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FRIENDS OF WARM HEARTH, INC. NEWSLETTER



Susanna

is one of our residents that was shuffled back and forth between the orphanage and psychiatric institution for much of her life.

This radiant smile on her face is a relatively new development and we wonder if it is just simply indicative of the security and peace that have been accumulating inside of her the last 9 months since Warm Hearth opened. Susanna has a sister who lives in Yerevan, the capitol of Armenia, and our staff had been encouraging her to call her. This summer, Susanna's sister came to visit and brought her a special gift. We are grateful for this connection and hope that it offers some opportunities for healing within Susanna. After feeling such acute rejection from her mother when she was a child, we are hopeful for some small gestures of love to take root in her heart. She has begun to sing again, after staying silent for so long. This is a sign of healing.

✧ Creating Community ✧

Armenian diaspora communities and parishes in the Bay Area welcome Warm Hearth into their hearts.

WARM HEARTH EXTENDS ITS ROOTS

The Bay Area Armenian-Americans welcomed Natalie Rizzieri into their churches, homes and communities during October 2006. As a new non-profit project, Warm Hearth has sought to establish and create connections within the Armenian community. Thanks to the openness and kindness we encountered, many people were able to share in the Warm Hearth story and become involved in this burgeoning project. True to our beginning, we strive to bring together ordinary people who want to give. We believe that if each of us gives out of our

own skills, abundances, passions, and sometimes even our uncertainties, that something beautiful will continue to unfold. Warm Hearth invites people to give and the Armenian community in the Bay Area opened their hearts to our residents and gave to us abundantly. Thank you to the St. Vartan Bazaar and the countless community members that attended, Ashken Mouradian, Lee Ann Odabashian Williams, St. John's Armenian Church, Father Sarkis and the Knights & Daughters of Vartan for taking part in our mission.



Memories of Summer

As many of you know, our Associate Director, Bridget Anderson spent the summer volunteering at Warm Hearth. Enjoy her reflections!

"As summer fades away, I am awash with gratitude and an awareness of beauty. It was a daily honor to witness Warm Hearth first-hand. So many people from various

backgrounds participate in making Warm Hearth what it is, share the burdens, experience the rewards of donating time and resources, and receive the unfiltered emotions and affections of our residents. I watched so many people come and visit and donate to Warm Hearth. Thank you

on behalf of our residents. They hold these visits close to their hearts and they brag about the items donated and the time they have spent with so many new friends from literally all over the world.



See the following page for the summer highlights!



Kamats, Kamats (Armenian for "Slowly, Slowly")

The summer months, experienced by Bridget Anderson, reveal that we are realizing our vision of providing continued peace and nurture to our residents one small step at a time.

- Warm Hearth hosted a volunteer from Armenian Volunteer Corps. Talar is from Beirut, Lebanon and studies Special Education. Her willingness to serve others this summer despite the conflict in her home country was an inspiration!
- The residents beam with pride when they describe all the

foods they have learned to cook, including traditional dishes like "dolma" (stuffed grape leaves).

- Every Friday the residents meet with a volunteer from a local parish. Ashot teaches the residents songs, Armenian church history and nurtures the spiritual development of interested residents.
- The 2006 Peace Corps group visited Warm Hearth and the residents were proud to present "their movie" (the Warm Hearth DVD).

CONSIDER A YEAR-END DONATION

to benefit the current residents of Warm Hearth & provide opportunities for expansion.

Your kindness makes a difference.

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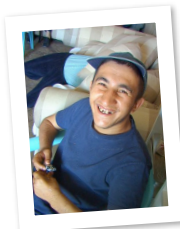
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PEACE CORPS ENCORE!

Patti Bortman, a former Peace Corps volunteer in Romania, will be spending most of November at Warm Hearth. Patti has 30 years of experience as a social worker working with people with mental illness. If you would like to volunteer, please contact us. We rely on you!



UPDATED WEBSITE

Tyler Nelson, graphic designer with 29road.com, has created a new website for Friends of Warm Hearth that allows for online donations, regular updates and volunteer opportunities to be



posted. Please visit us at www.friendsofwarmhearth.org. We extend our sincere gratitude to Tyler for the hours upon hours that he contributed on behalf of the Warm Hearth residents.

Fundraising Progress

TO SECURE THE FUTURE OF OUR RESIDENTS, WE HAVE MADE A ONE-YEAR FINANCIAL COMMITMENT WHICH ENTAILS RAISING \$100,000 IN 2006.

FINANCIAL DETAILS CAN BE PROVIDED UPON REQUEST.

In order to meet our goal, we still need \$45,770.

Please consider partnering with us.

Donated goods and services received in 2006 are valued at \$37,868.