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Greetings to All from Richard Funt, Director

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2020. We are now 2 1/2 months into a new year that has an extra day, February 29th. I am please with the progress we made last year and during the first 60+ days of 2020. However, like every charity we must file our income and expenses with the State of Ohio and the federal government. In doing this, I compile all our efforts and get a picture of our Fund.

- 1) Last fall our donors gave \$3,000. toward costs and shoes. Please see the wonderful letter and pictures below from Gohar, Director of the UMCOR Foundation in Armenia. It is reassuring that some of the most vulnerable children had warm clothes and shoes for winter.
- 2) Joe Clase and I met with youth and parents in Lukashin. They were excited about the 4-H style youth Stem+M+A project we proposed. Our Education committee has been busy gathering materials for a select number of projects. We are seeking donators of \$100.00 per youth and expect 100 youth over the next year. It is persons like you that keep our program progressing.

- 3) We received a deposit from the AmazonSmile Foundation for the period of October 1 to December 31 2019. We want to exceed that value this spring! When customers sign up for AmazonSmile, they are asked to click on our link (<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/81-4090695>) in order to support the Armenian Children's Support Fund. Please do this when you order from Amazon and encourage others through Face Book or other media to do the same.

A December Message from Gohar at UMCOR Armenia Foundation



Children of Jil community and staff were happy for the gifts.

On behalf of all beneficiaries UMCOR Armenia Foundation wants to say thank you for your kindness and great heart. The deeds are most important factors in our faith as Christians. And you have proved one more time "love your neighbor as yourself".

With donated 3,000 USD, UAF bought 97 pairs of winter shoes and 97 warm jackets for children aged 1 to 15.

Within the framework of this donation, 36 pairs of shoes and 36 jackets were donated to the Jil community (Gegharkunik marz) kindergarten children (to 19 boys and 17 girls). 27 pairs of shoes and jackets were

distributed to children of 11 multimember families, socially vulnerable and malnourished, living in very poor housing conditions (13 boys and 14 girls). The rest was donated to Karinj community, Lori marz.

21 vulnerable children (13 boys and 8 girls) benefited in the community kindergarten and 13 children (10 boys and 3 girls) in 6 vulnerable families.

It is difficult to express joy of children and their parents for the gifts. Many children could not attend kindergarten due to lack of shoes and warm clothes. The mothers could hardly help their tears.

God support everyone. Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to your community members.



8-year old Ani is from a socially vulnerable family. She was nicely surprised and happy for the presents.



Seven children of this family living in Karinj received shoes and boots.



Armine and her mother thanked a lot for the gifts and warm attitude towards their family.



The children of Karinj kindergarten happily tried on the new coats and shoes.



Anush received jackets and shoes for herself and for her brother.

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Multi children family received jackets and shoes for their children, a great help for a low income family.



Another multichildren family in Jil community benefited from the donation. All 5 children received shoes and jackets to cope with severe winter of Jil.