



# Christmas Wishlist

This holiday season, we switched things up a bit! We gathered a list of wishes from people all over Armenia. They were projects with small budgets and a big impact. Between Thanksgiving Day and Armenian Christmas, we presented the wishes one at a time. You blew us away! You made 13 wishes come true in nine different regions!

Since we received more than enough donations to make all these dreams a reality, we were able to realize a bonus 14th dream too. Thanks to you, we will help one more displaced family from Artsakh. And very soon, we will present you the results of the realization of all our dreams. None of this would have been possible without you. Thank you!

**#13) On the thirteenth day of Christmas,**  
our donors magically...  
gave a new start to the displaced Grigoryan family!

Following the 44-day war, many families from Artsakh were forcibly displaced from their homes. Having lost most of their possessions, they are doing their best to resettle. To help ameliorate this tragic situation, the Fund for Armenian Relief is helping several vulnerable families who relocated to Sisian, just over the border with Armenia's Syunik region. The Grigoryans (mother, father and four kids) are one of these families. Shushan Grigoryan currently lives with her children in an apartment in Sisian while her husband sends money from Stepanakert. Their apartment was in bad condition. You helped us renovate their roof and provide them an oven.

**Total Raised: ₴ 460,000**

## **#12) On the twelfth day of Christmas,**

our donors magically...

gave a new start for the displaced Noyemzar family!

Following the 44-day war, many families from Artsakh were forcibly displaced from their homes. Having lost most of their possessions, they are doing their best to resettle. To help ameliorate this tragic situation, the Fund for Armenian Relief is helping several vulnerable families who relocated to Sisian, just over the border with Armenia's Syunik region. The Noyemzars (mother, father and seven kids) are one of these families. You helped us turn their house into a home with the gift of a baby crib, 8 comforters, 8 mattresses and 16 sets of linen.

**Total Raised: ₴ 614,000**

## **#11) On the eleventh day of Christmas,**

our donors magically...

gave a new start for the displaced Mnatsakanyan family!

Following the 44-day war, many families from Artsakh were forcibly displaced from their homes. Having lost most of their possessions, they are doing their best to resettle. To help ameliorate this tragic situation, the Fund for Armenian Relief has provided new houses for several vulnerable families in Sisian, just over the border with Armenia's Syunik region. The Mnatsakanyans (mother, father and four kids) are one of these families. While they now have a roof over their heads, they needed help obtaining basic appliances. You helped us turn their house into a home with the gift of four beds and a washing machine!

**Total Raised: ₴ 440,000**

## **#10) On the tenth day of Christmas,**

our donors magically...

gave a new start to the displaced Hayrapetyan family!

Following the 44-day war, many families from Artsakh were forcibly displaced from their lands. Having lost most of their possessions, they are doing their best to resettle. To help ameliorate this tragic situation, the Fund for Armenian Relief has provided new houses for several vulnerable families in Sisian, just over the border with Armenia's Syunik region. The Hayrapetyans (mother, father, uncle and eight kids) are one of these families. Thanks to FAR, they now have a roof over their heads, and thanks to you, they now have eight beds and a fridge! Thank you for helping us turn their house into a home!

**Total Raised: ₴ 630,000**

## **#9) On the ninth day of Christmas,**

our donors magically...

made holiday miracles happen for the resilient kids of Martuni!

There are 251 kids living in the Martuni region of Artsakh. Some of them were displaced from other regions we lost during last year's 44-day war. Some lost their fathers. But all of them are bright, brave and smart. They're optimistic for their futures, and they had faith that Santa will remember them this year, despite the difficulties they've experienced. They addressed their letters to the North Pole and were waiting for miracles. We at Ayo! asked you to be Santa for these kids and you delivered!

**Total Raised: ₴ 878,500**

### **#8) On the eighth day of Christmas,**

our donors magically...  
surprised sick kids in the hospital on New Year's Eve!

This year, more than 100 children rang in the new year from a bed at Arabkir Medical Center, instead of at home with their families. The medical facility serves people from all regions of Armenia, many of whom travel quite a distance from home for care. This year, a group of volunteers wanted to invite Santa Claus to surprise the children on New Year's Eve. But they couldn't find funding for gifts. You became Santa's helper this year by filling up his bag with goodies for the kids!

**Total Raised: ₴ 750,000**

### **#7) On the seventh day of Christmas,**

our donors magically...  
threw a Christmas celebration for kids with special needs!

Mariam has bright eyes and severe cerebral palsy. She lives in one of Gyumri's domik (temporary housing) districts with her six family members. Whenever guests come to visit, she grasps their hands tightly and says «մնա» (stay). Her need to socialize is great; sadly, because she cannot walk, she spends most of her time at home. But there are two events she looks forward to every year: a summer camp and a New Year party for kids with special needs. Last year, due to the pandemic and the war, both events were cancelled. This year, with your help, we made Mariam's Christmas dream come true. We threw a party for 36 children and youth with disabilities (and their family members too)!

**Total Raised: ₴ 445,000**

### **#6) On the sixth day of Christmas,**

our donors magically...  
gave warm clothes and cheer to folks without close family!

The Vanadzor Old Age Home, supported by the Fund for Armenian Relief since 2002, provides 55 low-income elderly Armenians with a loving home: a place where they can access medical care, meals and community. Most don't have family members (or at least local ones) in their lives. For Christmas, the residents usually gather together for a modest meal. This year, we surprised the elderly folks with warm

winter clothes and treats to make their celebration more special.

**Total Raised: ₴ 935,220**

### **#5) On the fifth day of Christmas,**

our donors magically...

gave lots of toys to under-resourced kindergartens!

ZarMan creates a range of fun, sustainably sourced toys for kids with and without special needs. The toys are specially designed to develop problem-solving, motor, creative and conflict resolution skills. (Plus, we love that ZarMan makes them in Armenia and employs people affected by disability!) In advance of the holiday season, the ZarMan team dreamed of disseminating packages of their toys to kindergartens most in need throughout Armenia. These schools don't have big budgets to purchase toys, so they often use outdated ones (even DIYs like plastic bottles and bottle caps). With your help, we raised \$2600 and sent large packages of assorted toys to four low-resource kindergartens in the Armavir, Ararat and Kotayq regions. In 2022, about 500 children will use them.

**Total Raised: ₴ 1,280,266**

### **#4) On the fourth day of Christmas,**

our donors magically...

gifted a shared garden to both kids and elderly!

Lusik Aghababyan, an employee of Fund for Armenian Relief, has always had a special place in her heart for the elderly. She learned and grew so much through the influence of her grandparents, especially through gardening alongside her grandma. For many years, Lusik had the dream of developing a garden where children and elderly can socialize, teach and learn from each other, and engage in art and gardening activities together. We loved the idea. For children with difficult family conditions, the love and friendship of older people can be transformational. In the same way, the vitality and wonder of children can bring so much joy to elderly people who have no close relatives in their lives. To create such a wonderful place in Berd (in Armenia's Tavush region), Lusik only needed \$700. Thank you for helping us purchase tree seedlings and benches to make her dream a reality.

**Total Raised: ₴ 343,700**

### **#3) On the third day of Christmas,**

our donors magically...

furnished a youth space for teens in Syunik!

17-year-old Garik Hayrapetyan has the excitement of a teen and the vision of a man well beyond his years. Shinuhayr, his hometown in Armenia's Syunik region, is now considered a border village with Azerbaijan. Garik knows that Armenia's youth are its future. "In 2020, I decided that our village needed a place where our young people could gather," he says. "There was no opportunity in the village for

our young people to communicate, to make connections and to share ideas, so I decided to apply for a grant to start one.” After receiving some support from the Awesome Foundation and his school director, Garik got a room and some basic items he needed to make the youth space a reality. Through your help, we raised the funds to equip it with furniture so that the youth can start gathering in 2022!

**Total Raised: ₺ 782,350**

## **#2) On the second day of Christmas,**

our donors magically...

gave developmental games for kids with special needs!

Lusine is the program manager of the Children’s Rehabilitation Center in Sevan, attended by economically disadvantaged kids with special needs. In addition to working directly with the children, Lusine’s team also guides parents so they can reinforce therapists’ work in the home as well. However, this is difficult to do without the support of developmental games, many of which are too expensive for families to purchase. That sparked a clever solution. Lusine’s team wanted to establish a library of games, which families could take out on loan. And we at Ayo! loved the idea! “We need this library like air and water because we need to work constantly with children with autism to prevent regression,” Lusine says. “We believe that this library will greatly change the quality of life of our children.” Thanks to you—our generous Ayo! donors—this library will dramatically improve the center’s work in 2022!

**Total Raised: ₺ 973,050**

## **#1) On the first day of Christmas,**

our donors magically...

gave a new gas oven to elderly!

Located in Byureghavan, Kotayq region, Fund for Armenian Relief’s Abgarian–Magoyan soup kitchen serves marginalized elderly people and oftentimes, their family members as well. Cook Anna Arshakyan shares that she loves preparing delicious food for people in need; between 150 and 170 elderly and vulnerable people have meals from the center each day. However, the kitchen’s stoves are in very bad condition. They work slowly and sometimes leak gas. “You can also say that this is our home and the people who attend this kitchen are the members of our big family,” Anna says. Thanks to you—our generous Ayo! donors—the soup kitchen got its new stove before Christmas!

**Total Raised: ₺ 1,090,000**

## Budget

Wish #	Item	Total in AMD
#13	Roof renovation and oven for the Grigoryan family	460,000
#12	Eight mattresses and comforters, 16 sets of linen and a baby crib for the Noyemzar family	614,000
#11	Four beds and a washing machine for the displaced Mnatsakanyan family	440,000
#10	Eight beds and a fridge for the displaced Hayrapetyan family	630,000
#9	Gifts for kids from Artsakh	878,500
#8	New Year's Eve Surprise	750,000
#7	Christmas Party	445,000
#6	Warm clothes	935,220
#5	Zarman Toy Packages	1,280,266
#4	Shared garden	343,700
#3	Youth Space	782,350
#2	Developmental games	973,050
#1	Gas stove	1,090,000

Total

Exchange rate: 1 USD = 480.17

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