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Children of Armenia Fund Gala to Feature Anora Film Stars, Joe Manganiello, Gloria Gaynor and Andrea Martin

COAF 21st Annual Holiday Gala Gathers All-Star Lineup to Drive Transformative Change in Rural Armenia

NEW YORK—The Children of Armenia Fund (COAF) will host its largest fundraiser of the year with its **21st Annual Holiday Gala** on **Saturday, December 14, 2024**, at Cipriani 25 Broadway in New York City. The evening will celebrate over two decades of COAF's transformative work in the villages of rural Armenia..

The event will feature a distinguished lineup, including **acclaimed actor and COAF Board Member Joe Manganiello**, **Emmy and Tony Award-winning actress Andrea Martin**, and a headline performance by **two-time Grammy-winning singer Gloria Gaynor**.

Armenian stars **Vache Tovmasyan and Karren Karagulian**, will join to be honored with the **Cultural Advocacy Award**. The two actors are being celebrated for their roles in **Anora**, this year's Palme d'Or winner at Cannes and a frontrunner for the Oscar for Best Picture. COAF board members **Shaké and Vahe Nahapetian** will also be honored with the **2024 Save A Generation Award** for their years of unwavering support and dedication to COAF's mission.

Since its founding in 2003, COAF has impacted over **100,000 people across 80+ communities** in Armenia, advancing education, healthcare, social services, and economic development. Highlights from the past year include:

- **New School in Debed Village:** Construction of a primary school aimed at improving the overall well-being for students and teachers.
- **Healthcare Pilot Program:** COAF launched a new health clinic in Lori, collaborating with the Armenian Ministry of Health to pilot national reforms in primary care.



- **Youredjian Child and Family Care Center:** This newly established center in Armavir offers early childhood education, speech therapy, psychological support, and access to social workers.
- **Award-Winning English Textbooks:** COAF published English textbooks recognized for excellence by the Armenian government, now distributed in schools across the country.
- **Groundbreaking for New SMART Center:** This Armavir learning hub will follow in the steps of our SMART Center in Lori, increasing access to a creative and inspiring curriculum.

This year's proceeds will support COAF's ongoing programs and ambitious new initiatives, including the expansion of its SMART Centers. COAF currently operates a modern learning center in Lori that serves 1,600 children each week, with three additional centers in development, including a new campus in Armavir already under construction.

Readers can support this vital work by contributing at coaf.org/donations. For inquiries about sponsorships and gifts, contact Haig Boyadjian at haig.boyadjian@coaf.org.

About COAF

The Children of Armenia Fund (COAF) is a nonprofit, non-governmental organization dedicated to transforming the lives of children in rural Armenia through a holistic approach to education, healthcare, social services, and economic development. COAF helps young Armenians expand their universe so that they can shape a brighter future.

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