....	\$300.00
• Sea Containers.....	\$643,701.63
• Miscellaneous.....	\$153,837.00

Accounting Summary (Continued)

TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS.....\$1,646,460.56

Administrative

- Salaries.....\$43,715.00
- Bank.....\$10,495.29

TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE.....\$54,210.29

GRAND TOTAL.....\$1,700,670.65



Conclusion

The Society for Orphaned Armenian Relief (SOAR) was established in 2005 to provide humanitarian relief to orphaned Armenian children and orphaned Armenian adults with disabilities. Today, we support 35 institutions – day centers, residential childcare facilities, summer camps, and transitional centers – in four countries. During the past 17 years, our work has eclipsed even our most conservative expectations. In 2006, distributions totaled approximately \$60,000. In CY2022, our distributions exceeded \$1.7M. Today we not only address the major humanitarian constructs of education, emotional and psychological support, nutrition, health and hygiene, dental, medical and vision care, and fundamental human rights, but our Programs offer educational and professional curricula that stimulate intellectual curiosity, empowerment, and enrichment. Our most significant accomplishment in 2022 was the opening of The Papken and Anahid Megerian Transitional Center in Yerevan. Dedicated in honor of Papken Megerian, one of SOAR's founding Trustees, our second Transitional Center in Armenia provides residential care to older Armenian girls who have outgrown the traditional orphanage but who are not yet prepared, educationally or emotionally, for independent living.

We continue to be blessed with a dedicated and selfless team of supporters who share our short-term aspirations and long-term vision. Eighteen years ago, as I embarked on parenthood with the adoption of my oldest daughter, Liliana, I asked God to make me a better human. He brought me SOAR. For that, I am eternally grateful.

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

If you have any questions about SOAR, our mission, the populations we serve, or this 2022 annual report, please contact George S. Yacoubian, Jr., at (610) 213-3452 or gyacoubian@soar-us.org.

