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President's Message

Dear AEF Members and Supporters,

Sixty years ago, six visionary individuals established the AEF and for 60 years AEF has been true to its mission by providing financial assistance to Armenian students and educational institutions. We hope you will join us in celebrating AEF's 60th Anniversary on November 6, 2010 at the new Marriott-Ritz Carlton Hotel at LA Live in downtown Los Angeles. The 60th Anniversary Committee, chaired by Al Cabraloff, is working very hard to make this a successful and memorable event. This will be the first major AEF banquet since the 50th Anniversary.

I am truly amazed of the accomplishments of this small organization with only one part-time employee in its Glendale office and one employee in Yerevan. The majority of the work has been done by AEF members, who volunteer countless hours and are never reimbursed for their expenses.

During the last decade, AEF has allocated over \$4.3 million, with the majority of this amount funding the renovation of schools in remote villages of Armenia, Artsakh and Javakhk. This of course could not have been possible without the generous financial support of our community.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincerest appreciation for your continued support. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to call me at home at (818) 956-0423.

Vahik Petrossian

Newsletter

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Upcoming Event:

60th Gala Event,
Saturday, November 6, 2010
Ritz Carlton/JW Marriott at LA Live

Մի րեւի ՀԿՀ-եան անդամներ ու հովանաւորողներ,

Վացուն տարի առաջ, վեցը հեռատէս եւ վեհանձն անձնաւորութիւններ հիմնադրեցին Հայ Կրթական Հիմնարկութիւնը ու իր 60 ամեայ գործունէութեան տարիների ընթացքում ՀԿՀ-ը հավատարիմ է մնացել իր առաքելութեանը հայթայթելով նիւթական օժանդակութիւն Հայ ուսանողներին ու կրթական հաստատութիւններին: Յոյսով ենք որ դուք կը միանաք մեզ տօնելու ՀԿՀ-եան 60-րդ տարեդարձը Նոյեմբեր 6, 2010 թիւն նորակառուց Marriott-Ritz Carlton Հիւրանոցում LA Live Lou Անջելէսի կենտրոնում: 60-րդ տարեդարձի յանձնախումբը, ղեկավարութեամբ Ալ Քարբալօֆի, շատ լուրջ աշխատանք է տանում որպէսզի այս ձեռնարկը լինի յաջող ու յիշարժան: Այս լինելու է ՀԿՀ-եան մեծագոյն խնջոյքը 50-րդ տարեդարձից յետոյ:

Ես իսկապէս զարմացած եմ այսպիսի փոքր հիմնարկութեան յաջողութիւններով իր միայն մէկ կէս դրոյք աշխատաւորով Գլենդէլի գրասենեակում ու մէկ աշխատաւորով Երեւանում: Աշխատանքների գերագոյն մասը կատարել է ՀԿՀ-եան անդամների միջոցով, որոնք կամաւոր յատկացրել են անհաշիւ ժամեր ու երբեք չեն վճարուել իրենց կրած ծախսերի համար:

Անցեալ տասնամեակի ընթացքում ՀԿՀ-ը յատկացրել է աւելի քան 4.3 միլլիոն ԱՄՆ դոլար, որի մեծամասն գումարը յատկացւել է Հայաստանի, Արցախի ու Ջաւախքի հեռաւոր գիւղերի դպրոցների վերանորոգման: Բհարկէ այս արդիւնքը առանց մեր գաղութի առատաձեռն օժանդակութեամբ անհնարին պիտի լինէր:

Առիթը օգտագործելով ցանկանում եմ մեր անկեղծ շնորհակալութիւնը յայտնել ձեր շարունակական օժանդակութեան: Ձեր որեւիցէ հարցումի կամ մեկնաբանութեան համար խնդրում եմ առանց վարանումի դիմել ինձ իմ տան հեռախօսահամարով (818) 956-0423:

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AEF Board of Directors



Front Row left to right: Herand Der-Sarkissian, Neshan Peroomian, Galoust Pakhanian, Vahik Petrossian, George Issaians, Vahe Hacopian.

Back Row Left to right: Alec Baghdasaryan, Varoujan Keosseian, Razmik Hovanessian, Ara Shabanian, Albert Cabraloff, Bobken Amirian, Parour Akopian. Board members missing from the photo: are Haigoush Keghinian-Kohler and Hagop Baghdassarian.

AEF in the News

On April 2, 2010 students and parents of Chamlian Armenian School visited their adopted and AEF renovated Khor Virab School and had a fun day full of joyful party with food, songs, ceremonies and speeches including a speech by vice Marzbed of the Ararat Marz.



On April 7, 2010 Razmik Hovanessian, AEF PR chair, was interviewed by Harout Bronozian in his one hour Armenian language TV Show. The program covered AEF's mission, brief history of its 60 years of helping Armenian students and schools, current projects and future activities. There was a detailed explanation of Armenia Projects, renovated schools statistics per region in Armenia, Artsakh and Javakhk, and how AEF selects and manages these projects to their completion. Additionally, AEF's eleven minutes video was shown.

This year AEF was invited

to join the "Armenian Genocide United Commemorative Committee". Board assigned Herand Der Sarkissian and Razmik Hovanessian to represent AEF and attend their weekly meetings starting March 17, 2010.



Armenia Projects

In 2009 AEF renovated 12 schools. To date, AEF has renovated 180 schools in Armenia, Artsakh and Javakhk. Below are pictures of 2009 school renovations, showing conditions before and after the repair of several village schools.

Karin Tak Village School



Nor Khachakap Village School



Chakalovka Village School



Musa Ler Village School



UCLA AEF Chair Event

On March 20, 2010 Prof. Richard Hovannisian, AEF Chair in Modern Armenian History of UCLA, organized the 18th Conference on Historic Armenian Cities and provinces Series for "The Armenian Communities of Asia Minor" with 10 speakers from Yerevan, London, Boston, Los Angeles, Paris, Istanbul,. The same evening, AEF hosted a casual dinner at the Notte Luna Restaurant in Glendale for all the speakers, guests and AEF members, honoring conference participants.



Scholarships

Civic Development and Partnership Foundation (CDPF) a Non Governmental Organization (NGO) contracted by AEF to advertise, solicit and accept scholarship applications in Armenia, . AEF's Armenia Scholarship Committee selects scholarship recipients based on need and academic achievements. AEF is currently providing full 4-year tuition for 26 students.



November 5, 2009

Honorable Mr. and Mrs. Ralph and Savey Tufenkian:

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your good will and good deed.

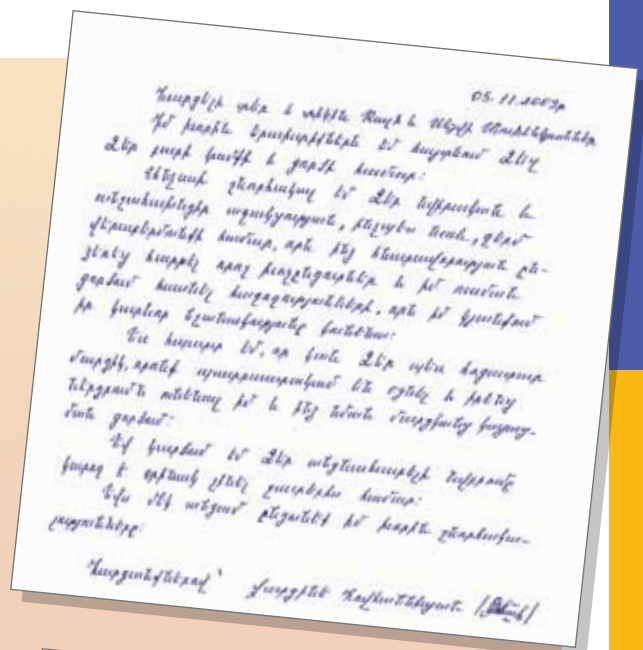
I greatly appreciate your dedication and philanthropic help and your kind approach that helped me to fix some hurdles in my educational endeavors and achieve to successes that will be very important in my life.

I am proud that there are dedicated people like you who are willing to help and have their positive impact in stabilizing my life and lives of students like me.

I believe that your invaluable dedication can be an example for many others.

Once again please accept my kind appreciation.

Respectfully,
Vardine Hovhannisyanyan (signed)



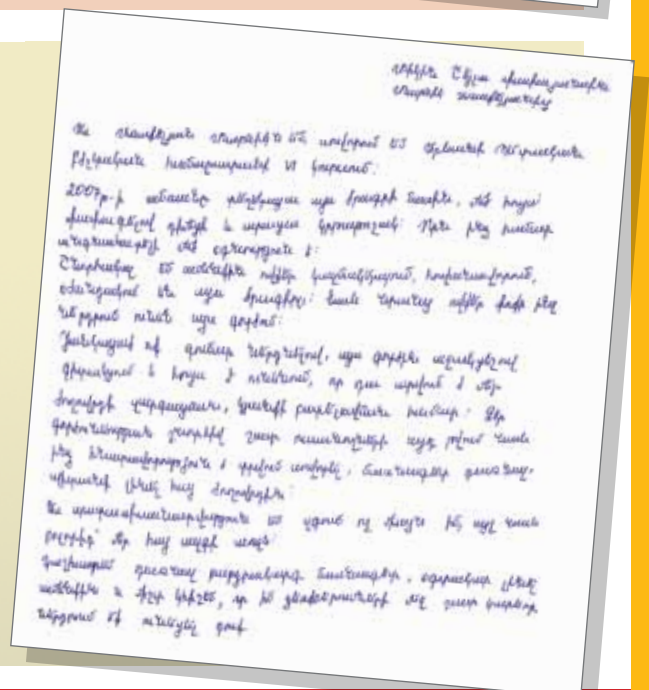
To: Mrs. Sheila Papayans
From: Tatevik Aragelyan

My name is Tatevik Aragelyan. I study at Yerevan State Medical University 6th year class. In the summer of 2007 I learned about this program and with a great hope I applied and received the scholarship which for me is hugely appreciated and great help.

I am grateful to all those who organize, sponsor and help this program. Also, those who even have a small input in this program.

Anyone who contributes and helps this program understands and hopes that it is done to advance our people and improve their quality of life. With your support many students, including I, have the opportunity to study, become a specialist and a useful person to the Armenian nation.

I feel responsibility not only for myself but for the entire Armenian nation. I'll do my best to become an advanced specialist, help others and I'll always remember that in all my achievements you had a key investment.



School Supplies Project

SSP Shipment of January 9, 2010

69 boxes were shipped to 24 schools in areas of Lori, Ghegharkunik, Vayots Dzor, Tavush and Aragatsotn. 1400 students received backpacks, supplies, art & craft material, class decoration and clothing. In addition to general school supplies, i.e., pencils, pens, markers, crayons, rulers, notebooks, backpacks, clothing was also included in each box. Clothing was donated by Focus On Children Now (FCN). Shipment was free of charge by UAF, which was facilitated by FCN.



Davidian & Mariamian, CASPS

AEF continues supporting Davidian and Mariamian Educational Foundation and CASPS – Committee for Armenian Students in Public Schools organizations. From 1994 to 2010 AEF has supported D&M with a total of \$219,383 in donations. From 2006 to 2010 AEF has supported CASPS with a total donation of \$21,000.

On March 18, 2009 AEF participated in Davidian & Mariamian's new center opening ceremony.



On March 25, 2010 AEF presented prizes to 17 top winners of Committee for Armenian Students at Public Schools - CASPS Art Contesting Event at Glendale Unified School District's headquarters.



Video Project

With a 12 minute version with partial English subtitles. 500 copies of the video were made for distribution. It will be used mainly for AEF PR purposes on TV and other occasions. Copies were sent to members and Armenian Organizations. We thank the AEF members who participated in the interview, folks who were on the sidelines and helped, AEF Video Team especially Christina Hacopian and Sevag Koundakjian for their dedication and hard work and we congratulate both for receiving AFMAA awards. If you want to receive a copy of this award-winning video with interesting interviews about AEF activities and beautiful scenes of Armenian villages, please contact AEF office at (818) 242-4154.



Armenian Educational Foundation will Celebrate its 60th Anniversary on Saturday, November 6, 2010 at the new Ritz Carlton/JW Marriott at LA Live.



The Organizing Committee For The 60th Anniversary Gala Banquet

Front Row left to right: Jenik Akopian, Melody Petrossian, Diane Cabraloff, Mina Shirvanian, Savey Tufenkian. **Back Row Left to right:** George Issaïans, Al Cabraloff, Razmik Hovanessian, Ara Shabanian. **Not Shown:** Michelle Shrikian, Gina Felikian, Sandra Kalemkarian, Pariour Akopian, Nora Sahagian, Armen Hovannissian, Elizabeth Agbabian, Stepan Altounian, Hagop Bagdassarian, Alec Bagdassarian, Haigoush Keghinian Kohler.

60th Gala Event



Computers Project

The Computer in Every Village School Program Committee is very pleased to report that our pilot project has officially started. AEF received generous donations from its members and supporters to install computers at 27 AEF renovated schools. Our pilot program has delivered four computers, two printers, and software to the Isahakian Village School in the Shirak Region and two computers, one printer, and software to the Artashat Village School. The pilot systems have been successfully installed, configured, and tested. AEF has also contracted with GITC of Gyumri to go to each school and train the school staff in the use of the computers and installed programs, and provide technical support. Our next step is to roll out the remainder of computer systems to the remaining schools identified. The roll out will be based by region so that maximum cost efficiency will be achieved. This is a very exciting program because it will enable the village schools' students to become computer literate so that young village students will learn the vital and valuable computer skills so they can improve their academic and employment opportunities in the future. If you would like to learn more about how you can support by providing computers to AEF village schools, please call George Issaiahs at (818)334-1915.

Isahakyan Village School Computers



Khor Virab Village School Computers



Stepanakert School Computers



Verin Artashat Village School Computers



In Lieu of ...

Gifts – AEF has generous members and supporters who on happy occasions, such as birthday and anniversary parties, elect to ask their guests to donate to AEF in lieu of gifts. Since the last Newsletter, AEF has received \$8,200 in lieu of gifts from birthday parties for Talin Shrikian, Mimi Zarookian and Sonia Koujakian.

Flowers – Even during very sad occasions when there is a death in the family, AEF members and supporters, elect to ask their families and friends to donate to AEF in lieu of flowers. Again, since the last Newsletter, AEF has received \$24,900 donations in lieu of flowers from the passing of Verjin Zargarian, Bella Haroutunian and Leon Minassian. The family of Leon Minassian elected to use the donated funds of \$15,000 for renovation of the Khachakap Village School in the Lori Region of Armenia.

We thank the following supporters for their generous donations during 2009.

Baghdassarian, Hacop & Hilda	\$25,700	Akian, Zaven & Sonia	\$700
Masters Contracting Corp-Markarian Family	\$15,830	Kanian, Nick & Mary	\$700
Kradjian, Raffi	\$12,000	Mirigian, Garo & Aida	\$700
Tufenkian, Ralph & Savey	\$5,250	Zakari, Jeanette	\$650
Petrosian, Christopher & Melody	\$5,200	Terpanchian, Vahe & Anahid	\$560
Kassabian, Dikran & Andrea	\$5,000	Savadian, Aramazd & Lily	\$550
Petrosian, Vahik & Alice	\$4,500	Agazarian, George	\$500
Pakhanians, Hermineh	\$3,500	Avedian, Victor & Monica	\$500
Shrikian, Der Nareg	\$3,500	Azalbarian, Ivan & Anzhelya	\$500
Shirvanian, Hacob & Mina	\$2,850	Baghdasaryan, Alec & Alenoush	\$500
Jorjorian, George	\$2,500	Baghdassarian, Sahag & Kathleen	\$500
Khudatyan, Hrach	\$2,500	Barba, Susan V.	\$500
Vartanian, Isaac & Frieda	\$2,500	Citi Foundation	\$500
Mousa Ler Association	\$2,165	Der Sarkissian, Herand & Stella	\$500
Papayans, Sheila	\$2,050	Derderian, Siroon	\$500
Keghinian-Kohler, Haigoush	\$2,000	Garboushian, Vahan & Armine	\$500
Martikian, Edward & Sedik	\$2,000	Golnazarian, Armen & Silva	\$500
Mirzayan, Raffy & Armena	\$2,000	Gregor, Vaughn & Audrey	\$500
Yeghiazarians, Vartan,	\$2,000	Hacopian, Nicholas	\$500
Peroomian, Neshan & Rubina	\$1,800	Harootun, Khajak & Janet	\$500
Pakhanians, Galoust & Valik	\$1,700	Haroutunian, Shahen	\$500
Hacopian, Vahe & Armine	\$1,650	Hovanessian, Razmik & Margaret	\$500
Akopian, Parouir & Jenik	\$1,500	Karajerjian, Kevork & Satenig	\$500
Altounian, Stepan & Anita	\$1,500	Karek, Lozik Ms.	\$500
Avakian, Patrick	\$1,500	Khoylian Ttee, Rouzas & Janet	\$500
Keossian, Varoujan & Melinee	\$1,500	Koundakjian, Varoujan & Armineh	\$500
Abnous, Hamlet & Karineh	\$1,475	Loos, William C. M.D.	\$500
Kalemkarian, Paul & Sandra	\$1,350	Melkonian, Varant & Hoori	\$500
Shrikian, Movses & Michelle	\$1,200	Mkhitarian, Gor	\$500
Ghassemian, Artin & Hovik	\$1,000	Nahapetian, Arby & Alena	\$500
Issaians, George & Bella	\$1,000	Nahapetian, Armen or Stella	\$500
Mikaelian, Hrand & Violet	\$1,000	Nazaryan, Shahen & Aida	\$500
Muradlyian, Ed & Nazik	\$1,000	Ourfalian, Raffi	\$500
Nazari, Joseph & Yevgenia	\$1,000	Pakradounian, John	\$500
Oungouljian, Semik & Laurie	\$1,000	Panossian, Armen	\$500
Sahagian, Henry & Nora	\$1,000	Petrosian, Alen	\$500
Shabanian, Ara & Tina	\$1,000	Shirinian, Vahram	\$500
Chamljian School students	\$1,000	Tazian, Zohrab & Naomi	\$500
UDI Development & Investment Co.	\$1,000	Tertzakian, Garo & Sirvart	\$500
Zargarian, Khachik	\$1,000	Voskanian, Gevorg & Arax	\$500
Cabraloff, Albert & Diane	\$750	Yeghiazarian, Vahe & Aida	\$500
Karakhanian, Vrouir & Lida	\$750	Zeitjian, Sarkis & Virginia	\$500

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