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Spring 2021 Newsletter

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Welcome to our e-newsletter designed to keep you informed of our current activities. Below we highlight the work we've carried out in the past few months to ensure the safety of women and children victims of domestic violence and advocate for change. Engage with us by following our <u>Facebook</u> page and <u>Website</u>. We would love to hear from you!

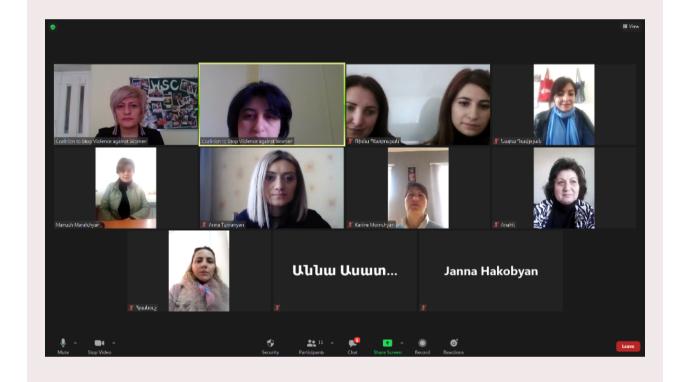
Relief Work

Faced with a wave of refugees, WSC on a dime transitioned into a relief organization, besides doing our regular work. We were stretched very thin but were grateful to the many volunteers who joined us. To date we assisted 4,080 persons with food, hygiene products, bedding, clothes, shoes and for some we paid utility bills and assisted several families who had specific needs and medical bills. Thanks to our successful crowdfunding campaign and additional funds we received from European Union and other international organizations, we continue the emergency assistance to refugees. Many families still call our office for aid and the needs remain significant.



Collaboration with the Government

Council of Europe selected us as local expert and together with international expert, at the request of the Ministry of Social Affairs we developed a 3-year National Action Plan where are listed the state obligations to combat and prevent domestic violence in Armenia. In addition, we continue our training to the Support Centers in the regions thanks to a European Union grant.



New Shelter

The renovation of the new shelter has been completed. Presently we plan to add solar panels which will enable us to have substantial savings in our heating and electrical bills. Weather permitting planting is envisaged for the outdoor area. Shelters are a safe heaven for many who escape abuse and have serious security issues. We are housing a woman stabbed 18 times by her husband barely escaping with her life. Others, are pursued and threatened. Eventually these women will be able to lead a life in safety and peace. Thanks to the in-kind donations of clothes and household items so that we help the survivors restart their lives.



If you would like to support our mission please make your tax deductible donation to Tufenkian Foundation 20 Capitol Dr., Moonachie, NJ 07074 and mention in the memo: WSC.

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