

Orran Yerevan

Semi annual Report, July-December, 2019

This report includes the activities taking place at Orran Yerevan Center for the months of July to December 2019.

Please, find below the information on the following topics:

- General remarks
- Academic assistance to children
- Cultural events and activities
- Social services
- Medical and psychological assistance

1. 1. GENERAL REMARKS

During the reporting period the total number of daily beneficiaries at Orran Yerevan has changed. The table below shows the details:

	July	August	September	October	November	December
Number of children	116	116	106	104	108	106
Number of elderly	58	58	54	56	56	59
Total number	174	174	160	160	164	165

The following changes in the daily meal program took place: twenty-seven (27) new children were accepted and assigned accordingly to junior, middle and senior groups. Some were included in the meal program only. During this time, thirty-six (36) children left the program.

During December ninety one (91) children were engaged in Orran's program. Eight (8) of them were included in the daily meal program, five (5) in the individual one.

Currently we have fifty-nine (59) elderly: seven (7) elderly beneficiaries were accepted and four (4) left the program.

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1. 2. Academic Assistance to Children

1.1. 2.1. Classes and Handicraft Workshops

2.1.1 Classes

The Academic Department held weekly meetings to discuss individual cases and addressed organizational issues and problems.

Orran's children are divided into 3 groups according to their age group. Each group is led by a teacher who is responsible for overseeing the daily preparation of children's homework and their involvement in educational and cultural events. Volunteers assist the teachers.

The table below shows the detailed information of the groups.

Number of Children	Junior	Middle	Senior
Total Number	25	34	32
Teachers	Astghik Hovhannisyan	Arevik Antonyan	Anna Soghomonyan

Orran has been on summer vacation from August 10 to 25.

During this semester the academic department initiated meetings with the parents of Orran beneficiaries.

With the start of academic year a seminar-meeting was held with the fathers of the beneficiaries within the framework of the "Responsible Fathers School" program at Orran. The goal of the project is to increase fathers' involvement in educational activities with children. During the meeting we discussed issues related to cyber security, protection of personal information on social networks, as well as the psychological aspect of the issues. Fathers of our children actively participated in the discussion and raised their questions. In our society mostly mothers are concerned with the educational issues of children. The program is unprecedented, as it tries to increase the participation of fathers as well.

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2.1.2 Handicraft Classes

During this semester Orran children took active part in the handicraft classes.

The table below presents the total number of children attending various workshops.

	July	August	September	October	November	December
Sewing	-	-	17	33	36	31
Woodwork	32	30	33	28	30	26
Pottery	-	-	24	48	51	49
Painting	40	40	46	55	55	56

In September, the teacher of the pottery workshop was on vacation, the teacher of the sewing workshop moved to another job, so volunteers worked in the groups for that month.

The table below presents the total number of children attending the Russian Language group.

	July	August	September	October	November	December
Russian	28	20	33	50	55	37

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2.2 Volunteers

Volunteers helped children with homework, as well as oversaw individual and group sessions.

The table below presents the number of volunteers assisting this semester.

	July	August	September	October	November	December
Number of volunteers	28	25	34	30	35	39
Total Hours	840					

Sarine Kabarajian and Daniel Sinanian were volunteering at Orran as a part of the Orran Summer Program. Together with them, our children developed their English skills and enjoyed playing fun games.



Orran volunteer Ben Tavityan taught the children to play guitar.



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Our compatriots living in the USA spent their summer vacation at Orran as volunteers.



Ararat and Anoush had volunteered at Orran a few years ago. This year they came to visit us again and organized a fun sports day for the Orran children. This was a great way to highlight the importance of sports in children's lives. Our children participated in various group competitions, showed their flexibility and skills and were awarded medals. At the end of day, friendship and the sporting spirit won.



December 5 is celebrated as International Volunteer Day. Orran academic department made a video for the occasion and thus congratulated the beloved volunteers of Orran. The whole staff is grateful for what our children have achieved thanks to them.

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Our compatriot Tatev Tadevosyan who lives in Russia came to Armenia to spend her summer vacation. Orran's children spent a wonderful day with Tatev and enjoyed delicious donuts, which she brought for them. We thank Tatev for visiting Orran.



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Volunteer Nazeni Khachatryan taught Orran children how to make puppets. Here are the results of our children's favorite puppetry training.

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3. Cultural Events and Activities

3.1. Events

It's a great joy for us when our compatriots from the Diaspora find time to visit Orran during their short stay in Armenia. July 5 was one of those days, when our volunteers, friends and relatives from different parts of the world visited Orran. Orran children welcomed them joyfully, sang with Orran's volunteer Benjamin, and spent a happy day together. It was also impressive that Orran's sewing group organized a fashion show of clothing tailored by them.



On July 8 Orran donor and friend Karo Martirosyan and his family members visited Orran, met the children and had a happy time. We thank the Martirosyan family for their care and warmth.

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On July 18 Michael Balyan and Narine from the USA visited Orran. Prior to this Michael had bought toys and stationery with his mom Ms. Narine Arslanyan Balyan. The children received the toys on that day. We are grateful to the Balyan family for the gifts and the fun day they organized for our children.



On July 19 Orran took part in Ararat Challenge organized by the Aurora Humanitarian Foundation.
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In August in order to make the summer vacation effective Orran senior and middle group children participated in the SCRATCH training organized by the EPAM Armenia team. The children spent a day

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at the EPAM office and together with their staff created animated games.

It was also a great pleasure for them to receive EPAM branded T-shirts and enjoy delicious treats.



In August Orran's children participated in "Fashion and Art Exhibition-Charity Sale" event, organized by Taniel Bisharyan, who had arrived in Yerevan from Milan. The proceeds of the charity sales were donated to Orran.

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On August 18 Orran welcomed our compatriots from Glendale, USA. Sportsmen of the Homenetmen “Ararat” chapter came to Armenia to participate in the Pan-Armenian Sports Games. Despite the limited time, they had not forgotten about Orran's children and had prepared a surprise for them. They donated sneakers, T-shirts, balls to the children. The excitement and joy of both the guests and the children were immense. We thank our compatriots for visiting Orran and for their kindness and look forward to their next visit with the hope of playing sports together.



During the summer vacation the children had a chance to take part in a Scratch programming course organized by EPAM Armenia. After that, they had a mutual visit to Orran. On the initiative of EPAM Armenia staff, our children received gifts - new stationery on the eve of the new academic year and enjoyed a delicious ice cream at the end of the day. We thank EPAM Armenia staff for their care and generosity.

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The new academic year started with enthusiasm and joy. We wish a successful school year to everyone.



On September the 735 anniversary of the Gladzor University was celebrated in Vayots Dzor on the initiative of the “Service for the Protection of Historical Environment and Cultural Museum-Reservations” SNCO. Orran also participated in the event. In the pavilions next to the Yeghegnadzor Cultural House, we presented the handmade products of the children.

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On September 7, the children spent time with their parents in Ashtarak. The event was initiated by Hrachya Chraghyan from Moscow. He did not spare any effort to make that day memorable for the children. The day was also symbolic with the mutual acquaintance of Orran’s children and “Zatik” Orphanage. At the end of the day the children received gifts from Hrachya and Anahit.

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In September upon the invitation of maestro Constantine Orbelian and Aram Khachaturian's house-museum management, Orran children were hosted at the house-museum of the great Armenian composer.

It was very impressive for the children to feel the life of the great Armenian, to hear his voice through the latest technologies, and to enjoy a small ballet performance.

The purpose of the visit was also to get to know the ballet performers, to communicate with them and to listen to their stories. It was moving that one of the dancers gifted to Orran his first dance shoe after the performance. The visit was followed by a surprise present from Maestro, a tour of the National Academic Theater of Opera and Ballet, where the children watched Aram Khachaturian's "Masquerade" ballet. This was yet another opportunity for the children to learn and appreciate art.

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From September 29 to October 3, 2019, the Orran academic team participated in the counterpart meeting organized by IZ- Vielfalt, Dialog, Bildung in Vienna, Austria and presented the activities and outcomes of "Responsible Fathers' School" project implemented during the period of March to August, 2019 within the frames of "Pedagogues for Equal Society" grant project. Partner organizations and area experts shared their experiences and discussed the possibilities of further cooperation and joint activities.

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On October 20, a beautiful event was organized where the Orran children and the UWC Dilijan International School children met with the laureates of the Aurora Humanitarian Prize.

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On October 20 the choir of Sayat-Nova Music School was Orran's guest.

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In October our compatriots Anna and Vache, who live across the oceans, visited us with their little daughter. Together with Anna's mother, Mrs. Lilia, they set out to spend a beautiful day full of sweets for our children. Their visit unexpectedly coincided with the birthday of one of our children, Emmanuel, who celebrated his birthday with a delicious cake .



In October our donor Kirit Velani visited Orran together with his father. They had a tour of Orran and learned of our work.



In October we hosted Francis and Rita Guvlekjian and their children from Australia . Their acquaintance with the Orran's children was very warm, accompanied by Armenian song and music. They had also brought gifts for our children - sweets, stationery and toys.

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On October 5 the MTS Corporate Volunteer Mobile Theater once again visited Orran and performed the "Simple Rules" puppet show. It was a great pleasure for our children to watch it. In addition to the performance, the theater staff also painted the faces of the children.



On October 8 Baldi donated shoes to the children of Orran charity NGO Yerevan and Vanadzor centers.
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On October 15 we hosted famous Armenian painter Tigran Tsitoghdzian, along with AGBU Armenia representative Hasmik Hayrapetyan.
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During the fall school holidays a lot of cultural visits were organized by Orran. Within that framework senior group children visited the National Gallery of Armenia. The children got acquainted with the art and biography of prominent Armenian painters Gevorg Bashinjaghyan, Hovhannes Ayvazovsky, Martiros Saryan. The tour ended in the European Artists' Hall.



On November 11 in the framework of the cultural visits organized during the fall holidays, the children of the middle group visited Lusine Zakaryan house-museum. Museum director Susanna Davtyan was pleased to welcome our children and introduce them to the life and work of the great singer. It was very exciting for our children to see the home of the great singer and observe her personal belongings. Our children also enjoyed singing with Mrs. Susanna.



During the autumn vacations, Orran children not just made cultural visits but also enjoyed a fun walk in the autumn park and played team games.

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Our young compatriots, who visit the homeland for a short time, do not forget about Orran. Recently our guest was Tatevik Khatchikian, who lives in France. She met with the Orran junior group children and gifted them toothpastes.



The sister of Orran's beloved Seryozha, made a nice surprise for our children, organizing a fun time full of games and other activities.



On November 9 a cultural day was organized for our little ones. Orran's friend Niery Grace Bardakjian invited the children to the Yerevan State Chamber Musical Theater to watch

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“Cinderella” musical performance. Our children were just delighted to see the well-known characters in a new interpretation.



On November 18, our friend Sunny Kids Club, kindly invited the children to have a fun time. Our children are looking forward to this great day, when they are greeted with delicious treats, kids karaoke, fun games and dances.



On November 28 Thanksgiving was celebrated at Orran in a warm atmosphere. The children presented the story of the feast, and sang symbolic songs. Thank-you letters were also read.

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As every year, on November 29 the little children of Orran were invited to Armenia Marriott Hotel Yerevan to participate in a beautiful feast of Gingerbread. They decorated cookies with

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colorful sweets, hung them on the Christmas tree and made a wish. It is one of the most awaited days for our children. They also enjoyed the delicious treat and the clown's entertainment.



On November 30, Raya Vardanyan decided to celebrate her birthday with Orran children. The children enjoyed delicious treats and had a wonderful time.



Eleven-year-old Lily Pedanyan, who was born and lives in Canada, had sent letters to all her friends and relatives asking them to donate instead of gifts. In sum, she collected 950 Canadian dollars which she used to buy gifts for the children of Orran

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On December 10, the children attended the Li Voice Vocal Studio concert. They had a great time enjoying the performance of their young talented peers.



In December, just before the New Year the children were pleasantly surprised. SAS Group Company, on the initiative of Artak Sargsyan, presented numerous Christmas gifts to the children. Warm clothes, Christmas toys and beautiful Christmas trees tripled children's pre-holiday joy. The staff of SAS Group carried out the mission with great love and care, and the children's eyes, shining with happiness, said it all.



On December 20, Orran junior group children enjoyed a Christmas performance at the "Boheme" theater.



On the same day the children and the staff of the Kana Psychological center visited Orran. The children of the junior and senior groups enjoyed fun games and delicious treats .

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Orran junior group children enjoyed a real fabulous day organized by the ACBA-CREDIT AGRICOLE BANK Legal Department staff, who made the wishes of the children in letters to Santa Claus come true.



On the New Year's Eve Orran's youngest children prepared cards with Sibil Pektorosoglu and staff members of the Museum of Literature and Art adter Eghishe Charents.



On December 21, the children of Orran were once again hosted at Aram Khachaturyan Museum. They prepared masks, sang, danced, participated in a quiz with great excitement. The surprise visit of Santa Claus and sweet gifts turned the day into a real fest. The museum staff is always ready to fill our children's day with joy, as well as new knowledge about the life and work of a great composer. Once again, we are grateful for organizing a truly informative day and a fun time for our children.

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On December 23, the Kentron Administrative District staff was again at Orran together with the “Vaspurik” Puppet Theater. Our children enjoyed the performance with great pleasure, received Christmas gifts and sweets from the district administration.

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On December 24, the children of Orran middle group had another fun day thanks to Ameriabank CJSC staff. Our guests prepared Christmas presents for the children with great care and attention - books, stationery and sweets. Our children, in turn, greeted them with merry Christmas songs. And the interesting Q&A provided a better understanding of our guests' work. Thank you representatives of America bank for your visit and for having a great time together.



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On December 28 New Year's celebration was full of cheerful songs, poems and festive wishes. And at the end of the ceremony, the children received Christmas presents and of course enjoyed delicious cake and hospitality.

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4. Social services

During the reporting period social worker Marina Ghazaryan revisited the cases of the beneficiaries, including both elderly and children. She conducted social work with **145** families and visited the homes of **21** potential beneficiaries in order to assess their living conditions before including them in the program.

The table below presents the quantitative indicators of social work being carried out during the reporting period.

	July	August	September	October	November	December
Number of Children	116	116	106	104	108	106
Number of Elderly	58	58	54	56	56	59
Work with families	23	9	27	26	28	32
Visits to families and other relevant institutions	1	2	9	8	7	9
Cooperation with other institutions-governmental and non-governmental	4	4	18	5	15	22
Work with out-center beneficiaries	11	5	8	9	12	10

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5. Medical and Psychological Services

5.1 Medical

Activities performed by Orran medical nurse, Satine Manukyan:

- Conducted preventive medical checkups
- Carried out personal explanatory work privately with the children regarding hygiene
- Supervised children regarding hair hygiene requirements
- Monitored TB tests
- Monitored the sanitary conditions in the kitchen
- Compiled the food menu
- Checking children's sanitary and hygienic conditions
- Preparation of individual medical packages for new beneficiaries.

During this semester, Orran's nurse conducted a cleanup check once a week, accompanied the newly admitted beneficiaries to a tuberculosis center, and visited a newly admitted beneficiary's home with a social worker upon request.

5.2 Psychological Services

Orran psychologist Narine Avagyan, conducted individual and group work with the children of middle and senior groups, made preliminary psychological assessments of the new beneficiaries included in the program as well as updated the portfolios of the children. .

She also conducted a monitoring evaluation of children with mental disabilities and their parents together with the teachers.

As a result, individual programs were developed for those who have behavioral problems and demonstrate uncontrollable behavior in group activities.

Narine Avagyan held group and individual meetings with the children and their families. She has visited homes and schools of newly accepted beneficiaries. During this semester, the psychologist conducted a primary assessment for **20** newly admitted beneficiaries.