

## ORRAN VANADZOR CONSTRUCTION STARTS

### PLEASE HELP US - WE STILL NEED \$425,000 TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT

On 2nd June 2011, in the company of many guests and friends of Orran, Archbishop Sebouh Chuljyan, the Primate of the Diocese of Gougark of the Holy Armenian Apostolic Church, blessed the soil upon which will stand the beautifully designed two story Orran center of Vanadzor. His blessing was followed by a symbolic digging of the earth by Orran founder Armine K. Hovannisian and director of Kanaka construction company Haik Hovivyan.

The Mayor of Vanadzor, Mr. Samvel Darpinyan, thanked the organizers for their contribution to the city and offered his support for the project.

The center is scheduled to be completed by December 2012 and is being realized with the generous donation of Krikor and Anna Krikorian of the UK, a substantial gift from the Foreign Ministry of Italy through the CISP organization and the contributions of the many friends of Orran all over the world. However we still have to raise a substantial amount to complete this project

In May, Orran announced the tender for the building construction. Four well-known companies participated. Mr. Ara Krikorian, an internationally experienced civil/construction engineer and project manager flew in from the UK to develop the bid/tender documents for a fixed price project and to chair the selection process. Guided by the European Union Standards in

construction, a selection committee of four including CISP chose the Kanaka construction company of Vanadzor for the implementation of the project.

The cost of the construction of the center is currently estimated at \$1.1 million US dollars. Krikor and Anna Krikorian from the UK kindly launched the Vanadzor project at the August 2008 Orran Gala with a \$250,000 donation. The Gala raised a further \$125,000. However we still have not found a matching donor for \$250,000 to name the building "Orran Krikorian Matching Donor Center". With CISP's generous funding of \$300,000 and the more recent \$80,000 in pledged donations for the sponsorship of rooms, we still need \$425,000 to complete the project. This figure is \$75,000 lower than that solicited in our December 2010 newsletter, thanks to the generosity of numerous people who have already sponsored rooms.

We know the global recession has had a drastic impact on our donations and like most charities we have had a drop of over 50% in donations, but we hope everyone will dig deep into their pockets to support this very special project for helping the needy in Vanadzor. Please sponsor a room in your name or in memory of someone you love or make a donation, no matter how small. All donations are most appreciated and are tax deductible in the US.



Symbolic digging of the earth



Construction underway

If you'd like to receive our news electronically and help Orran save costs while contributing to a greener environment, please email us at [orran@orran.am](mailto:orran@orran.am)

### We would like to thank our Principal Benefactors for the period of July 2010 to July 2011

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## OPPORTUNITY FOR NAMING THE VANADZOR CENTER

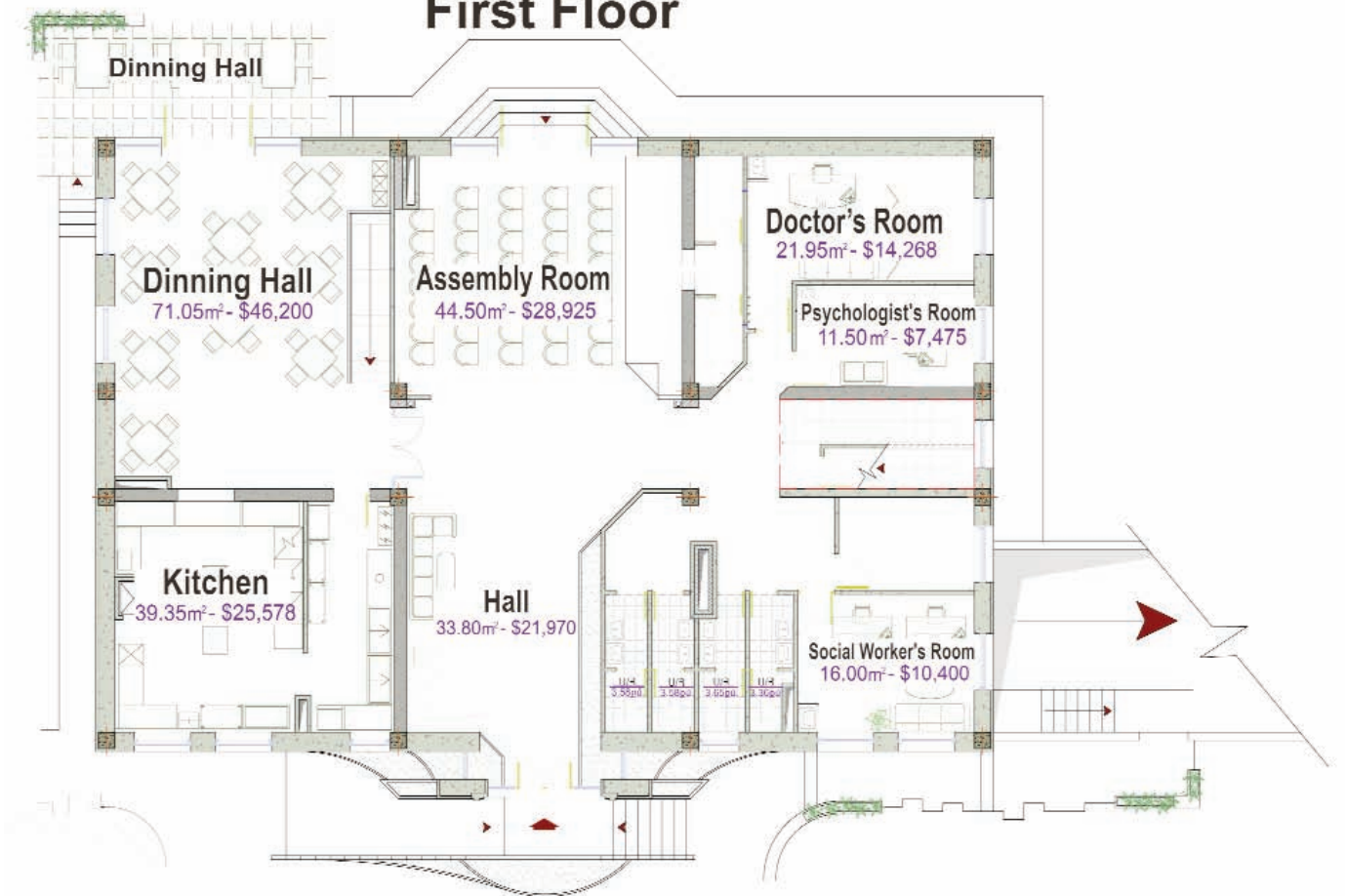
The construction of the Orran center in the city of Vanadzor by Kanaka Construction Company has started. It is due to be completed in December of 2012. We need your

help to finance the complete cost of the construction. Mr. and Mrs. Krikor and Anna Krikorian donated \$250,000 to start the project. CISP secured \$300,000 from the Ministry

of Foreign Affairs of Italy. Mr. Agop Barseghian, Mr. and Mrs. Harry and Alvert Barseghian, Ms. Carolyn Mugar, Ms. Susan Yacoubian Klein have already selected their rooms. Please join these generous people and consider the wonderful opportunity of matching Mr. and Mrs. Krikorian's donation of \$250,000 and having the center named after you and the Krikorians, or sponsoring a room which will bear your name, or someone you love. Please find a draft of the center's plan below with the cost of each room. You can contact Armine K. Hovannisian at [jaaoff123@yahoo.com](mailto:jaaoff123@yahoo.com) for more information.



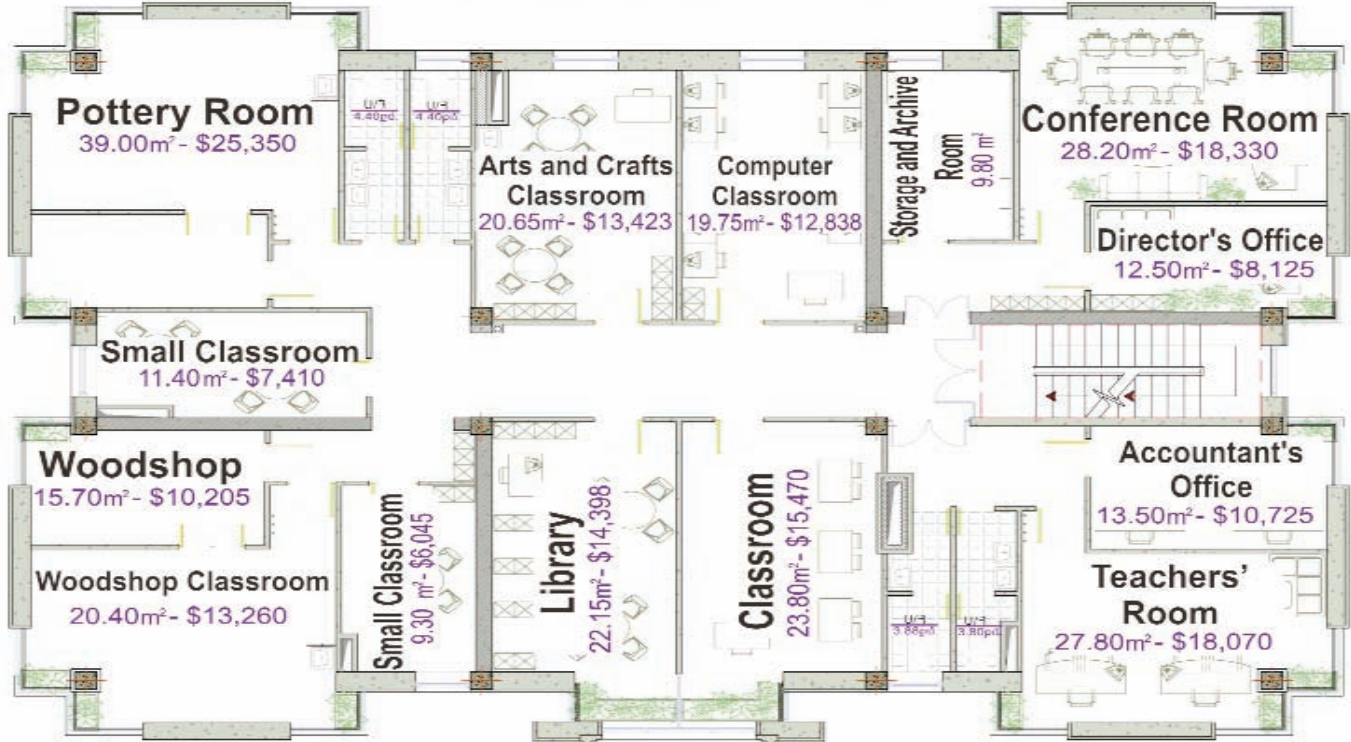
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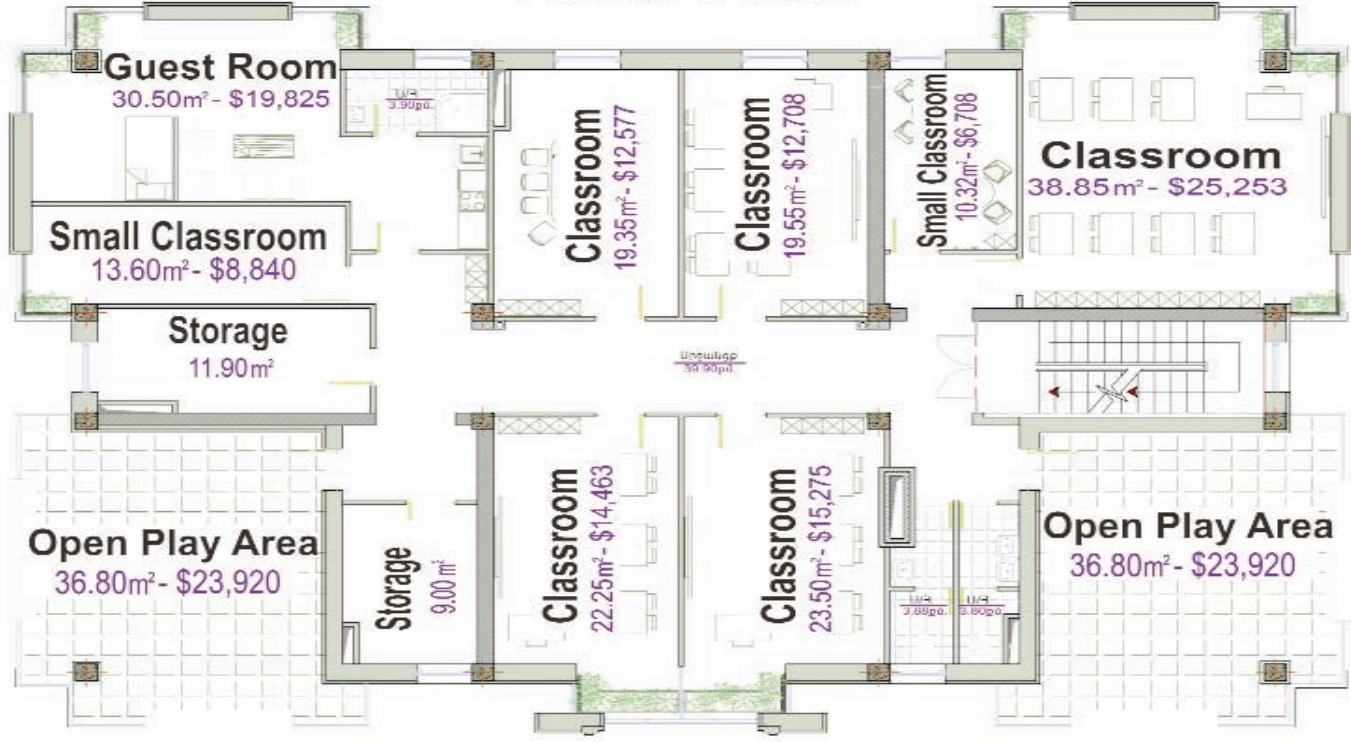


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## Second Floor



## Third Floor



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## GAINING A PROFESSION

Thirty Orran graduates are currently participating in a vocation apprenticeship program. Sponsored by the Opening Society Institute, the students are learning skills that will help them gain employment. The students have been paired with masters in their chosen field of study, including hairdressing. After conducting a brief survey in their communities and selecting a trade, the thirty youngsters were coupled with a master



Tamara has chosen floral design



Sargis, Samvel and Anahit are our future chefs



Anya already has clients

tradesman for several months of training. The professions include hairdressing, manicure treatments, , auto mechanics, information technology and cooking. Through the grant, Orran secured the tools and equipment the trainees need to master and practice their trade. For example, a blow dryer, scissors, combs and brushes were purchased for the hair dresser; knives, spatulas, kitchen utensils were purchased for the cook.



Tigran is learning hairdressing



Sargis will be an auto mechanic



Hripsime loves her work

Those trainees who show outstanding enthusiasm and competence to work in their new professions will be provided mini grants as start up costs to launching their own business.



Rouzanna is learning to be a cosmetologist



Stella will be a makeup artist



Andranik already has a job offer as a driver

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## EVENTS



Armine K. Hovannisian, Gohar Igityan, Mr. and Mrs. Ashot and Melanya Ghazaryan, Marat Hayrapetyan



Areximbank-Gazprombank Group representatives with gifts



Children's Day celebration

On June 1 Ornan hosted an Open House to celebrate the International Children's Rights Defense Day. We had a huge number of guests, including singers, actors, dance groups and representatives of the Areximbank-Gazprombank Group who sponsored the cost of a meal for 100 children for one month. The dance ensemble "Tsirani" also came to celebrate the festivities at Ornan. The Ornan children had a wonderful time singing, dancing and chatting with the guests.

In April, 96 Ornan children visited Dolphinarium and watched dolphins Khatchik, Vatchik, Masha and Dasha perform a splendid show for them. We thank the management of the Dolphinarium for the complimentary tickets.

Sona Malkhasyan, the receptionist at Ornan, organized a concert of patriotic songs in celebration of Independence Day on May 28. The lyrics of the songs were distributed to the audience and everyone sang along.

On May 12, Ornan hosted over 40 students and 3 teachers from the Anania Shirakatsi Lycee. This is the third visit of the Lycee. As always,



Ornan children with students of Anania Shirakatsi Lycee

the guests came with gifts and in reciprocity enjoyed the beautiful songs and dances of the Ornan children.

On April 21, 40 children celebrated Easter at the Armenia Marriott Hotel. The favorite part of the day was the Easter chocolate egg hunt in the backyard of the hotel. The children



Colourin Easter pictures

performed songs and enjoyed the delicious treats among the Marriott guests and staff. They thanked Mr. Ami Miron, General Manager of the Hotel and Zoltan Konsanszky, Director of Sales and Marketing for their generous hospitality.

The Rose and Alex Pilibos Armenian School in LA led by Charles Lousararian and a few teachers were on their annual visit to Ornan. The unplanned visit proved to be very heartwarming as the 11th graders of the school and the Ornan children



Rose and Alex Pilibos Armenian School at Ornan

formed a circle dance. At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. Lusaryan handed a generous contribution which the Pilibos students had collected.

On June 28th, 50 students of the Manukian-Demirchian Armenian school visited Ornan as they do every year. They took a tour of Ornan and played with the children.

Once again Ornan children were hosted at the Our Lady of Armenia Summer Camp in Dzaghkadzor by Sister Arousiag Sajonian. The camp is always an unforgettable time for the children, especially under the watchful and loving eye of Sister Arousiag.



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**ORRAN NEW MEMBERS**

We've had several new staff additions at Orran:



**Nadejda Arakelova**

**Doctor:** Dr. Nadejda Arakelova was the head pediatrician of Azatavan Medical Clinic for nearly 10 years. Before that, she was a pediatrician at the Yerevan Medical Center 8 and Chief of Staff at Azatavan Medical Clinic for over three decades. Dr. Arakelova will be at Orran on a full-time basis attending to the daily medical emergencies of the elderly and the children.

**Academic Program Coordinator:** Armine Sukiasyan is happy to have joined the Orran team in April 2011 as the head of the academic program. Prior to Orran, Ms. Sukiasyan led PH International's ZANG Armenia Legal Socialization Program where she worked with juveniles and children at risk. Throughout her career, she has been also involved in designing and conducting different educational projects and teaching English in a number of institutions and universities.



**Armine Sukiasyan**

**Fundraiser and Marketing Manager:** Anahit Gharaghazaryan joined Orran in April of 2011. She will be heading the newly created position of Fund Raising and Marketing Manager. Ms. Gharaghazaryan has a masters degree in Romance and Germanic Philology from the Yerevan State University. She comes with impressive experience as a commercial manager at Armavia Airlines. Ms. Gharaghazaryan is fluent in Russian, French and English. She is the mother of 2 year old Artashes.

**Anahit Gharaghazaryan**

**Board of Directors**

We bid farewell to Dean Cooper who was a member of the Board of Directors for three years. Dean's management skills as the Chief Technology and Services Officer at HSBC bank were of invaluable assistance to Orran. We wish Dean and his new bride Anna success in his new site of employment in Egypt.

We welcome Verena Von Zobeltitz as our newest member. Verena is a screenplay writer and has a rich experience in film production. Ms. Verena has been living in Armenia for the last several years and has been involved in number of charitable projects.