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FRIENDS OF WARM HEARTH, INC. NEWSLETTER



Susanna

has recently had dental care and treatment, as have all the residents, thanks to a generous

donation. Apparently, our residents won the hearts of the dental office, who decided to give them a party (matagh)! Alya (our Executive Director in Armenia) wrote: "What about yesterday's matagh, oh, it was wonderful and everything was very fine. Our guests liked Warm Hearth very-very much and they couldn't not like it because our residents are very beautiful, our workers are very good and everything is very good here. Our guests saw how much love there is in Warm Hearth." Susanna is a part of that love and continues to sing, to embroider, to smile this beautiful smile. Through a newly implemented vocational program, she has had the opportunity to read more varied material and teach the other residents what she has read. She also conducts lessons in basic math and language skills. Her place in our home is vital and her tenderness is a gift to all of our residents and staff.

✕ Welcome Home ✕

A new group of residents visit Warm Hearth & decide to make it their home.

ANAHIT, ARMINE, AGAPPY & HASMIK

These are the names of four of our new residents who visited Warm Hearth a few days ago to decide if they wanted to live in our home. They came from the nearby Parakyar orphanage. Two are seated here, with Yulia in the middle. Our residents sang songs for them & talked to them about life in Warm Hearth. Then they all shared a meal together. These



four women, named above, told Alya many times that they liked Warm Hearth very much. We will bring them home *for good* within two days. We continue to work with the government to determine who else

we will welcome home (we have space for six other residents). I was overcome as I looked at the photographs of these four women poking around our home, seated on couches that are soon to be *theirs*, & sharing bread & cakes with our residents. Soon they will be *ours*. And in my heart, they already are. We belong to one another. I cannot believe that it is finally a season of such growth. My deep

prayer is that these dear women will find growth & healing in our midst. Something so beautiful is also painful as it is an injustice that has brought them here. But it is mercy that they are now home.

Another's Eyes Another's Lips

Thanks to Juliet & Guy Setian (pictured right), Carol Setian & Connie Scott, who had a lovely dinner party on behalf of Warm Hearth. We shared with friends & neighbors in Huntington Beach, CA. Juliet, Susan (who went to Warm Hearth) & I

spoke to a warm & welcoming group.

Juliet spoke of discovering photos of the institutions in Armenia online & the grief of imagining our residents in those places. Susan spoke of visiting those same institutions & the contrast between the institutions & our home. The primary difference, as she



pointed out, is that there is love in Warm Hearth. **And love names people.**

In that naming, they become all they are to be. Susan spoke of being challenged to decide how she will see & name people. This is a responsibility we all have as we encounter the world. It is these seemingly small things that can transform life.



Abundance...

As you know, our renovations began in July. The third floor (with new bedrooms & a bathroom) was completed in September. We have beds that will soon be filled. We renovated leaky bathrooms & expanded the kitchen. You can see “before” & “after” photographs above. We are grateful for the gifts that allowed this to happen. Not only is there physical evidence of the love & care of our donors through these renovations, there is also more space for people who need a loving home. On the recent trip through California, I was able to thank many of you face to face for giving, for caring & praying, for writing hope-

filled letters to me & our residents, for visiting our home & partaking of the residents’ lives. But let me thank each of you again, far & near, for making such beauty possible. Steps toward change like this are signs of hope in a world where suffering can seem paramount. We are blessed by the care each of you exhibits. We are grateful that you carry our story, our joys & our pain, in your hearts. Rejoice with us in this accomplishment as it is not just ours - it is also yours. Hear the exclamations of joy as our new & old residents behold such love made real & holdable! It is no small thing, what has been created.

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Above are four of our new residents listening to our psychologist share about life in Warm Hearth. Each resident is in their 20s and has been orphaned or abandoned.



Again, we would like to thank Connie Scott (left) & Carol Setian (right) for such a lovely dinner in honor of Warm Hearth & our residents.

EMPLOYEE-GIVING PROGRAMS

A few of our donors and volunteers have discovered that many of their employers offer “employee-giving programs” for approved charities. Some companies even match the donations. If you are interested, consider speaking to your employer about including Warm Hearth on the approved charity list. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us at any time. We are entirely grateful for the many ways each of you give to our home & our residents. Our cup runneth over.

Fundraising Update

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

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

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