



SOLENA DAY CARE CENTER **PROGRAMS**

2025

ABOUT THE CENTER

Opened in December 2024, SOAR's SOLENA Center (Gyumri, Armenia) is a non-residential center that provides services to families with special needs children: employment/professional, substance abuse counseling, and job training for parents/caregivers and academic tutoring, nutritious meals, and psychological counseling for the children.

SOLENA offers a continuum of care and integration within the community to empower families and avert institutionalization.

DECEMBER 10, 2024 GRAND OPENING OF THE SOAR SOLENA DAY CENTER



CENTER ACTIVITIES



“Light for the
Children of Artsakh”



Clay Art-Therapy



Summer camp



SOAR Inspires



Volunteering

“LIGHT FOR THE CHILDREN OF ARTSAKH”

A SPIRITUAL, CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

The program has been implemented since March 2025 at SOAR's newly opened SOLENA Day Care Center. It is conducted every Sunday and lasts for 1.5 hours. Total participants - 20 children

Realized activities besides weekly meetings:

- Visits
- Celebrations
- Pilgrimages
- Workshops

WEEKLY MEETINGS



CINEMA НОКТЕМБЕР

“Малінрұқаңдар” movie screening with 22 participants of the program. Many of them visited the cinema for the first time.



EASTER CELEBRATION



PILGRIMAGE

St. Hripsime Church

St. Shoghakat Church

St. Gayane Church

Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin

Alex and Marie Manoogian Treasury Museum

Ruben Sevak Museum



THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION



CLAY ART-THERAPY WITH VAREM-MAREM ART STUDIO

Aim:

- Introduce children to the art of pottery
- Develop their creative skills
- Create real, functional clay products
- Teach production and entrepreneurial skills
- Promote teamwork and community development

Participants:

16 participants
from AFIF, CHG, SMCFSC

Duration:

3 months /twice a week



“ECO FRIEND” SUMMER CAMP

Aim:

- Foster children's love for nature through direct interaction with the environment
- Teach the principles of waste recycling and energy conservation through eco-games and team activities

Participants:

10 participants / aged 9-14
from AFIF and community

Duration:

3 days



PENPAL PROGRAM

Aim:

- Provide a safe and supportive platform for teenagers to improve writing, language and self-expression skills
- Foster meaningful communication and friendship across cultures and communities

Participants:

6 participants
from AFIF and community

Duration:

2 months



Light your home: Candle workshop

Aim:

- Develop participants' creativity through the basics of candle-making techniques and materials
- Encourage self-expression through artistic and functional craftwork

Participants:

10 participants
from AFIF and community

Duration:

1 meeting



DECEMBER 25, 2025

Christmas celebration with children AFFIF, FFSRF and SCOH programs. Christmas gifts were provided to the all participants.



DECEMBER 30, 2025

Christmas gifts for “Faith and Light Armenia” NGO 43 beneficiaries with disabilities.



SOAR INSPIRES

Series of meetings with successful people and experts
from different fields

MARINE SARGSYAN

A workshop of handmade crafts
“In Her hands” with Marine Sargsyan,
founder of the
“SHERAMI-HANDMADE” brand

- Participants:
Artists and center beneficiaries
- Impact:
Share the handcraft culture
and its unique approach in the
community



DAVID AND ARMINE AMALYANS

Parents of a fallen soldier, visited SOLENA Center
for International Family Day.

Our highly anticipated guests shared their stories
of family, love, hardships, ups and downs.

- Participants:
Center beneficiaries
- Impact:
Learning life lessons
through individual
stories



LUSINE HAMBARDZUMYAN

internationally qualified etiquette specialist

The expert highlighted the power of the first impression and culture of communication

- Participants:
Students and volunteers
- Impact:
Learning how to greet and make a strong impression, listen actively and respond meaningfully



ARUSYAK GRIGORYAN

Introduction of an educational package
“A Golden Grain of Kind Words” which was
created to promote the preservation of intangible
cultural heritage and strengthen intergenerational
connections.

- Participants:

Shirak Region school directors and teachers

- Impact:

Bring a new teaching tool about Armenian
sayings and blessings to the primary school
classes



EVENT NUNIK FILM SCREENING AND DISCUSSION WITH EXPERTS

International Children's Day exhibition and film was intended for interested professionals in the field, with the aim of promoting the inclusion of children with special needs in society and raising public awareness about their issues and rights.

- Participants:

Experts and professionals working on children's rights and support programs

- Impact:

By highlighting real challenges, the film helped foster empathy, understanding and advocacy for the full inclusion of children with special needs in society.



VOLUNTEERING PROGRAM

Aim: Engage committed volunteers in supporting center beneficiaries and children with disabilities by organizing inclusive educational, creative and recreational activities for them. Priority is given to young people from vulnerable or parentless families.



VOLUNTEERS' INITIATIVE: TREE PLANTING

On April 24, the Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day, SOAR and its partner organizations in Armenia and the Diaspora planted 20 trees in memory of the 1.5 million innocent victims and as a symbol of life and continuity.

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INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY

Aim: Bring together experienced local and international foundations at the SOAR Center to share best practices in volunteering, exchange skills and discuss potential collaboration.

The visit and discussions focused on strengthening volunteering programs and expanding volunteering opportunities within our community.



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