



# NEWSLETTER

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## Important Date

- Nov 16<sup>th</sup> – Annual Dinner

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### Letter from Nune Sarukhanyan, Ph.D.

President of Green lane Agricultural Assistance NGO Yerevan, Armenia  
June 20, 2018



Dear Dick,

I am thankful that you are trying to provide support for Armenia. Really this Velvet Revolution awarded us with a new breath and the population is very happy. Knkush (Dick & Joe's interpreter during the Velvet Revolution) left for China for a year with her husband and she is providing lesson on the English language. When you come again I will provide another interpreter. In September, 2018 we are going to three interesting events. In September, a Conference entitled "Women in Agriculture", on the 15<sup>th</sup>, Festival of Rural Life and Traditions on the 16<sup>th</sup>, and then excursions to the rural women's groups. Could your organization provide financial support for one of the women's groups of the far regions who wish to take part in the festival? In this case, we will put your logo of your organization on the booth. This support would cover expenses as transportation, hotel table, materials, etc and would cost about \$1,000. Please give my warm regards to Joe and Shirley. (Editor's note: Please consider supporting women's businesses with your 2018 contribution-Dick Funt).

### Letter from Gohar Grigoryan

Director, UMCOR/Armenia Foundation Yerevan, Armenia  
July 20, 2018

(This letter is in appreciation of a monetary gift from Bethel International Methodist Church; United Methodist Women. The money was presented by Dick Funt and Joe Clase on their Uplift Armenia Mission/Discovery trip April 2018).

This letter is in grateful appreciation of your donation which was presented to a nursery-kindergarten in the village of Jil which is located Gegarkunik marz. The kindergarten was founded in 1989 for children of refugees who were displaced from different parts of Nagorno Karabagh and Shahumyan regions. It takes care of 40 children who are dominantly from socially vulnerable, multi –children families. The village is being supported by UMCOR/Armenia Foundation within the framework of its Livelihood Improvement in targeted communities' program.

With the kind donation of \$500. from Bethel International Methodist Church –United Methodist Women (in Columbus, Ohio) the UMCOR/Armenia Foundation procured much needed washing machine, oven, a pot, cups, plates, pencils and albums for the kindergarten.

Vard Melikyan, director of the kindergarten, parents and staff were so happy for the gifts that will improve the quality of life of children attending the kindergarten. The limited budget, which is allocated by the municipality, is not enough for buying all mentioned items. From now on children will eat and drink from new colorful cups and plates. The washing machine will be used for keeping proper hygiene in the kindergarten while the oven and pot will be cooking healthy meals.”

“God bless all kind people who supported us with much needed items,” said Vard Melikyan.



## 2018 Sponsorship Activities

### Purpose

To provide financial and technical support to children and adults in Armenia for education, agriculture, medicine, engineering and environment. This includes schools, such as a K-12 STEM+M school.

### Background

In April, 2018 two Uplift team members visited the village of Lukashin, Armenia with the vision of locating a building and an agricultural site for a future STEM+M school. The Lukashin Agricultural Association CC and Green Lane Agricultural Assistance Program, (both NGOs) would be pleased to work with the village in the area of agricultural education with a focus on agricultural production and marketing. This project has the potential for providing the opportunity for irrigation wells for the village, land ownership for village residents, and buildings for the school.

### The focus of the fall 2018 drive is to raise \$20,000\*

Support *Uplift* Armenia by becoming:

- a member @ \$25 per month or \$300 per year

OR

- an ‘Armenian Farmer’ (member plus seed sponsor) @ \$50 per month or \$600 per year

OR

- a Supporter of Armenian Women’s Business Group @ \$1000

OR

- an ‘Armenia Steward’ (member + buy an acre of land) @ \$1500 per year

OR

- an ‘Armenian Ambassador’ (membership \$300, \$600 for farm mission, \$1,200 for 1 acre of land and \$1,500 for new irrigation pump) @ \$3,600.

All members receive a quarterly newsletter.

### Annual Membership Dinner

See Invitation on page 4.

### Short term Goal

- demonstrate/teach farming techniques

### Long term goal

- develop an Agricultural Educational Center and STEM+M

Donor and member support for 2019 will allow the beginning of vital work for the children of Armenia.

### Opportunities (in addition to financial support)

- Volunteer your time – become a committee member in 2019
- Travel to Armenia and assist with building renovation
- Design STEM+M classrooms, library, teaching kitchen
- Collect children’s books, science books and teacher manuals
- Transport books and laboratory materials to Armenia
- Work with National Geographic for procurement of children’s magazines, digital theater

Thank you!

The Children of Armenia will appreciate your kindness and blessings.

\*Uplift Armenia is a project under the Armenian Children’s Support Fund a 501(c) (3) Charitable Nonprofit Corporation which has a long term goal of providing an opportunity to all people through education. Make checks payable to Armenia Children’s Support Fund; send to Richard C Funt, 1877 Stockwell Dr, Columbus, OH 43235.



# YOU'RE INVITED

## UPLIFT ARMENIA FUNDRAISING DINNER\*

Friday, November 16, 2018

6:00—9:00 PM

AimHi Family Firearms Center\*

10299 Johnstown Road (Rt 62), New Albany 43054

MENU: Barbeque Pulled Pork & Ribs, Pork Tenderloin, Salad, Berry Cobbler

SPEAKER: Mark Poeppelman, Director of US TOGETHER—Refugees, Immigrants and the  
Importance of Citizen Diplomacy

Silent Auction

Shooting Range Open for guests until 9:00 pm

\$50 per Adult, children under 12 free

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\*Net proceeds support Armenia Children's Support Fund