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## **ARMENIAN WOUNDED HEROES FUND DELIVERS RESULTS FOR OUR HEROES**

### **AWHF had a successful first year, with four completed and one in-process project**

Through the support of our donors, AWHF raised more than \$250,000 since launching in May 2016. 100% of every dollar raised went directly to our heroes and their families. The 2016 projects consisted of delivering military-grade, first-aid kits to two regions in Artsakh (2 separate projects), supporting a fallen hero's family with household needs and medical treatment and funding a wounded hero's dream of representing his country on the world stage at the Paralympics. We are also in the process of helping one of our wounded heroes from the April 2016 battle receive life-changing treatment.

### **AWHF delivered 3,000 military-grade, first-aid kits to Artsakh (Two regions completed)**

The \$205,000 shipment of kits is being deployed in the front-lines of two strategic regions of Artsakh. These kits are state-of-the-art NATO-level combat casualty care systems and have proven to be nearly 100% effective at saving preventable combat deaths by the US Army in Iraq and Afghanistan. Since May of this year, AWHF worked with the appropriate governmental authorities to bring this strategic capability to Armenia and upgrade the nation-wide casualty care system.



Importantly, these kits will deploy alongside the first-ever class of graduates of the Army Medic School, who have been receiving US-style training since October.



We would like to thank the Armenian Medical Fund, USA, for its generous donation funding almost half of the shipment. We would also like to thank Fund for Armenian Relief (FAR) and IDeA Foundation in Armenia for logistics support and assisting with delivering the kits to the soldiers on the front-line. Photos and videos of the delivery and training can be found on our website.

### **AWHF Delivers \$5,000 of Household Goods and Medical Treatment for Grigor Harutunyan, 14 (Completed)**

Grigor's father died defending Artsakh from Azeri aggressors in early April 2016. Grigor suffers from cerebral palsy, and his family has been unable to provide the necessary medical treatment. AWHF will finance a full year of treatment for Grigor, and delivered basic household items, including a refrigerator, oven, television, and other appliances, as well as basic furniture and food items to his house in Shushi.



## **AWHF Sponsors Sargis Stepanyan, 33, for the Paralympics Arm-Wrestling Championship (Completed)**



Sargis lost both legs and one arm during a battle to retrieve his fallen comrades. Through incredible strength and determination, he has been recovering and actively trained to participate in the arm-wrestling competition at the Paralympic Games in Bulgaria in October 2016. In his first arm-wrestling competition, Sargis ranked #4 globally. In the longer term, Sargis will need advanced prosthetics to return to a fully functioning life. This is estimated to cost \$60,000. Sargis has served as a mentor to other wounded heroes and actively provides counseling. His goal is to work with AWHF to establish a physical and psychological rehabilitation center for our veterans.

## **AWHF Raises \$30,000 For Avetis Zargaryan (Funds raised, treatment in-process)**



Avetis's spine was severely injured in multiple areas from combat wounds he suffered during the war in April 2016, leaving him nearly paralyzed. AWHF is reviewing overseas treatment options with Avetis' family and doctors, and expects to transport him to the selected clinic in mid-January. Avetis is currently at the Muratsan central military hospital in Yerevan, and after months of near paralysis, is showing signs of improvement. He is in good spirits with the prospect of advanced treatment overseas.

## **Looking ahead to 2017**

In 2017, AWHF plans to complete the treatment for Avetis, expand our first-aid kits project in Artsakh, and complete other projects that will help our heroes and their families. Once again, thank you to our friends and donors whose support made these projects a reality. We look forward to your continued support in 2017. Wishing you and your families Happy Holidays.

## **About AWHF**

Armenian Wounded Heroes Fund is a 501(c)(3) dedicated to serving our heroes; standing with them through challenging times, saving lives, and supporting the rehabilitation of our wounded heroes who have sacrificed all for our homeland.

AWHF founders will continue to cover all administrative costs to ensure that 100% of every dollar donated goes toward procuring and deploying modern equipment to our heroes, and that all aid and equipment reaches 100% of its intended recipients through a rigorous monitoring mechanism.

## **Support Our Initiatives**

We ask donors as well as other charitable organizations to join us in our initiatives.

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