



# 2010 ANNUAL REPORT



In 2010, COAF emphasized community-building activities, which is a critical component to a village's progress toward independence. Advances are being made every day made in efforts to unite villagers using community-led strategies. As a result we are seeing a growing sense of ownership of our programs by village members, especially young people. We see this as key to our successes in the region.

## Program Highlights from 2010

### Education Programs

In recognition of COAF's accomplishments in education, the U.S. Embassy in Yerevan awarded COAF's Student Councils a Democracy Commission Small Grant (USD \$13,160). These funds were used to create a community-networking program and an Inter-village Networking website, which is the first of its kind in Armenia. The Inter-village Network also launched the Project Citizen Initiative. In partnership with the Leadership School, an institute that trains young leaders, the COAF student councils began conducting leadership workshops in each village. Student councils did research on public policy issues affecting their lives and drafted action plans that were presented to the community. They made extremely compelling



presentations, and the mayors of four villages decided to work with the student leaders to fund and complete their projects.

COAF's Debate Team won a live televised debate on issues surrounding

animal testing. The team, consisting of five students from Dalarik, Lernagog and Karakert, was the only one representing Armenia's rural villages in this USAID-sponsored program.

Lernagog School was featured as a model school in a UNICEF-prepared film about Armenia's educational system. A UNICEF journalist told Principal Makaryan that the Lernagog School was the best she had seen in Armenia. The regional government of Armavir marz and the Center for Youth Initiatives in Armavir awarded the school a monetary prize in recognition of their commitment to excellence in education. According to Principal Makaryan, "What is special [...] is that public survey results and opinions were used to determine the winners." The Myasnikyan kindergarten was also honored.

Students from Newman's Own Photo & Video Club in the COAF cluster prepared a documentary that was broadcast on Armenian television. Sponsored by HSBC Bank Armenia, the documentary focused on the negative impact of open-air trash dumps on public health. In addition, two student members took paid jobs as production assistants for *Life Tree*, a documentary film.

Between August 2nd and 21st, COAF held two summer camp sessions accommodating 600 campers. COAF staff members, teachers from Yerevan and the villages, university students and members of the village communities also volunteered their time to help run the program.

### Infrastructure/Economic Development Programs

COAF villages made a number of advances in infrastructure and economic development. COAF's Plastic Free Environment partnership with HSBC took steps to clean the village of Shenik and to manufacture cloth shopping bags to reduce waste. The event drew a cleaning crew of 90 volunteers from local households and neighboring villages. The event was a success with the participants eager to repeat the experience.



Les Enfants de Jesus Healthcare Center in Myasnikyán officially opened, blessed by His Holiness Garegin II, Catholicos of all Armenians, with Serzh Sargysan, President of the Republic of Armenia in attendance. The opening ceremonies received extensive media coverage and were featured on the President's official website.

Phase one of the Myasnikyán School reconstruction began in 2010. The mayor agreed to invest 3.3 percent (\$20,000 USD) of the total school reconstruction cost, which is the largest percentage of any past community contribution.

Preparations have been made to finalize the Arteni Agricultural Machinery Park. Two subcomponents of the program (machinery and technical services) will be implemented by a local cooperative, and a third subcomponent (plant protection) by a local entrepreneur. In addition, a Successful Business Projects program was launched in the village of Arteni. The mayor of the village provided space and COAF hired local staff to run the program. Sixty-five businesspeople and farmers expressed interest; from that group, 28 participants were chosen.

The Economic Development Team met with authorities and 10 villagers from Shenik to discuss the advantages and challenges of land consolidation. COAF also met with the mayor and five stakeholders from the village of Aragatavan to discuss the implementation of a road reconstruction project.

The Levon Galchayan Art School selected ceramics, blacksmithing and embroidery as the focus of its handicraft production this year. The crafts produced will be introduced into the Yerevan market and sold during fairs. 35 young students aged 15- to 18-years-old applied to the program.

The Heifer-COAF program in animal husbandry continued, with 65 families participating.

COAF-Armenia held its first fundraising dinner in Yerevan October 14th and raised an impressive amount of funds for local programs: USD \$12,225.

## Health Programs

Local primary care health providers continue to get to know each other on both personal and professional levels, sharing knowledge and discussing treatment strategies and difficult cases through the Inter-village Networking program. Perhaps most importantly, they are forming valuable and potentially life-saving cross-community bonds.

COAF broke new ground in the area of primary health care with the Summer Fellows Program in Primary Care. Traditionally, Armenian

medical training is based almost entirely on book learning, with little or no hands-on clinical experience. During June and July, nine residents in Primary Care at the National Institute of Health received invaluable clinical training in COAF's village health facilities. This first-ever program featured problem-based and interactive teaching, with special emphasis on patient-doctor relationships and collaboration with other health care professionals. COAF physicians also provided young doctors the opportunity to gain clinical experience in village ambulatories. These facilities have become centers for teaching and training, all while also providing state-of-the-art rural medical care.

The Free Dental Services for children initiative ran in Myasnikyán from October 23rd through the end of November. 285 children received care as part of these efforts.

OB/GYN screening in non-COAF communities demonstrated the marked disparities that remain among the population. In the COAF villages, where the population is educated about healthy life styles and where there is higher quality health services received, the number of women with gynecological problems is substantially lower than in villages where COAF is not active.

## Child and Family Service Programs

COAF psychologists continued training village school psychologists in an effort to prepare them for the counseling needs of students and their families. The COAF team was also asked to organize workshops for municipal offices, including the Baghramyan police department, in an effort to help at-risk youth.

Interactive PTA Workshops were held throughout the cluster. Teams of COAF health educators, psychologists, teachers and social workers presented complementary views on themes related to child development.

In September, three disabled athletes from the village of Dalarik brought home one gold and four bronze medals from the Boccia Competition, which is a popular sport played by wheelchair-bound athletes.



## Financial Summary

We are pleased to present a summary of the consolidating financial statements for the Children of Armenia Fund, Inc. and Armenian subsidiary for the period ending December 31, 2010, which bear an unqualified auditing statement from the accounting firm Lutz & Carr LLP. The audit was conducted in accordance with the auditing standards accepted in the United States.

### COAF's Balance Sheet and Income Statement (December 31, 2010)

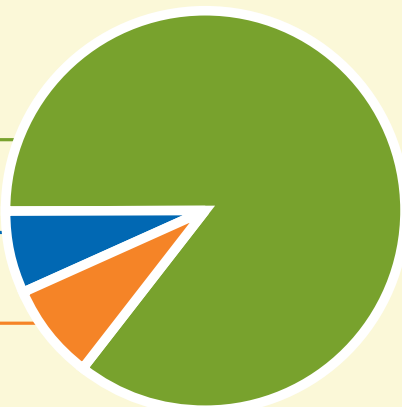
Assets		Liabilities and Net Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,491,110	Accounts Payable	\$112,672
Unconditional promises to give (unrestricted)	\$327,987	Net Assets (unrestricted)	\$2,680,442
Unconditional promises to give (restricted for future programs)	\$250,000		
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	\$226,475	Net Assets (temporarily restricted)	\$531,169
Short-Term Investments	\$57,799		
Investments - gifts in kind	\$115,000		
Long-term Investments	\$327,616		
Investments in certificate of deposit	\$470,231		
Intangible Assets - net of accumulated amortization	\$12,518		
Property and equipment	\$45,547		
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$3,324,283</b>		
Total COAF-US Revenue	\$1,936,022	<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets:</b>	<b>\$3,324,283</b>
Total COAF-US Program Expenses	\$1,503,793		

### Total COAF-US Expenditures 2010

Programs - 85.36%  
\$1,283,647

Fundraising - 6.78%  
\$102,017

Administrative - 7.85%  
\$118,129



A full financial report is available upon request.



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