

WARM HEARTH

In the Small Corners

Magnitude and Bond

Dear friends,

Gwendolyn Brooks says, “...we are each other’s harvest: / we are each other’s business: / we are each other’s magnitude and bond.

Whether it’s teaching the residents songs, enjoying tea and cookies in the garden, or telling jokes, our caregivers live with our residents in reciprocity, and shared love.



When caring for residents with Covid-19 last year, one staff member wrote, “When Sassoon and Arsen got Covid, we put a lot of effort into caring for them. We stayed up with them at night. Whenever the nurse injected Arsen intravenously, I felt as if his hand was mine. I felt pain. For days, his fever was not decreasing and at night, I took his temperature every hour and made sure he was hydrated.” Our caregivers’ vigilance was a testament of their devotion. Arsen, Sassoon, and all our residents who got Covid have fully recovered.

Our caregivers rejoice with our residents when they rejoice and grieve with them with they grieve. Their love for one another is mutually transforming. Our residents are changed by the love and consistency of their caregivers. And our caregivers are transformed too. They receive just as much from our residents as they give. They are each other’s magnitude and bond.

Join us in our *Forever Homes for the Motherless and Fatherless in Armenia* campaign. We are hoping to raise \$20,000 for our caregivers’ salaries in 2021. Double the impact of your gift with matching funds through the end of June. We could not do this work without you, and we hope you will be blessed in return, in equal measure.

Sincerely Yours,

Natalie Bryant-Rizzieri

Founder & Executive Director



Natasha

Natasha (above left) moved from the town of Kapan, where she had been living for eight years, into our Arinj home in 2018. We have no information about her parents, though she did live with her father at one time. Natasha is thriving in our home. She loves to dance and draw. She loves to put her hair into braids. She has three very close friends in Artur, Edita, and Diana. She is interested in developing her cooking skills and has had a chance to do that at Warm Hearth.

Our 2021 Goals: sustainable and loving care for our residents and three forever homes that are increasingly independent.

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Your kindness sustains our residents, our hearts and our home.

- You can visit our *Forever Homes for the Motherless and Fatherless in Armenia* campaign here (<https://givebutter.com/W3S5iR>), for more information, or you can send a check through the mail in the enclosed envelope.
- Thank you to Juliet Setian and Satenik Grigoryan, two of our board members in L.A. for organizing this campaign.
- Congratulations to our team in Armenia for winning a grant through Eurasia Foundation and USAID. We will be working with the Institute of Public Policy, the Center for Legal Research and Resource Development, and Health Policy and Innovation Center to advocate that people with mental health needs have the right to live independently and to be involved in their communities. The team ultimately hopes to reform policy in Armenia.
- Thank you to Gogian Family Foundation, and Lindsey Stammerjohn, for your sustaining care for our residents.

