

Dear Supporters,

Since the OAF team has a lot to report on, let's delve in to the latest news on our active projects:

- The 4th OAF Summer Art Camp started on July 1st, running for 8 weeks, for children and teenagers in 3 border villages of the Shirak region. This year, we are happy to announce that OAF increased capacity by offering summer activities to 30 more children from a local village that has joined the program. Moreover, OAF and its local partner [Armenian Caritas](#) added new activities for the older children such as pottery and English conversation classes.



- On June 29th, OAF and [NorArar Education](#) showcased their joined project “Steppingstones to Reading” at a professional preschool exhibition in Yerevan. This pioneering literacy and socio-emotional development project empowers teachers to converge in a reflective community of practice to exchange insights and experiences. The 8 week-long continuing professional development initiative is delivered online and free to attend. We are currently registering interest from teachers from all corners of Armenia for the fall 2024 training session.



- On June 16th, the OAF team attended the Armenian Summer Festival. It was lovely to meet so many of you. OAF would like to thank our UK partner, the [Centre for Armenian Information and Advice – Hayashen](#) for supporting our work by sharing its stall. It was a great opportunity to present the charity and sell the lovely handmade artworks from [OAF online shop](#). Another way to support our work is to visit our online shop and consider purchasing unique and handmade artworks.



- Recently OAF Books for Hope campaign donated a selection of new stories and reference books in Armenian language to rural school libraries. The latest rural schools were in the villages of Melikghyur, Tsaghkahovit and Nor Aramos in the Aragatsotn region. 505 children and their teaching teams were ecstatic upon receiving the selection of books they wished for. These books will contribute to enhance the schools' libraries book offering. Most school libraries rely on book donations. Thanks to your donations, OAF is purchasing from the children's wish lists and donating around 50 books every month to a rural school selected by our partner [Teach for Armenia](#).



- OAF Online English conversation clubs have been running since May 2024. This new project has been implemented in 2 community centres run by Armenian Caritas "The Little Prince" centres in Gyumri and Gavar. 2 volunteer Oxford university students are delivering via Zoom weekly English conversation sessions to teenagers attending the community centres. We are pleased to announce that after the August break, our motivated volunteers, David and Eliska will resume their online sessions in September. This impactful project empowers participating teens' language and speaking skills moreover it opens doors to cultural exchange.



The team at OAF would like to say a huge THANK YOU to our supporters and donors. We are ever so grateful that all together we are building capacity for rural children in Armenia.

We are motivated by our mission to bring hope for a better future by providing the means of educational equity.

Best wishes from the OAF team, Marianna, Manouk, Inna, Lilit, Nunik, Lusine, Natalie, Talin,

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