



**ORRAN**



BENEVOLENT NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION  
"HELPING FAMILIES IN NEED"

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Orran meaning “haven” in Armenian was established in downtown Yerevan in April 2000. Since its establishment, Orran has grown from welcoming 16 children in the capital to more than 50 elderly and 150 children in its centers in the cities of Yerevan and Vanadzor. To date, more than 5000 people have benefited from Orran’s comprehensive services, made possible by the generous financial support of our benefactors.

#### **Orran’s mission is to:**

- Divert children from the streets and engage them in academic, cultural, and extra-curricular activities
- Fight the concept of beggar children as the principal breadwinners of their families
- Help families in “crisis”
- Assist the lonely and needy elderly
- Identify and develop children’s interests and talents towards a working career
- Prevent the spread of destitution and begging among Armenia’s children and elderly

To accomplish this mission, our centers provide the children and elderly with the following services:

#### **Food**

Prior to the arrival of the children, the elderly receive a nutritious lunch at the Yerevan center and socialize with one another and the staff. The children walk or take a bus after school to the centers where they have a homemade meal consisting of soup or salad, a hot nutritious main course and dessert. The doctor ensures that the meals are well balanced and nutritious.

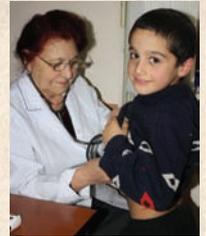
#### **Academic Assistance**

After their meal, the children start on their homework with the assistance of professional teachers and a team of volunteers. Each child receives the individual attention that he/she requires to be well prepared for the next day at school. We offer tailored tutoring for children with special needs as well as additional educational programs in Information Technology, English and Armenian languages and Religious Studies. Orran also supports children with tuition fees if they dream of and are capable of continuing their education after graduating from high school or of learning a vocation or profession.



#### **Medical and Psychological Assistance**

All children undergo a full medical examination once a year. Our pediatrician monitors the children’s basic health care and treats any minor problems, referring the more serious cases to the appropriate specialist. Our psychologist provides individual and group therapy as needed. Family counselling is also offered to help resolve problems.



#### **Social Services**

Our social workers screen all potential Orran children before accepting them to the centers. Our aim for all Orran children is to identify problems they face both at home and at school and to find community resources to address them. The social workers are also responsible for the distribution of clothing, shoes, school uniforms and supplies that are donated to or purchased by Orran. This ensures that the neediest are the first recipients. The need for shoes is of highest priority.

#### **Vocational Training**

Orran strives to identify and develop children’s interests and talents toward a working career. Courses in macramé, woodcarving and pottery help children to learn skills and become honest breadwinners of their families when they grow up. In addition to developing the children’s artistic skills, these courses serve as an important source of building their self-confidence.



#### **Cultural Enrichment**

Orran believes that spiritual and cultural enrichment are also important aspects for a child’s harmonious development. Through a program of visits to churches, museums, historical sites, monuments, theatres, concerts and amusement parks, we encourage the children to grow to be proud and responsible citizens of our homeland. Our children are also active in many sports.

#### **The “Road Map” for Every Child**

Once a child has grown with Orran’s assistance and support, a road map is developed which charts out an exit strategy. When the day arrives and the child is ready to leave Orran, the map will embrace further education or a working career.

