

End of Summer 2024 Newsletter

Dear Supporters,

The OAF team wants to share the highlights of its Creative Summer Camp 2024.



Since 2021, OAF has been organising a summer camp in 2 border villages of the Shirak region, thanks to all our donors, and particularly the generosity of the Melkonyan brothers. Every year, the children look forward to having fun, be creative and enjoy a range of activities with specialised teachers in visual art, art therapy and dance.



This summer, we upgraded our Camp offering with the following:

- from 6 weeks to 8 weeks
- Added pottery classes and English language clubs
- Provided camp activities to an extra school community bringing the total number of participants to 130 children and teenagers
- Offered a day trip to the museum of national architecture and urban life in Gyumri.



As we write, the summer camp is coming to an end. Throughout the 8 weeks, our team members, Inna, Lusine and Talin-Muriel visited the summer camp to evaluate the participants engagement, the activities' implementation and discuss the successes and challenges. Our team is working in close collaboration with Armenian Caritas who has been instrumental in the management of the summer camp.



OAF and Caritas are working hand in hand to bring social change and engagement in rural areas. We thrive in improving and upgrading our cultural and educational offering to create positive impacts in the most disadvantaged communities. We believe that every effort implemented opens a door to a belief or behavioural change. We are grateful to the team of specialised teachers and the Birthright volunteer for bringing motivation and wellbeing through their expert teaching.

We aim to give disadvantaged children the opportunities for social, emotional and educational progress.

We would like to thank all our donors for their continued support in our mission to bring positive change to future generations.

With hope and love,

The OAF Team