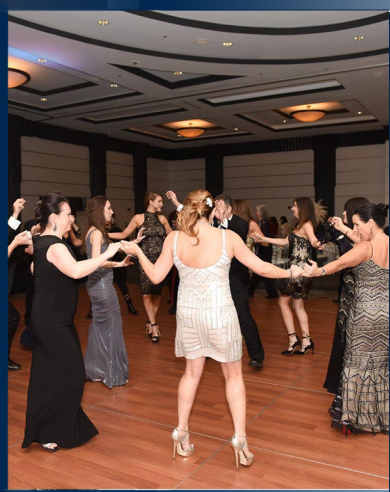
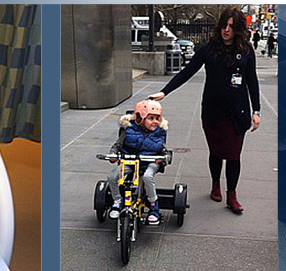




Lilit's Journey

Lilit was born in Armenia in 2007. She has severe scoliosis. Due to this diagnosis, Lilit was placed in an orphanage at ten days old. She had never received any treatment for her condition until she arrived at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York City on January 20, 2016. After going through 2 spinal surgeries and receiving special care, Lilit returned to Armenia.

Her work, however, is really just beginning: Lilit will have physical therapy and language lessons during the next 5 months so she can enroll in school in September.



Philadelphia Chapter Fundraiser

March 5th, 2016

Carolann and George, pictured in upper left, led a massive humanitarian effort in Armenia in 1988 beginning with the Sumgait massacres and then continuing on to the earthquake and the war in Karabakh. They chartered their own planes and personally procured and delivered medical supplies to thousands of people for years. A doctor with a practice in Cambridge, MA for years, Carolann eventually gave up her medical practice to dedicate herself full time to Armenia and Karabakh.



They have a hospital and bank in their name, and the Arpen Center for Expectant Mothers still operates in Stepanakert (named after Carolann's mother). All of these activities Carolann founded and oversaw under her organization, the Armenian Health Alliance.

Carolann and George's daughter, Nancy Najarian, adopted her now 9-year old, Serine, from Nork Orphanage outside Yerevan. Several years ago when Nancy had a decision to choose a non-profit as a beneficiary for donations she was receiving, she chose SOAR.

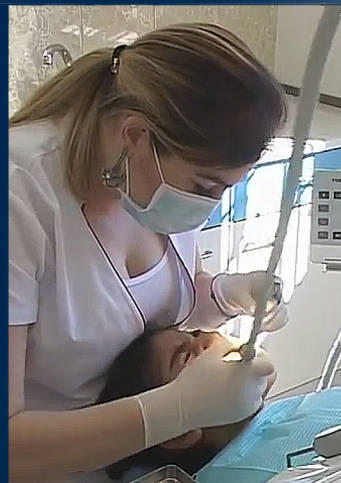


Susan Burdette

New SOAR Management Specialist

We are excited to announce that Mrs. Burdette has joined SOAR as a full time management specialist. She will be using her years of experience, creativity and passion to guide our organization's operations.

Susan has owned and operated a licensed group home daycare and preschool for over twenty years. She returned to school earning her degree in Web Design and Development and is working on her degree in Graphic Design. With other students, she started her second business in website design/development, and graphic design. She has a passion for children, having five of her own, and has volunteered extensively in many different children's ministries through her church and community. She sponsors several children through different organizations and after learning about SOAR and seeing the tremendous things that they are able to accomplish, she wanted to become a part of our work.



Dental clinic opened in Gyumri

On Thursday March 17, 2016, Our Lady of Armenia Center held its much anticipated SOAR Dental Clinic grand opening to benefit the orphaned children and the elderly in Gyumri. During the ceremony, Diramyr Arousiag Sajonian welcomed several dignitaries from Gyumri, including Mr. Hovsep Simonyan (Shirak region), Mr. Samuel Balasanyan (Gyumri Mayor), Anahid Garabedian (Orphanage Fridtjof Nansen Director in Gyumri) and Mrs. Hasmig Demirdjian (SOAR La Cañada president) accompanied by SOAR supporters, junior members and representatives from Armenia and USA.



2015 Chapter Volunteer of the Year

Chuck is the SOAR-Wisconsin Co-President and Regional Director in the Midwest and Gulf Coast.

His passion for the cause has helped our mission not only monetarily, but also spiritually. When asked what makes him so enthusiastic about SOAR and helping Armenian orphans, Chuck replied;

"My challenge is to make good on a promise to those who are in the front lines, those who care for these kids, to make sure they have the tools to provide for them. But how? We are not professional fundraisers -- God can't stir a parked car. We move- each year we sit down and plan, new people come forward to help, donate and serve. Each year the Wisconsin chapter sits in awe of how much people have given. Our projects grow- from new beds, kitchen supplies, Christmas parties to dental clinics to combat dental disease. The future is so, so Bright."

Chuck Hajinian