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in the SMALL corners



FRIENDS OF WARM HEARTH, INC. NEWSLETTER



Roman

has always had a beaming smile. But in May, when we were at the home, we

noticed that Roman's smile was more confident than before. He was thrilled to take Bridget around the house, showing her what he had created. He is fascinated with puzzles and together with our staff, has laminated them and hung them all over the house. Bridget and I were reminded of how he used to say "I can't do it" when we prodded him to try anything new. Today those words are far from his mind and are rarely, if ever heard from his lips. Each of our residents has a new vocational progress plan that will help them to develop work-skills according to their interests. Roman is working with one of our staff, Mesrob, to learn some technical skills. He will do small repairs and renovations around our home. He and Mesrob are purchasing supplies and tools together & then working together to improve the home!

✕ We Begin Again ✕

*Warm Hearth (Jermik Ankyun) Foundation
founded & now operating our home in Armenia*

ANOTHER ROUND OF "FIRSTS"

When we started Warm Hearth, we thought it best to work with an established nonprofit, Mission Armenia. Given that we were the first long-term group home in Armenia, it was a good idea to place ourselves in the company and under the umbrella of experience. Now with over two years since opening, we feel that the best way to grow & expand is to begin again through our own nonprofit in Armenia, with the sole purpose of working on behalf of individuals like our residents & someday establishing more group homes. So, in May of

2008, during Natalie's first week in Armenia, the new board met & launched these efforts. A month later, the nonprofit was legally founded and established and today we are in full-fledged operation. It has been an empowering effort and our staff and directors have a sense of ownership and momentum that has been unrivaled in the life of Warm Hearth.

Pictured above are the four board

members of our new foundation, all of whom have stood with us and walked with us with tremendous commitment and faith that this effort will grow & extend to others.



Another's Eyes

Bridget Visits After 2 Years

Our Associate Director & friend to all our staff and residents, Bridget Anderson, visited Warm Hearth in May. In 2006 she had stayed for two months, working daily with residents & staff. On this visit, she was able to see the home with fresh eyes.

She could see the progress in a way that those of us who see it day in, day out, struggle to see. She remarked on the light in the residents' eyes, the ways they have changed & grown in confidence. She could see that our staff have settled into their roles & allowed there to be a mutual give & take

between themselves & the residents.

There were many dreams & ideas we had in the beginning that have taken time to bring about. I think we all were grateful to her for remembering the days we began to dream & then for pointing us toward the reality. With your efforts & in mercy, much good has come to pass.





Tilling the Soil 3 Floors Above Ground

On July 7th, we began renovating our 3rd floor. We are tilling the soil, as they say, and preparing for new residents. Warm Hearth will welcome a new group of orphans with disabilities in 2008. With solid footing, and a new foundation capable of handling the added responsibilities, we are ready to open our arms to others who need a haven and a home apart from the psychiatric institutions. We have waited for the right time to move forward, to let our seams stretch and bulge. And now is the time. Elizabeth Cooksey, one of our supporters, said that she sees Warm Hearth becoming bigger only because that is how some-

thing good works. Goodness spreads out & around & within those in reach. I hadn't thought of that before, but have found myself going back to it in the last couple of months. We have been very small & very focused, & for good reason. It has been hard to be just that. But now that it is "time" to move forward, it seems as natural as taking the next breath. And Elizabeth was right. What is good does grow. Good brings about good. And may we remain faithful, continually, to the small gestures & the larger ones, not trading one in for the other. Thank you to each of our donors, volunteers & staff for your patience & prodding.

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ROUNDAABOUT WAYS TO GIVE

In order to raise funds for our expansion & the care of our residents, we are selling greeting card packets with Alina's paintings for \$15. In addition, if you are considering a new cell phone plan (with most of the major companies), consider signing up through "Phones for Good" &

specifying "Friends of Warm Hearth" as the charity of your choice. We will receive up to \$50 through your purchase. Go to: <http://www.phonesforgood.com/pfg/go/271>. It is these small gifts that add up to a meaningful



life for our residents as well the large efforts. Lastly, we would like to give a special thanks to Juliet & Guy Setian for their passion & commitment to our home. They have fundraised on our behalf in their community.



Fundraising Update

**OUR DEEPEST
GRATITUDE
TO ALL THOSE
WHO MAKE
WARM HEARTH
POSSIBLE.**

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CAN BE PROVIDED
UPON REQUEST.

*Our 2008 Goals:
improved care &
8 new residents.*

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