



Christmas Wishlist

Goal

To make as many Christmas wishes come true as possible!

Project background and description

After last year's overwhelming response to our Christmas Wishlist project, we decided to make it an annual tradition! And you, our amazing donors, get to play Santa. Once again, we have a list of humble wishes from people (mostly kids) all over the country. We'll roll out one wish at a time. Once you make that wish come true, we'll roll out the next one!

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Wish 12: Armenian Christmas tradition

Fund for Armenian Relief (FAR) has five soup kitchens in different parts of Armenia. Together, they serve 732 people. Because their budgets are tight (and especially lately due to inflation), they are not usually able to serve a traditional Armenian Christmas meal (centered around fish and pilaf).

This year, there are no plans for any festive meal as the soup kitchens will be closed from December 30 to January 9. Of course, it will be a big surprise for all the beneficiaries if there is a traditional Christmas dinner celebration planned for their return.

The meal will include fish, pilaf with dried fruits, salad, wine and maybe even cake. Will you help us make it happen?

Budget

Item	Qty	Unit Price in AMD	Total in AMD
Meal	732	2,000	1,464,000

Exchange rate: 1 USD = 394.8

₴ 1,464,000

Wish 11: The key to their futures

Two young people in different parts of Armenia shared their future professional dreams with us.

Because both of them have disabilities, it is difficult for them to study outside of the home. Plus, because they live in villages, their opportunities are somewhat limited.

15-year-old Oksanna lives in Verin Getashen, close to the city of Martuni on the banks of Lake Sevan. She wants to become a psychologist to help other children with disabilities like her. Eka, the director of Voskeporik Development Center where Oksanna attends, has promised to give her a job if she studies well.

10-year-old Ishkhan wants to become a professional chess player. He also wants to study math.

In order to achieve their dreams, both Oksanna and Ishkhan need a laptop computer. Will you help us make their dreams come true?

Budget

Item	Qty	Unit Price in AMD	Total in AMD
Laptop computers	2	300,000	600,000

₴ 600,000

Exchange rate: 1 USD = 394.8

Wish 10: Gifts with a purpose

Remember our past partners Voskeporik Development Center and Emili Aregak Center? Both do amazing work with special needs kids, Voskeporik in Martuni and Yeghnadzor and Emili Aregak in Gyumri. Both centers provide not only free-of-charge therapies and training, but also psychosocial support. Most importantly, they are a warm and supportive backbone for families, many of whom felt alone with their challenges before finding a community of other special needs families.

We want to surprise the 500+ children that attend both centers with gifts... gifts with a purpose. For Voskeporik kids, we'll purchase beautiful hats knit by moms of children with disabilities and also women who have lost their sons on the front. For the Aregak kids, we'll purchase ZarMan toys. ZarMan is a social enterprise that employs people with disabilities and parents of special needs kids to create beautiful, high-quality development toys.

Budget

Item	Qty	Unit Price in AMD	Total in AMD
Gifts	498	5,000	2,490,000

Exchange rate: 1 USD = 394.8

₴ 2,490,000

Wish 9: A helping hand

December is the month of miracles! In almost all corners of the world, children are full of expectations that their dreams will come true, that they will celebrate the holidays with their families. Unfortunately, Armenia is experiencing difficult times right now, and there are children who do not believe that even their smallest dreams can come true..

Many kids in the regions are going through hard and stressful days; some have lost their fathers. We want to bring a little bit of hope and festivity their way!

We are excited to work with a small nonprofit that wants to brighten the season for kids in difficult situations in the region surrounding Vardenis. Santa Claus, Snow White and a number of other cartoon characters will visit these children's homes, will distribute gifts and will distract them from the darkness and tension around them. Join us!

Budget

Item	Qty	Unit Price in AMD	Total in AMD
Six children from Akhpradzor who dream to have warm clothese and delicious dinner	1	200,000	200,000
A large family in Mets Masrik who dream to see Santa Claus and get gifts from him	3	15,000	45,000
9-year-old Andranik wants to get food for his family	1	50,000	50,000
Cartoon characters and Santa Claus visits	6	20,000	120,000
Gifts for kids	6	10,000	60,000
Art supplies for 15-year-old Ararat	1	50,000	50,000
A bread-baking oven for Aram's mom. 14-year-old Aram has cerebral palsy and wants to help his family	1	60,000	60,000
A special outfit and doll for 10-year-old Sona	1	60,000	60,000
13-year-old Arpine wants to buy clothes and toys for her siblings	1	30,000	30,000
14-year-old Arpine wants to buy warm clothes for her brothers and parents	4	15,000	60,000
Erik wants a remote control helicopter	5	20,000	100,000
Transportation	1	15,000	15,000

₴ 850,000

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Wish 8: A helping hand

14-year-old Nare has spastic cerebral palsy and is unable to walk. She lives alone in Gyumri with her single mother Lilik, a former military nurse. Lilik never complains about the difficulties of mothering Nare, which includes lifting her to the toilet and showering her. However, recently, Lilik fell and broke her leg. For the past couple of months, Lilik has had to rely on her middle-aged sister to lift Nare.

Although Lilik is on the path to recovery, in order to heal properly, she should not lift Nare for several more months. If there were to be long-term serious damage to her leg, she would not be able to continue caring for Nare down the road (and she is Nare's sole caretaker).

We want to purchase a special electric lift device that will help to carry Nare to the toilet and shower so that Lilik doesn't have to lift her full weight. We also want to purchase another one to gift the Emili Aregak Center, a therapy center in Gyumri where Nare attends, to have on call for families in other sort of emergency situations.

Budget

Item	Qty	Unit Price in AMD	Total in AMD
Lift	2	400,000	800,000
Transportation		15,000	15,000

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₴ 815,000

Wish 7: Let's get active!

You may remember the Sevan Children's Rehabilitation Center which we supported last year! Thanks to you, the center has a beloved "social library" from which parents of special needs kids can borrow development games and books to ensure that their children continue to make active progress even while at home!

We wanted to support the center again this year because they are so goal-oriented and active in supporting their children! This year, they want to work on developing their kids' physical fitness. To do so, the center wants to purchase a few pieces of small gym equipment including a treadmill, a bike and a trampoline. These will be used not only by the special needs kids but also by their siblings and peers as a part of physical therapy, and to promote exercise and fun.

Budget

Item	Qty	Unit Price in AMD	Total in AMD
Treadmill	1	200,000	200,000
Bike	1	75,000	75,000
Trampoline	1	190,000	190,000

₴ 465,000

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Wish 6: Chicken before the egg

Tigran is in 3rd grade. He lives in Lchavan, a village on the Southeast side of Lake Sevan, close to the border with Azerbaijan. Tigran's father is not able to work due to health problems; he has a disability due to his participation in the 2020 Artsakh war. Tigran's older brother will also go to the army in January for his mandatory two-year military service.

Tigran loves to eat eggs in the morning; he is currently collecting money to purchase chickens so that his family can raise hens and produce their own eggs rather than buying them. He has already collected 1400 AMD (\$3.50). We want to surprise him with money for 25 chickens so that his family can produce their own eggs and have some extra to sell!

We will also buy 25 chickens for another family in a similar situation.

Budget

Item	Qty	Unit Price in AMD	Total in AMD
Chicken	50	3,000	150,000

₴ 150,000

Exchange rate: 1 USD = 394.8

Wish 5: The dream to have a bike

At some point in your childhood, a bike was probably on the top of your Christmas wishlist. We were so touched by a few stories we received about kids who dream for bikes, but have never had the opportunity to own one.

One of these is 12-year-old Hrach who lives with his parents and sisters in Mets Masrik. His parents emigrated from Azerbaijan to Armenia in 1988. Hrach has never forgotten the feelings he had on October 2, 2020, when an enemy ATS blew up his neighbor's house, killing her. Hrach and his sisters, thank God, were not harmed that night.

Hrach's top dream is peace for the Armenian people. He himself dreams of having a bicycle. He has never had one.

We would like to buy three bicycles for children like Hrach.

Budget

Item	Qty	Unit Price in AMD	Total in AMD
Bike	3	52,000	156,000

₴ 156,000

Exchange rate: 1 USD = 394.8

Wish 4: The beloved calf

8-year-old Sasha has cerebral palsy. He lives in the village of Mets Masrik with his parents, grandparents, seven-year-old sister and one-year-old brother.

Sasha's dad Andranik is a contracted soldier. He has been stationed at posts since September 13, the day after Azerbaijan attacked Armenian border villages. His grandmother and mother work very long hours.

Sasha's parents had a calf that they were raising to provide milk for the family. On September 13, the calf never came home from the fields. Sasha thinks it was stolen; more than likely, the cow fled because of the shelling. Every day, he tells his teacher how his family's calf went to the field and never came home, and how his mother and grandmother cried.

According to his teacher, Sasha took the loss of his calf so much to heart that a psychologist is working with the child. While we can't replace the family's beloved animal, we want to at least provide them with a new calf to help provide for the family and comfort Sasha.

Budget

Item	Qty	Unit Price in AMD	Total in AMD
Calf	1	500,000	500,000

₴ 500,000

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Wish 3: A warm hearth

Last year, one of the most beloved gifts in our #ChristmasWishlist was a gas stove for the soup kitchen run by Fund for Armenian Relief in Byureghavan. Thanks to your support, we raised about \$2000. The new stove allows the soup kitchen staff to more effectively prepare meals for the 150 vulnerable elderly people who come for lunch five days a week.

This year, we want to give the same gift to the soup kitchen in Nor Hachn, which also serves more than 150 people (from 71 families) daily.

There are four dedicated employees working in the soup kitchen who use 28-year-old equipment, including a Soviet-era gas stove and a poorly functioning small Aragats refrigerator from the 1960s.

Director Rafik Martirosyan is excited to lighten the administrative burden of the soup kitchen staff ahead of the holidays with the purchase of a new, powerful gas stove.

As the soup kitchen will be closed for a few days over the holidays, we also want to provide small food packages for the 71 families who rely on the meals they eat there.

Budget

Item	Qty	Unit Price in AMD	Total in AMD
Gas stove	1	700,000	700,000
Food packages	71	5,000	355,000

₴ 1,055,000

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Wish 2: A bed for my sister

5-year-old Julia and 3-year-old Sophia live with their parents in Khachik, a village on the border of Armenia's Vayots Dzor region and Azerbaijan.

The children's father used to work as a contracted soldier, but due to illness and a recent operation, he is unable to work.

Right now, the family tends chickens and calves and to bread on the table.

When we asked Julia what she wants for Christmas, she told us she wanted a bed ... for herself, yes, but more so for Sophia. Both of them were still sleeping in their old baby cribs.

We wanted to surprise the girls with two nice beds and of course some extra little gifts to make their Christmas bright! Thank you for making their dream come true!

Budget

Item	Qty	Unit Price in AMD	Total in AMD
Beds and mattresses	2	100,000	200,000
Bedding sets	2	20,000	40,000
Toys	2	15,000	30,000

₴ 270,000

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Wish 1: A special party for special needs kids

Parakar Special School serves about 200 students both with and without disabilities. Many of the children were given up by their parents as a result of their disabilities; thus, most of the children live at the school.

The children always look forward to New Year, which is the most wonderful time of the year for them! Usually, they are able to have a humble dinner together to ring in the New Year. This year, we want to make their celebration even more special by including gifts of warm winter clothes and to ensure that they have fruits and sweets too.

Budget

Item	Qty	Unit Price in AMD	Total in AMD
Winter clothes	93	8,000	744,000
Christmas party	1	300,000	300,000
Transportation	1	40,000	40,000

₴ 1,084,000

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