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FRIENDS OF WARM HEARTH, INC. NEWSLETTER

✕ Sharing our Gifts ✕

Residents host an exhibition and invite the community.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY ~ OCTOBER 10

Every year our residents take part in a celebration of World Mental Health Day. This year, for the first time, they hosted an event to celebrate, honor and share their particular gifts with the community.

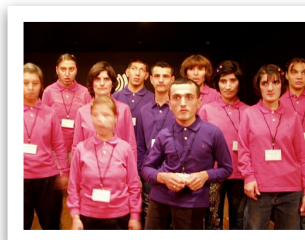
At the Naragetsi Art Center, they displayed their crafts and handiwork from the past year. Their work was for sale and many items were sold. We invited many guests and were surrounded by many people who have cared about

Warm Hearth as well as people who heard about our home and met our residents for the first time. The residents performed music for their guests, again offering the gift of themselves. They were able to stand

proud and tall this day, knowing that they have much to give the world. It was a true celebration with beautiful displays of food and drinks for all. There were photographers and journalists documenting the events.

Our director, Alya Kirakosyan, wrote that the exhibition was wonderful and the residents beautiful. She said that it was one of the best days of Warm Hearth history and I can imagine that it is so. It is proper that

on this holiday, we honor and celebrate whatever we have to give the world, and what is uniquely ours to give. And it is wonderful when that is recognized as valuable, as it was last week for our residents.



Armine

came to Warm Hearth last October from a nearby orphanage.

She is a gentle

and quiet spirit and has made fast friends with most of our residents due to her warmth and kindness. When asked who her closest friends in Warm Hearth were, she responded that she gets along with everyone, which is true. At the same time, she is still striving to be a loving person and friend and said recently that one of the lessons she continues to learn is how to love her friends. Armine's favorite activities include working with clay, needlework, painting and singing. She would like to become an expert needleworker, and is on her way. Along with eleven of our residents, Armine began attending the local university program in September. She enjoys her classes and the interaction with other people. We are grateful to have her steady and kind presence in our home.

Another's Eyes

Our Director in Armenia

As most of you know, Alya Kirakosyan has been with Warm Hearth since the very beginning. She was initially the Program Manager and became the Armenian Director in May, '08. Her work is tireless and invaluable to our organization. Her

heart is for the residents. Her commitment and passion are undeniable. She recently wrote: "To tell you the truth, when I think about what to write, I want to write about each and every day in Warm Hearth because every day is special for our residents and they like to live in Warm Hearth very much. Indeed, I cannot write

something for each day, but I can say that all of our residents are wonderful people. They surprise us very much. And every special day that we organize for them becomes one of the best days of their lives. We continue to see happiness in the residents' eyes and it is the best gratitude we can get from our work.





Hopes & Defeats

Every October, for the past few years, I have traveled to San Francisco & Los Angeles to spread the word about Warm Hearth & to touch base with donors & volunteers, who in the process have become beloved friends. This year was no different. Together, we celebrated both the simple things of life & the simple joys of Warm Hearth. We also acknowledged & perhaps even celebrated the complexities of life. There is an ongoing struggle & an ongoing hope in Armenia as we gather on this side of the globe. And there are private ongoing struggles & hopes in the hearts of each of you that are important to recognize. In shar-

ing about Warm Hearth both in person & in the form of the written word, I deeply hope that you are not depleted by our stories, even the heaviest of ones. I hope that somehow you are given strength and that we exchange strength for our journeys. I hope that we all can keep walking with hope for success in one hand, & defeat in the other, trusting that in the meantime "transfiguration does not happen at the end of the road; it is in the making now. If we could see the underside of this death, we would realize it is already resurrection." Sometimes, granted, this is hard or even impossible to believe. But may it be so.

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THANK YOU...

- Karen Amirkhanyan for the event you hosted on our behalf in September.

- Juliet, Guy, Janet & Erik for hosting a celebration for Warm Hearth in L.A.

- All who attended or made possible the October events in honor of Warm Hearth in San Francisco and L.A.

- Susan, for *carrying* me through the week in L.A.

- Barbara, for your gift of a chicken coop to our residents.

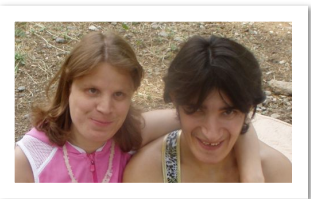
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WE ARE GRATEFUL

2009 NOTES

-Due to the recent change of office, our newsletter is now printed in color at no additional cost.

- Globalgiving.com is matching donations up to 50% from **November 10 - December 1**. If you would like to donate to Warm Hearth through their website during this time, please just be sure to search for "Friends of Warm Hearth" on their home page to ensure your donation comes to us.



- A new brochure will be printed soon with updated information. If you would like copies, please contact us.

Fundraising Update

**OUR DEEPEST
GRATITUDE
TO ALL THOSE
WHO MAKE
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