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The Armenia School Foundation (USA) Hosts a Successful Fundraising Reception, Announces Honorary Board Members, and Strengthens Ties with Supporters and Community Organizations.

Glendale, California June 10, 2007- The Armenia School Foundation (ASF USA), a non-profit organization dedicated to refurbishing schools in Armenia, held a cocktail reception at Ara and Carol Akopian's residence to introduce its new Honorary Board Members, and raise funds for future projects.

In his welcoming remarks, Armen Abrahamian, Chairman of the ASF Board, stated that "We are delighted to see the results of recent collaborative efforts with organizations such as Armenian Educational Foundation (AEF), and are looking forward to future partnerships with them as well as others such as Glendale- Ghapan Sister City, and Pasadena Rotary". He reminded everyone to mark their calendars for the ASF's fifth anniversary gala dinner/dance in early 2008 and commented on the major strides the ASF has made in the last few months. Mr. Abrahamian thanked Ara and Carol Akopian for their continuous support and presented them with an appreciation plaque.

On behalf of the ASF Board, Mr. Abrahamian thanked all the Honorary Board Members for their support and presented them to the guests: Bobken Amirian; President, B&H Foods – Nick Hacopian; President, Glen West Management – Gabriel Injejikian; Educator & Community Activist – Armen Janian; Law Offices of Janian & Associates – Ardashes Kassakhian; Glendale City Clerk – Tagoush Khodabakhshian; AGBU Preschool Director; Garo Minas; President, Applied Earth Sciences – Alice Navasargian; Author & Benefactor – and Dr. Hratch Yadegarian; Medical Doctor & Benefactor.

Hrand Der Sarkissian, former president of Armenian Education Foundation (AEF), talked about the successful collaboration with ASF. He said "After going through a selection process, ASF was identified as the reliable partner. We provided over \$330,000 to ASF in Armenia to manufacture and deliver new furnishings to 45 schools. AEF was very satisfied with the results. We faced many challenges such as, transportation of desks and chairs to schools in remote villages, road conditions, import of raw material, and the harsh climate during winter months. "Both our organizations had to overcome numerous obstacles for the project to be successful" said Der Sarkissian.

Among many supporters and friends were representatives of Armenian American Chamber of Commerce, Homenetmen Glendale Ararat Chapter, Research on Armenian Architecture (RAA), Armenian Society of Los Angeles, Focus on Children, and local newspaper representatives. Board members, Varooj Kureghian and Janet Mirzayan, concluded the formal portion of the reception by thanking all the attendees for their continuous support and announcement of over \$10,000 raised during the reception.

The Armenia School Foundation (ASF USA) is a non profit and non-sectarian, 501©3 organization, founded in May 2003. ASF USA strives to provide new furniture for underprivileged schools in remote regions of Armenia and to enhance the learning environment. ASF has provided over 8,000 sets of furnishings to-date to over 160 schools in Armenia with funds collected worldwide.

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