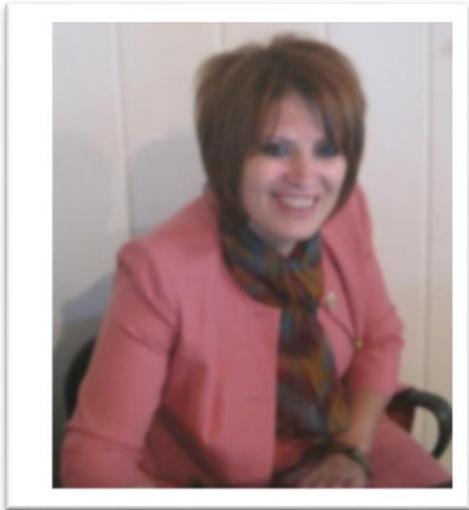


CHARENTSAVAN RESOURCE CENTER



Gayane Grigoryan
President, Charentsavan
Resource Center NGO

Dear all,

HAPPINESS IS THAT WHICH WE LOVE!

We work with the dedication to serve humanity, helping others to value themselves, to love and care for one another, to have hope and faith.

Our Lord, give us the strength to overcome whatever we can. Give us courage to make peace, to do all that we can do, and give us wisdom.

About us

Charentsavan Resource Center Charitable NGO is a non-profit organization with no political or religious affiliation, founded in 2003, and officially registered as a non-governmental organization in Armenia on January 27, 2006. Our organization operates independently and according to the law and we are governed by the principle of volunteerism for the sake of improving others' lives and developing our community.

We exist to:

1. Contribute to the formation of civil society
2. Promote the formation of legal government
3. Provide support to small and medium sized businesses
4. Support unemployed persons and foster job creation
5. Provide social and educational services

Our activities aim to improve the following sectors of society:

1. Legal
2. Economic
3. Social
4. Youth, Sports, and Culture
5. Media and Public Relations

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<http://www.facebook.com/charentsavanresourcecenter>

OUR PROJECTS

1.
Support for Small and Medium-Sized Businesses
Project Duration: 2006 - 2009
Supported by: PEOPLE IN NEED Armenia



2.
Socio-Economic Assistance and Development in the Kotayk Region
Project Duration: 01/03/2006 – 31/12/2006
Supported by: PEOPLE IN NEED Armenia



3.
Youth Support Center
Project Duration: 01/04/2006 – 31/12/2006
Supported by: PEOPLE IN NEED Armenia



4.
Support for Employment Development System
Project Duration: 01/04/2007 - 01/12/2007
Supported by: PEOPLE IN NEED Armenia



5.
Organizational Support
Project Duration: 01/04/2007 - 01/12/2007
Supported by: PEOPLE IN NEED Armenia



6.
Employment and Vocational Guidance Center
Project Duration: 01.04.2007 - 01.01.2008
Supported by: PEOPLE IN NEED Armenia



7.
Training Course in Painting and Moulding
Project Duration: 21/06/2007 - 21/08/2007
Supported by: USAID



8.
Migration Labor
Project Duration: 01/10/2007 - 01/07/2008
Supported by: EURASIA FOUNDATION of Armenia, USAID



9.
Social Service Program
Project Duration: 01/08/2008 - 30/05/2009
Supported by: Global Fund for Women



10.
Professional Culinary Training Course
Project Duration: 11/08/2008 - 01/11/2008
Supported by: Republic of Armenia Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, State Employment Service Agency



OUR PROJECTS

11.
Support for Community Kindergartens
Project Duration: 12/05/2008 - 01/07/2008
Supported by: VOS Latter Day Saints Charities



12.
TIM Local Elections Support Center
Project Duration: 17/08/2008 -17/09/2008
Supported by: Counterpart International and CDPF



13.
English Resource Center
Project Duration: 31/08/2009 -
Supported by: US Peace Corps and USAID Small Projects Assistance



14.
Computer Skills and Business Planning
Project Duration: 01/03/2010 – 31/05/2010
Supported by: BSC and European Bank for Reconstruction and Business Development Advisory Service, a joint project with Early Transition Countries Fund



15.
Computer Literacy Training Laboratory
Project Duration: 12/11/2011 -
Supported by: VOS Latter Day Saints Charities



16.
Support for Children Living with Disabilities
Project Duration: 01/11/2012 - 31/12/2012
Supported by: Republic of Armenia Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs



17.
Employment Support for Young People Living with Disabilities
Project Duration: 10/10/2013 -
Supported by: Republic of Armenia Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs and Youth Events Centre



18.
Pottery Classes for Young People Living with Disabilities
Project Duration: 10/10/2013 -
Supported by: Focus on Children Now (FCN)



*Breaking the Poverty Cycle,
One Child at a Time.*

19.
Charentsavan Sewing Workshop
Project Duration: 07/01/2014 -
Supported by: US Peace Corps and USAID Small Projects Assistance



VOCATIONAL CLASSES FOR YOUTH LIVING WITH DISABILITIES

In many countries, including Armenia, there is a lack of awareness of the issues people with disabilities face. As an unfortunate result, many of these people are alienated and isolated from society, even in schools. Since 2012, the Charentsavan Resource Center has been implementing programs dedicated to serving and supporting people with disabilities and their families. Currently, the Resource Center provides information, counseling, and vocational training, with a focus on programs that will foster their social inclusion. With support from the Ministry of Sports and Youth Culture and Focus on Children Now, the Resource Center conducts pottery classes three times a week for young people living with disabilities in the Charentsavan area, including five nearby village communities.



The objectives of these classes are to encourage the inclusion of young people living with disabilities in society. Through participating in our classes, they have the opportunity to express their creativity, increase self-confidence, and interact with others in our community. Moreover, the pottery program offers our participants with an opportunity to generate income, as the Resource Center sells their handicrafts, with all proceeds going to the young artists and to the support of the continuation of our program.



Currently, we have a partnership with a local florist who purchases our participant's ceramic floral pots. We are also working on a website to reach buyers around the world. We believe that our programs contribute to a better and more accepting community,



to the betterment of vulnerable populations, and to the self-sufficiency of young people living with disabilities in Armenia. For our participants, the possibilities are endless!

SUPPORT FOR IMPOVERISHED FAMILIES

Since its opening, the Charentsavan Resource Center has been dedicated to the creation and implementation of programs to develop our community and support families in need. Some of our charitable activities include:

- Distributing shoes, winter coats, blankets, and second-hand clothing for families in need
- Distributing gifts to needy families every New Year holiday and June 1
- Renovation of Kindergarten No. 1, including plumbing and heating and distribution of warm blankets
- Renovation of Kindergarten No. 3, including installation of a water tank, distribution of bedding and warm blankets, and a fence to protect the whole area
- Provided 500 sets of bedding to three different kindergartens in the area
- Renovated a sports center for Alapars village
- From 2006-2008, conducted summer camps for children from disadvantaged families; camps included educational programs and two meals a day
- Employment assistance, including counseling, job training, skills training, and job placement



TRAINING COURSES

Our training courses aim to provide people with professional and vocational skills and help to combat unemployment. To that effect, we also organize cultural and sporting events, roundtable discussions, workshops, exhibitions, seminars and training programs, all open to the public. The educational training courses we offer include: Computer Skills, Conversational English, Conversational Russian, and Accounting 1C and AS Programs. Our vocational courses include: Table Design, Cosmetology, Hair Dressing, Pottery, and Sewing.

Our participants come from a range of ages, skill levels, and backgrounds. All of our courses involve a careful, intensive learning process with individual attention and a practical application component. Our participants have had tremendous success in personal and professional development, with many of them obtaining meaningful internships and employment. Certificates of completion for our training courses are highly regarded in Armenia and in the local community.



OTHER SERVICES

The Charentsavan Resource Center serves the people of Charentsavan and its five surrounding village communities: Alapars, Karenis, Fantan, Bjni, and Arzakan.

Legal Services

Our lawyer offers legal counsel free of charge on civil, family, labor, and civil litigation matters. He is available to meet with you on Thursdays and Fridays, from 15:00-17:00 or by appointment. You may also submit questions in writing, and you will receive a response within one week.

Financial Advising

On Wednesdays, the Charentsavan Resource Center provides financial advising sessions to help others with their questions regarding accounting, tax preparations, business planning, and financial planning.

Seminars and Workshops

We organize seminars and workshops open to the public on issues of public interest, such as legal and financial issues and employment skills training.



CULINARY TRAINING COURSE

From August to November 2008, the Resource Center, with support from Armenian Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs with the cooperation of the Department of the State Employment Service Agency, organized a culinary training course, in which unemployed people registered with 7 different regional employment centers participated in 350 total hours of vocational culinary training. During the course, participants learned theoretical as well as practical content, with each individual applying their acquired skills in a practicum at a local family restaurant. Since the completion of the course, nearly all of the participants have gained employment in a relevant field, our most significant indicator that the program was a tremendous success!



OUR RESOURCES

Our offices are open to the public 6 days a week, Monday through Saturday, providing a comfortable place for community members to meet. Located on the premises of the Charentsavan City Park, our spaces include a sewing workshop with five sewing machines, a pottery and art workshop, an English language resource center, and computer lab with Internet access.

Moreover, the Charentsavan Resource Center sits on the Women's Council, which was founded on March 1, 2007. The Women's Council aims to help women achieve economic independence and improve their lives and address problems facing women, children, and single mothers. The Council works to forge partnerships with women's organizations to organize regular trainings and events. These activities help to raise the self-confidence of women and allow them to realize their own abilities and skills.



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