



ANNA ASTVATSATURIAN FOUNDATION

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“Ser Syunik” is Launching in June!

We are excited to formally announce the launch of “Ser Syunik” initiative on June 1, 2026, International Children’s Day. This initiative is aimed to support growing families in Syunik and give back to the Motherland by gifting every newborn in Syunik a beautiful and useful first gift box. Anna Astvatsaturian Foundation through this initiative is dedicated to securing a future for Armenian children on our ancestral lands.



The box that depicts beautiful Syunik mountains and includes quality clothes for up to the first 6 months of life, items like onesies, pajama sets, sleeping sacks, towels and blankets; hygiene and care essentials like diapers, wipes, baby shampoo, soap, creams, and digital thermometer; as well as maternity hygiene necessities for the new mother.

Just like our “Ser Artsakh” initiative, “Ser Syunik” is an entirely donation-focused initiative that will live for as long as our supporters continue to donate and believe in its mission. We believe this is simply a beautiful gift to our sisters who are creating the next generation of Syunik.

We hope that our baby-focused initiative will continue to be the stronghold of the Diaspora’s commitment to our Homeland. The partners of this initiative are Lalunz, LLC, Play Artsakh, Theopharma Imports, LLC. and MasterPrint, LLC.



“The purpose of this program is to support the needs of new families in Syunik, and also to let them know that we think about them in the Diaspora and all over the world,” said Anna. “Ser Syunik” is based on the Foundation’s successful “Ser Artsakh” initiative: between 2022 and 2004, all babies of Artsakh, nearly 3000 children, received a large gift box full of nearly 25 vital items for the everyday needs of the baby and the mother. As someone who grew up with very little, and as a mother, Anna is especially sensitive to the vulnerable families in our Homeland.

All products used and included in the “Ser Syunik” gift boxes are produced or purchased in Armenia.

Anna Astvatsaturian Foundation supports small businesses in Armenia, including those owned by those displaced from Artsakh. Thus, the boxes will also include a baby bag made by seamstresses from Artsakh and a wooden wheeled toy all made by the master displaced from Artsakh. These women were trained by the Foundation’s sewing training initiative. The wooden baby toy is made by our talented friend Karen, an artisan from Artsakh.

The Foundation is working closely with four Syunik birthing hospitals in Goris, Kapan, Sisian and Meghri to implement this initiative.

\$110 donation provides one baby and mother with 25 essential items of hygiene and clothing for the first six months of life. **Donate!** Syunik families need us! More information is available on www.astvatsaturian.org or on our social media pages on Facebook and Instagram.



Ser Artsakh - Sewing

Ser Artsakh Sewing Training is continuing for the third set of professional sewing courses. We graduated the second group of students in November and began the third training course with another set of 20 students, making the total number of professional seamstresses trained 50. Lalunz LLC has been instrumental in providing a loving and safe environment of learning for these women and the certificate of completion of the course has served as a basis for many of these women to get employed in the field. Some with small children have decided to work at home and produce quality items to their own clients.



There is a continued strong interest in these sewing courses, and we plan to continue providing them throughout 2026. It costs the Foundation around \$120 per person, and we train 20 people per session. Each course is three months long. We are also exploring culinary and gourmet baking courses as there is a demand in these skilled workers in the growing Armenian service industry. We will begin these depending on the availability of the subject matter expert, a chef or a restaurant owner, and the funding to support these courses. Donate to support our job training initiatives!



Fatherless Children



In early December 2025, Ter Hovhannes of Dadivank Monastery, now at Yerablur Church, reached out to ask us if we can provide some support to the children of the men who were killed in Artsakh war or in the explosion in Artsakh in 2023 and who are buried at Yerablur.

We acted fast, and created beautiful Christmas gifts for these children, and also provided an opportunity for the women of the Ser Artsakh Sewing Training group to make a living. They created bedding for the children, purchased pajamas from Lalunz, books, toys, tea and sweets for 65 children who lost their fathers. We are currently working on a similar project for the nursing home elderly Artsakhtsis with no family.



The gifts were packaged in our Ser Artsakh boxes, left over from the baby initiative!



Your contributions to our initiatives are making a huge difference in Armenia. 🌍

Message from Anna

Dear Supporters,

All of our wonderful projects for the people of Armenia and Artsakh are only possible because of you. And you can make them more impactful. Telling our story is incredibly important and we appreciate all of our donors sharing our social media drives, organizing speaking engagements for Anna (in person or by Zoom) and creating fundraisers in your communities. Our initiatives are not funded by large grants, but by small donations from individuals like you.

If you can spread the word and organize a speaking engagement for the Foundation, create a fundraiser or a drive, or want to donate your time and expertise, please let us know in the Contact section of our website.

And finally, thank you for all the kindness and support you've shown me, especially the year of my father's passing. I felt your love.

~ Anna



Anna with attendee of her event, fellow Baku refugee and writer, Ivetta Asriyan. Anna presented on the activities of the Foundation at the St. Illuminator's Armenian Apostolic Cathedral in New York City on the International Women's Day, March 8th. She will speak at the University of Texas in Austin on March 26th.