



Anna Astvatsaturian Foundation

2022 Overview

Thank you

As we begin our initiatives in 2023, we would like to reflect on the achievements of our organization in 2022 by highlighting the largest initiatives. Their success would not be possible without our volunteers, our supporters, and generous donors who continuously exhibit the passion and dedication of the Foundation's goals to advance the development of our beautiful Homeland, the Armenian Diaspora, and to build long lasting bridges between all of the Armenian communities we touch in the process. Thank you for standing with us!



Anna Astvatsaturian Turcotte, Founder and President, pictured with a Ser Artsakh Baby Box

"Ser Artsakh" Baby Box Initiative



"Ser Artsakh" Initiative came to us few years ago. Only after the 2020 War the need for it became apparent to all involved. "Ser Artsakh" is designed to benefit every Artsakh newborn and their families who continue to live and grow in Artsakh, despite the post war socio-economic and security concerns that exist in the region. "Ser Artsakh" provides them with a box of 22 quality clothing, baby-care and mother-care essentials are made or purchased in Armenia or Artsakh. We believe in supporting the local economy while uplifting our people, always.

The box is packaged in Artsakh and hand-delivered by our Team to every baby born in Artsakh in a gift box upon discharge, right at the hospital. We work directly with the **Ministry of Health** and the maternity hospitals in Artsakh. Since the launch of the project on the International Children's Day on June 1, 2022, we delivered **1002 baby boxes in 2022, and 1203 in total boxes** as of writing of this Newsletter. We continue these deliveries even during the blockade with the help of the **Red Cross**.



Our representatives Armine Vardanyan and Gohar Beglaryan deliver baby boxes at the hospital in Stepanakert

Khndzoresk School

In October 2021 we visited Syunik region of Armenia and stopped by Khndzoresk school. We knew of the school's dire need to renovate certain parts of the building. Few years prior, together with **Paros Foundation**, we renovated seven school bathrooms. During the October trip we understood the next thing to tackle was the school's auditorium. This is one of the largest rooms in the school and it is where the children perform and graduate and the school holds other major events, including area school examinations. The room had rotting Soviet-times floors and peeling paint, old stage and drafty windows. Soon after that visit we fundraised, designed the room and tackled the Initiative with Paros Foundation, which is always a lot of fun!



Peter Abajian of Paros Foundation and Anna Astvatsaturian Turcotte cut the ribbon to the auditorium with the help of local children



Anna visited the group and gifted them with a box of much needed art supplies, promising to return with more soon!



Heaters for Chartar

In addition, we provided **130 space heaters** for Artsaktsi families, schools and kindergartens in the village of Chartar and other areas during the first waves of energy blockage by Azerbaijan. We have continued to support the people of Artsakh with humanitarian aid of vital goods before and during the blockade.



The work began in early 2022 and finalized by July of the same year, with curtains being the last piece! The graduating class of 2022 was able to graduate in this Auditorium that year. Thank you to the school for the patience, for Paros and your quality work and our donors! Before and After photos of the auditorium tell the rest of the story!

Hadrut Refugees

In 2022 we visited refugees from Hadrut in Stepanakert. The entire population of Hadrut had to leave their homes during the 2020 war and now their towns and villages are occupied by Azerbaijan. Majority of that population continue staying and living in Artsakh. Art teachers were able to put together a curriculum for the Hadrut children to continue meeting, speaking in their dialect and create works of art. This also serves as a therapeutic initiative for the children and also the adults.

"Ser Artsakh" continues indefinitely, and in Armenia we are beginning to assist with mental health needs of the Armenian border villages. Our 2023 Initiatives have just begun and are as inspiring and vital for the Homeland. Please continue to donate and be in touch via social media on Instagram and Facebook! Your contributions are making a difference. **Join us in 2023!**