



Society for Orphaned Armenian Relief Zurich Chapter

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Dear Friends,

As the year 2020 now comes to an end, everyone is looking forward to a brighter 2021.

We hope you could spend a few spiritually regenerating Christmas days nonetheless and wish you will start 2021 with an optimistic outlook.

If any year deserves the title of "year-to-be-remembered" I cannot think of another more memorable 12 months in my lifetime as the ones just passed.

2020 was truly challenging, saddening, shocking even. Global crises, national catastrophes, local disasters, individual tragedies. All at the same time and all over the globe.

Life and living were so different this time last year.

In a few years, maybe just months, we will look back, we will remember the good things, for those of us lucky enough. We spent more time with the family, we had more time for the people that truly matter, more time to think and to dream. Tragically, some of us will also remember friends and family members lost.

Armenia and Armenians will look back at 2020 with a sad and heavy heart. Thousands of Armenian children will look back at this year and remember it with tears in their eyes as the year they lost their fathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, loved people and loved places.

Due to the general situation and the many restrictions, we had a notable drop in donations compared to 2019, however thanks to many of you, we were still able to meet some needs. We express our heartfelt gratitude in the name of all the children you supported.

SOAR Zurich Chapter would like to present you a short overview of what your donations have helped achieve in this challenging year.

- 45 pairs of warm winter shoes were procured for the orphans in Tashir orphanage
- We supported the Easter Event at Tashir
- Financed a "summer lunch" for four orphanages in Lebanon
- Purchased 4 bicycles for girls in the "Girls transition center" in Gyumri
- Disaster relief support after the dramatic explosion in Beirut
- Direct support of a mother of three that lost her husband to the war
- Contribution to the "Families of fallen soldiers"-fund in Armenia



Girls transition center in Gyumri



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Tashir orphanage

We would also like to remind you that 100% of what is being donated to SOAR is directly spent for the children as all of us do this on a strictly pro bono basis.

SOAR Zurich has many other projects in planning, and we hope that we can continue to rely on your crucial support to make the life of many children and young adults a little bit brighter.

The planning of our next event is currently "on hold" as meaningful planning is simply not possible under the current, very fluid situation. Hopefully, we will be able to organize something by next summer or fall. We will contact you as soon as the circumstances allow for some planning security.

Thank you very much and looking forward to a hopeful 2021

Kind regards,
SOAR-Team Zurich