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ARMENIAN MEDICAL FUND, USA DONATES \$100,000, PARTNERS WITH ARMENIAN WOUNDED HEROES FUND TO DEPLOY FIRST-AID KITS TO ARTSAKH

CONCURRENTLY, AWHF DELIVERS HATUKAYIN SPECIAL SITUATION KITS FOR PILOT PROJECT IN ARMENIA

The Armenian Medical Fund USA (“AMF”) is the latest organization to join Armenian Wounded Heroes Fund’s (“AWHF”) initiative to deploy the most modern casualty care systems throughout Artsakh (Nagorno-Karabagh). Through its \$100,000 donation, AMF adds to AWHF’s existing \$100,000 commitments and significantly advances plans to complete the initial \$300,000 first-aid program planned for 2016.

“By deploying best-in-class, US-made first-aid kits we are sending the strongest possible message that we stand with our heroes, and are committed to saving them and bringing them home,” said Vahe Balouzian, chairman of the AMF. “We have chosen this as our top priority project for 2016, and decided to adopt a full region and stand with our heroes alongside AWHF,” he added.

New Model for Cooperation

AMF’s commitment will fund 100% of the casualty-care equipment needed for one of two Artsakh regions targeted for initial deployment (termed “Region 2” for security considerations), leveraging AWHF’s and the Armenian government’s recently developed common standards for casualty care systems. Funding for the first region was previously secured by the generous contributions from multiple individual donors to AWHF. AWHF will continue to facilitate procurement of all common kits, as well their shipment, deployment, training and ongoing maintenance and support for both regions.

“These kits are the most proven and effective solutions to save our heroes in case they are impacted by penetrating trauma,” said Dr. George Dermksian, retired cardiologist in New York and member of the AMF Board of Directors. “We applaud AWHF for laying the groundwork and establishing world-class common standards for everyone to utilize,” he added.

Life-Saving Military Grade First-Aid Kits

Throughout May 2016, AWHF worked with Armenian government officials to finalize four types of kits.



These kits have been approved by government ministries as the standard casualty care systems in Armenia and Artsakh going forward. The first two orders for Region 1 and 2, valued at \$200,000, will arrive in Armenia in October to coincide with the medic training program to start in September 2016. AWHF has the ambitious goal to deploy these kits to 100% of our heroes in all 9 regions of Artsakh by 2018.

“We thank the AMF for their endorsement and support, and are honored to partner with such a distinguished organization. Our combined effort will result in the delivery of over 3,000 vital, life-saving first-aid kits to the front lines. We look forward to partnering with other organizations to provide these life-saving equipment and technologies to Artsakh,” said AWHF co-founder Chris Petrossian.

AWHF Concurrently Delivers Kits for HATUKAYIN Pilot Program

In addition to ordering systems for Regions 1 and 2, on June 21 AWHF delivered an initial set of HATUKAYIN kits as part of a pilot program for special situations. HATUKAYIN is designed for highly trained heroes who operate remotely and autonomously, without access to medics, and therefore require a kit that has a full set of capabilities. These initial kits will be “field tested” over the next few weeks prior to ordering the initial set of over 600 planned for 2016. This program, which also costs \$100,000, will constitute the 3rd phase of kits deployment in 2016.



“We are single-mindedly focused on delivering results and standing with our heroes,” said Razmig Arzoumanian, co-founder of AWHF. “Most importantly, we need to all work with the same advanced training and equipment standards in order to be effective.”

“This program is part of our basic duty in appreciation of the tremendous sacrifices our heroes make every day,” he added.

About AMF

The Armenian Medical Fund USA is a non-profit 501 (c) 3, non-sectarian philanthropic organization established in New York State in 1953 and supports health care initiatives in Armenian communities throughout the United States, Armenia and the Middle-East. Among its many projects, AMF has complemented the Armenian government’s efforts to eradicate TB by providing aid to the TB centers in Armenia and Nagorno Karabagh (Artsakh). Currently, there is one major TB hospital in each of the Marzes (Regions) in Armenia and a total of 70 ambulatory cabinets in the surrounding villages. The AMF renovated the Children Sanatorium in Dilijan; jointly with Armenian Fund, USA and the Minister of Health of Nagorno Karabagh built the hospital in Mardoony region; renovated the Shooshi Hospital; fully renovated the TB hospital in Vanadzor; AMF, USA continues supporting the Armenian national Sanatorium in Lebanon.

About AWHF

Armenian Wounded Heroes Fund is a 501(c)(3) (status pending) dedicated to serving our heroes, standing with them through challenging times, saving lives, and supporting the rehabilitation of our wounded heroes, while also supporting the families of those who have fallen in sacrifice to our homeland.

AWHF is comprised of business leaders who have experience with Western technologies and life-saving equipment, with program management in Armenia and worldwide, as well as audit and financial controls. Its founders will continue to cover all administrative costs so that 100% of every dollar donated goes to procure and deploy modern equipment to our heroes. They will ensure that only the best solutions are deployed, and that this equipment reaches 100% of its intended recipients through a rigorous monitoring mechanism already agreed to with officials in Armenia.

Support Our Initiatives

We ask donors as well as charitable organizations to join us in this important initiative, and accelerate the rollout of crucially needed equipment throughout Artsakh as soon as possible.

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