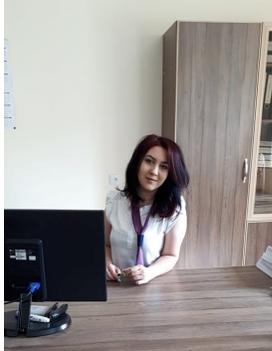




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The Christian Education Center (CEC) was launched by Project AGAPE in the year 1998. For an extensive period, the CEC was the only place in the Kashatagh region for all the children who needed the necessary education to survive in the rapidly growing world. Since 1998, a plethora of renovations have been done to the center, such as the renovation of the classrooms, the addition of the new furniture, and the introduction of computer technologies, as well as the ongoing contributions of school supplies to make the learning process for the children easier. These renovations, done by various volunteer teams visiting from both UMC Conferences of North Carolina in the preceding years, contributed effectively to the children’s development and knowledge. One of these children was Hasmik Brutyan.



Today, Hasmik is working in the Revenue Department of the Kashatagh region of the Republic of Artsakh. One can say that her achievements are partly due to the knowledge that she received at the Christian Education Center. She was one of the high performing students at the CEC. Among the courses that Hasmik took were English classes, computer basics, and arts and crafts lessons. Thanks to the increased efforts by the Project AGAPE and the educators, students like Hasmik learned the English language, which was taught with the latest practices and techniques. Taking into account the emergence of English as an international language,

students, including Hasmik, learned how to write and talk in English, and increased their level of understanding. Long before computer gadgets were integrated into the daily lives of the inhabitants at the Kashatagh region, the Christian Education Center had already planned on teaching how to use programs, like Microsoft Office and Paint on the Windows platform. Therefore, students and Hasmik gained an understanding of computer hardware and software.

Lastly, Hasmik learned arts and crafts and added to her knowledge of drawing and sewing. At one of the exhibition-sales of the handcrafted items of the students of the CEC, while hosting a mission team from North Carolina, Hasmik and her sister Esmā sold their handworks, and they earned their first hundred dollars in their lives. The money that they made from their sales was spent by their parents to take them to Yerevan, to have a fun day at the amusement park, and to buy them their first golden earrings, that they cherish and save to this day.



The opportunities that the Christian Education Center gave and continues to give the students from the Kashatagh region of Artsakh led and continues to lead them to great achievements and successes. We are proud to acknowledge who Hasmik Brutyan that was once a teenager on the path to her success and is now working at the revenue department was one of the students enrolled in the courses taught

at the Christian Education Center. This is one of many success stories that prove that every single gift to Project AGAPE makes an impact. You enable Project AGAPE to recruit and retain the best teachers, staff, and students, as well as to secure resources and technologies that facilitate learning to help advance our primary mission – helping the people that the Project serves to become self-reliable.

