



# I CARE FOR EYE CARE

## Goals

To contribute to the alleviation of health issues of the patrons of **Fund for Armenian Relief's (FAR)** Soup Kitchens by helping them to access proper eye care.

## Objectives

- To provide free eye examinations to all 781 beneficiaries who attend FAR's Soup Kitchens
- To order and distribute eyeglasses to all beneficiaries who are in need
- To organize a free eye intervention with **Armenian Eye Care Project (AECF)** in the cases of critical conditions

## Project Description & Background

Armenia's population consists of many vulnerable groups, one of which consists of the impoverished elderly. While many may have led dignified lives, at some point their circumstances changed resulting in the harsh truth that acquiring a warm meal each day is a typical challenge. Since 1995, FAR has tried to ensure that groups like the elderly and the poverty-stricken live a more dignified life by trying to prevent their segregation from society. Currently, there are 781 beneficiaries—families, children, and elderly—who attend FAR's five different soup kitchens located in Yerevan, Gyumri, Nor Hajn, Byureghavan, and Berd. Each serve a hot and nutritious meal to beneficiaries five days a week. In addition, they help to provide a gathering place for community and a safe haven.

One of the major challenges the elderly must deal with is caused by their failing eye-sight. And for this particular group there is often no help, resulting in disability. Ayo! and the Armenian Eye Care Project (AECPP) joined resources for the shared goal of providing free eye examinations to all 781 beneficiaries who attend the soup kitchens. Based on the results they will be provided with eyeglasses free of charge. The AECPP doctors will be visiting each soup kitchen in Yerevan, Nor Hajn, Byureghavan, and Gyumri accompanied by Ayo! staff to organize the check-ups for beneficiaries. Eye check-ups for the Berd soup kitchen will be organized separately with an ophthalmologist in Berd, Tavush region. Additionally, for the patients with critical conditions, while taking them to the AECPP mobile clinic in various locations in Armenia, we will also provide food to ensure the beneficiaries still receive their nutritious daily meal even if they are outside of the soup kitchen for a day.

As we seek to build a better future for Armenia and Armenians, we want our great grandparents and elders to see the incredible change that can result from our passion. We want them to be able to see their grand-children and great-grand-children. Most of all, we want to bring the beauty of the world around them into sharp focus. And who knows? Perhaps with clearer vision they will be able to join us in our efforts.

## Budget

ITEM	QTY	UNIT PRICE AMD	UNIT PRICE USD	TOTAL USD
Eye glasses for elderly	660	3,000	\$6.3	\$4,158
Eye glasses for children	125	7,000	\$14.8	\$1,850
Eye check-up in Berd	120	2,000	\$4.2	\$504
Lunch boxes for follow up procedures	20	2400	\$5.0	\$100
Transportation				\$600
Project Management				\$500

Exchange rate: 1 USD = 475 AMD

GRAND TOTAL OF THE PROJECT

**\$7,712**