



# Newsletter

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## Board of Directors

Richard Funt, Director  
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## Annual Dinner at Der Dutchman

Our Annual Dinner will be held at the Der Dutchman, 445 S. Jefferson Ave., Plain City, Ohio at 6:00 pm on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Reservations should be sent to Uplift Armenia, 1877 Stockwell Dr, Columbus, OH 43235; check are to be payable to Armenian Children's Support Fund. [Der Dutchman is just 10 minute from I-270 on the west side of Columbus, near the junction of Rts 161 and 42.]



## Why Attend the Annual Dinner?

- 1) Learn about Uplift Armenia
  - a. Its history
  - b. Its purpose
  - c. Steps to reaching goals
- 2) Learn how you can support Uplift Armenia
  - a. Donations
  - b. Become a member/sponsor\*
  - c. Travel with the team to Armenia
  - d. Participate in the Silent Auction

## \*What type of members (sponsors) are we seeking?

Members or sponsors of Uplift Armenia are from very broad backgrounds; anyone interested in providing financial and technical support to children and adults in Armenia for education, medicine, engineering and environment. This includes supporting women's business groups, groups assisting women and children's needs, including schools, such as a K-12 STEM +M +A school which will emphasize agriculture (food production, food preparation and food preservation), 4-H-like programs and a Children's Hospital with possibly a burn unit. We would like to establish libraries (children's, agricultural, medical/pediatric). We want 50% of children/youth we serve to be an orphan or refugee. Our Mission and Discovery trips to Armenia have been to work with the UMCOR-Armenia Foundation, Green Lane Agricultural Assistance program and the village of Lukashin. We want to "give them a fish as well as teach them how to fish".

Currently a periodical and book collection is underway. We're looking for academic and technical books and magazines (National Geographic, Science, Agricultural) and research journals. Eventually these will be shipped to Armenia and placed in the libraries that will be established. We have received some elementary, high school, and college textbooks, entomology and horticultural research journals; dairy science, agricultural engineering and food science handbooks; drip irrigation, etc. Duplicate or multiple copies are needed in case some are soiled or damaged. Health and health care text books and journals are also needed. Further, we are collecting classroom materials, games, puzzles, kindles, and creative project materials.

Joe Clase has established the objectives and a budget of \$20,000. **Let's help Joe achieve this goal!**



## **Uplift Armenia**

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Columbus, OH 43235

**What is the best way to contribute to these efforts?** (Our fundraising goal is \$20,000).

1. Become a member (\$300 or \$25/month)
2. Donate \$600 for a farm mission trip
3. Donate \$1,500 for one acre of land for at school/-/hospital campus
4. Donate \$3,600 for one acre of land + a membership + farm mission trip + one-fourth expense of an irrigation pump (the climate is semi-arid).
5. Donate towards shoes and winter coats (see following paragraph).

A Second Mission /Discovery Trip is planned for mid-November 2019. Travelers would like to present monies to UMCOR -Armenia for the purchase of shoes and winter coats. The goal is to collect \$1000 for shoes (\$25/pair) and \$1000 for winter coats (\$35/coat). Shoes and coats will be purchased in Armenia so that sizes are correct. This will also contribute to the Armenian economy.

## **Upcoming Events**

<b>Nov 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Annual membership Dinner, 6:00 pm; Der Dutchman, 445 S Jefferson Ave, Plain City, OH Reservations: contact Richard Funt, richardfunt@sbcglobal.net or return card that was mailed separately. Checks are to be made payable to <b>Armenian Children's Support Fund</b> and send to <b>Uplift Armenia, 1877 Stockwell Dr, Columbus, OH 43235</b>
<b>Nov 14<sup>th</sup>—23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Mission Trip to Armenia (tentative) Are you interested? Contact Richard, Funt, richard-funt@sbcglobal.net

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