



RECENT UPDATES FOR 2019



Spring and summer were highlighted by different events and projects. In May of 2019, in the framework of the Agricultural Development projects, 30 families received agricultural tools and seeds to work on the land plot adjacent to their houses and to grow vegetables for their families. More families will be involved in this project in the fall. This project is really wonderful as it makes the everyday life of many people easier and helps the families to become self-sustainable. In Spring 5 more families received cows.



Summer 2019 was a productive year for Children's Education Center (CEC). This has become a place, where children of Kashatagh have the opportunity to discover a whole new world, spend their free time effectively, learn new things and make new friends. Children can sign up for the following classes: Computer, Sewing, Gobelin/Tapestry/Macramé, Embroidery, English language and Painting. Professional teachers share their knowledge and experience with kids, and they happily gain the new information and skills. Besides that, it is a great pleasure for children to study in such a good environment! For these 21 years the CEC proved to be the

most efficient place for the children's, teenagers', young adults' and even adults' after-school provision, as many of them received sustainable knowledge and skills that helped them to adapt to the constantly changing social-economic factors faster and easier. Computer and other trainings helped them to become more sociable, to find jobs based on skills and knowledge from the CEC. With each day, more and more children keep coming to the CEC, and spend most of their free time here. It gives them knowledge, pleasure, and effective usage of their free time. The role of this educational center is really profound in the lives of Berdzor children. At the present, there are many children coming also from Karegah – a village 6 miles away from Berdzor.





In July, a Building Team from Western North Carolina Conference arrived in Armenia and Artsakh. The team had one team member from North Carolina Conference. The project that they worked on was the renovation of the Children's Home. Since 1995 when the Children's Home had been launched by



Project AGAPE in partnership with the local government there were some minor renovations done by different teams arrived in different years, but the CH building needed a capital renovation and the building team from North Carolina started it in July of 2019: the AGAPE staff continued the work after the team left and a local plasterer-painter is hired to renovate the walls. All the windows and doors are changed. The floor is replaced by a new laminate flooring. The walls are painted in order to look fresh and nice! The children at the Children's Home were excited to help the team members to accomplish their work! All the slides, swing sets were repainted at the playground. It was really a great celebration for the kids to have a wholly renovated place to live!



The end of July and the departure of the team were preceded by a beautiful exhibition and dance show. Kids represented their hand made works: pictures that they have drawn, dresses that they have sewed, different beautiful embroideries and accessories made by themselves. The team members happily bought many of those items to take back with them as souvenirs from Armenia and Artsakh: Is there a souvenir more precious than the one made by hands of children?!

At the end of the exhibition the best students of different classes received gifts - a Christmas box in July! The students performed beautiful Armenian dances inviting the

team members to dance with them. It was a great day both for the team and the students.



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Boris' sister Agnessa, who leaves the Children's Home in September to go to collage is showing her embroidery work



The CEC students showing the dressed they learned to make

