



# **A**merican **F**riends of **G**eorgia, *INC.*

## **Annual Report**

***(January 2020 – March 2021)***



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## Reporting on 2020 & 2021 by Executive Directors – US and Georgia Offices

### **American Friends of Georgia Updated Mission Statement**

American Friends of Georgia is dedicated to following the needs of Georgia's most vulnerable children, adults, and elderly, and improving lives through grassroots initiatives that provide long-term support and assistance.

### **AFG Program Areas**

- **Education & Social Services:** We aim to ensure access to an education and a chance at a better life for all Georgians.
- **Healthcare:** We seek to improve the treatment and living conditions for seriously ill Georgians and their families.
- **Economic Empowerment:** We believe that by providing skills and work experience to Georgians without opportunities, we are both fostering a stronger community and allowing Georgians to build a future for themselves.
- **Arts & Culture:** We celebrate and believe in preserving the rich cultural heritage of Georgia, and work to promote Georgian art and artists.

### **AFG's Major Projects**

Although AFG assists many projects in Georgia, the following are current, primary projects:

- Higher Education Scholarship Fund for former street children
- Mercy Center Hospice, Nursing School and Home Care Program in Tbilisi
- Dzegvi Community Shelter for former street children, abandoned single mothers, mentally and physically ill persons and homeless elderly
- Bediani Center for vulnerable children
- Leukemia Children/Hematology-Oncology Center/Parents House in Tbilisi
- Nikozi Education and Cultural Center for war-affected children (COATS & Annual International Animation Film Festival)
- Art Education and Rehabilitation Program for vulnerable children in AFG's projects
- Together for Real Changes, supporting children with disabilities in remote regions
- Promoting a Tradition of Philanthropy in Georgia
  - Youth Platform Social Program for introducing and promoting the tradition of volunteerism and philanthropy in youth

- Fostering Corporate Social Responsibility
- Promoting Preservation of Cultural and Architectural Heritage
  - Youth Platform Cultural Program for preservation education
  - Preservation of Landmark – Last remaining Royal Palace in Tbilisi
- Javakheti Relief Fund – Assistance for Georgian School in multiethnic region

## **AFG Highlights of Achievements: 2020-2021**

### **COVID-19 Relief Fund**

The COVID-19 Relief Fund was established in March 2020 (raising \$13,000), aiming to help with both immediate humanitarian needs resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic as well as a long-term response that supports income generating projects to help Georgians recover from the devastating economic fallout of the pandemic.

The Fund is responding to the crisis in Georgia by contributing to the purchase and distribution of critically needed supplies, including food, medicine, hygiene items, hand sanitizers, and protective gear for high-risk populations. AFG supported:

- Children at Children’s Central Hospital/Oncology and Cancer Department suffering from leukemia and cancer
- Dzegvi Shelter, which is caring for the elderly and disabled
- The ill and elderly poor in our Hospice Home Care Program
- The unprotected elderly above 70 years old who are under government-mandated lockdown in their homes
- Purchasing tests for children suffering from leukemia (Children’s Central Hospital/Oncology and Cancer Department)
- Providing food for parent’s house during the first lockdown
- Providing Nutritious Food since June 2020 for children suffering from leukemia

The long-term response of American Friends of Georgia to the economic fallout of the pandemic will emphasize local production and small enterprises in order to help those who lost their jobs during the coronavirus pandemic. The mission of setting up a fund is needed to establish and support local farms, greenhouses, factories. Production through such initiatives will help to create jobs for those left jobless by the pandemic. Building greenhouses at Dzegvi Shelter was the first effort of this program/fund.

### **Dzegvi Shelter Building Campaign**

AFG’s major achievement in 2020 was furnishing the reconstructed building at the Dzegvi Shelter (former orphanage). All the bedrooms were furnished with beds, bedside tables, chest of drawers and wardrobes. This is the only free center of its kind in the

country of Georgia where vulnerable individuals of all ages live together as one large family. The renovated building provides not only a safe place to call home, but facilitates inhabitants' rehabilitation and integration into society, changing their quality of life.

AFG was honored to be the sole beneficiary of the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Tbilisi Marathon on September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019, an international charity event sponsored by Heidelberg Cement, which benefited the Dzegvi Shelter Community. The Tbilisi Marathon 2019 raised 75,000 (\$26,000) for the Dzegvi Shelter reconstruction (exterior works). More than 2700 people participated from 57 countries and 500 among the runners were kids. As a result of pandemic outbreak, the works planned were delayed and after the lifting of the first lockdown in May 2020, AFG together with Heidelberg Cement started the works that were finished in early September.

In the autumn of 2020, AFG in close collaboration with TIKA (Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (which mostly funds large scale state projects) constructed and installed two greenhouses: one 250 sq/m – for greens for consumption of Dzegvi Shelter dwellers and 500 sq/m strawberry greenhouse for sale purposes. The sale of strawberries will enable Dzegvi Shelter and its dwellers to generate income and become more sustainable.

Established in 2010, the Shelter provides crucial assistance to those with nowhere else to go, including individuals with mental or physical special needs, and adults and children coping with homelessness and other challenges. Regardless of their needs, all residents are part of a loving community, with shared responsibilities and opportunities for personal growth and development. On average the Shelter serves 80 individuals per year ranging in age from 0-90. The Shelter is located a short drive from the old capital Mtskheta and a 20-minute drive from Tbilisi.

### **Youth Platform: Social and Preservation Programs**

AFG continues its partnership (since 2015) with the Guivey Zaldastanishvili American Academy in Tbilisi on the Youth Platform project, the mission of which is to raise awareness and promote a tradition of philanthropy and volunteering among young Georgians, and to increase engagement among Georgian youth in the preservation of Tbilisi's urban heritage, architecture and culture. In 2020, as a result of the pandemic outbreak, the Preservation class took place online and young volunteers were not able to continue their visits to elderly and hospice.

### **Javakheti Relief Fund: Assistance for a Georgian School in a Multiethnic Region**

Public School No. 3 is the only school where education is conducted in Georgian in the remote region of Javakheti, a region primarily populated by ethnically Armenian citizens of Georgia. In the 1820s, thousands of Armenian families and religious sects of Dukhabors from Russia were moved to the region. By the end of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, only 2% of the population were Georgians and Georgian language was banished from the schools. Public School No 3 is thus a Georgian cultural center in this important region.

In 2010, school leaders were finally able to draw the Georgian government's attention to the deplorable living conditions at the school, and renovations began in 2012. The school now has updated facilities, but is still in need of computers and financial

assistance, and AFG has sought out funding and in-kind donations. In 2020 AFG supported the school with transportation needs. AFG is planning to continue its campaign for support of the school with different alternative educational activities.

### **Hospice and Palliative Home Care Program**

In 2020, AFG continued to support the Mercy Center Hospice and Home Care Program, which is the only free Hospice Nursing School and Home Care Program in Georgia. Mother Mariam's project introduced palliative care to the country in 2004. Many seriously and terminally ill elderly living in poverty are being helped by this program. A way to help patients manage pain while in hospice is something new to Georgia. AFG funded the nurses' salaries, medical supplies, bandages, pain killers, ointments and transportation of nurses to visit their patients during the year. In addition, AFG provided masks and hygienic items and products.

During the pandemic period, the Hospice Home Care Program and our volunteers actively supported the neediest elderly by distributing hygiene items and disinfectants, medicines and food not only for those who were involved in our Home Care Program, but also other vulnerable elderly and single mothers.

### **Highlights of AFG Achievements: 1994-2020**

AFG has been following the changing needs in Georgia for over 25 years. From 1994–2020, AFG provided support to over 110 projects in Georgia, several of them for a number of years. In total, AFG has donated **\$3,409,517** in direct funding and **\$4,467,921** in in-kind donations of pharmaceuticals, medical supplies and equipment, vaccines, books, plants, warm clothes and demolition of the old Dzegvi Shelter building, through Georgian and international partners. At a minimum, 16,000 vulnerable Georgians were helped, and the following results were achieved:

- Helped Abbess Mariam in 2004 to start the first Hospice, Nursing School and Home Care Program in Georgia, introducing palliative care to the country, assisting approximately 1,100 seriously and terminally ill Georgians
- Provided education in hospice nursing to over 100 young women from poor families
- Finished reconstruction of a large building and playground at the Dzegvi Shelter Community with funds raised from annual Charity Galas in Tbilisi (2015–2019) and a US online campaign. This is the only free shelter in Georgia where 80 former street children, single mothers, mentally and physically disabled and homeless elderly live in a supportive community
- Naming one of the big streets of Tbilisi after Constantine Sidamon-Eristoff
- Constructed two greenhouses in 2020 in cooperation with the TIKA Foundation of Turkey at the Dzegvi Shelter, one greenhouse for growing strawberries for sale by the residents, the other for growing greens for the residents' consumption
- Furnished 20 bedrooms of the Dzegvi Shelter reconstructed building
- Furnished four medical rooms for ill elderly living in Dzegvi Shelter and Hospice

## Home Care Program

- Assisted around 70 kids suffering from leukemia with providing nutritious food daily while they have been under treatment
- Provided tests for COVID-19 for kids suffering from leukemia
- Helped to start the Community College of Decorative Gardening in 2006, the first landscaping school in Georgia, graduating since 2009 1,450 students ages 18–34 with employable skills
- Helped to raise 120 former street children from 1995 up to the present in Dzegvi Orphanage and Bediani Village
- 34 of the 120 former street children raised in Dzegvi Orphanage and Bediani Village attended university from 2006 to the present with financial assistance under AFG's Higher Education Scholarship Fund
- Purchased 12 houses in Bediani in 1999 where orphans and former street children have been educated in a healthy environment
- Built in 2010 an Art Education and Rehabilitation Center in cooperation with the Embassy of Japan for over 115 war traumatized children a year who live in and around Nikozi, bordering on South Ossetia where the Russians bombed in the 2008 Russo-Georgian War. Since 2010, 1,050 children have benefited.
- Set up the War Relief Fund in 2008, which assisted over 1,700 Internally Displaced Persons from South Ossetia by establishing a kindergarten, making warm bedspreads, donating gas cookers, etc.
- Contributed to improvements in treatment of children with leukemia, lymphoma and tuberculosis
- Built in 2010 in Tbilisi the first and only Parents House in Georgia modeled on the Ronald McDonald House Program, providing a place to stay for children undergoing lengthy treatment for leukemia and lymphoma, the only hospital treating these ill children in Georgia
- Ran a program in 2009 and 2010 giving vocational training to approximately 300 internally displaced persons (IDPs) living in new settlements built by the Georgian Government, with funding from the US Embassy in Georgia
- Finished reinforcement of Queen Daredjan's Palace Complex and conducted conservation of frescoes in the complex's church with a grant from the Ford Foundation, orchestrated by Peg Breen, President of the NY Landmarks Conservancy
- Vaccinated 5,733 young women against cervical cancer in the Urban Pilot Project in Tbilisi in 2010 and 2012, with Axios Healthcare Development and Merck and Co. Inc. donating the vaccines
- Established a Tbilisi Day Care Center in 2009, providing a preschool education to approximately since then to 140 children ages 3-5 with histories of abuse, neglect and extreme poverty
- Introduced the first corporate annual charity gala to Georgia in 2007, now a

common fundraiser for many other organizations, promoting a tradition of philanthropy in Georgia and encouraging corporate social responsibility. AFG raised more funds in one night than any other non-profit in Georgia

- Purchased a building for NGO Biliki in 2004 in Gori for education of street children, poor and internally displaced children, enabling Biliki to access grants from Save the Children and USAID to renovate the building
- Shipped in 2009 the personal research library of the late Dr. Wachtang Djjobadze to the National Center of Manuscripts in Tbilisi. The library is important because Dr. Djjobadze was the only archeologist to record the Georgian churches and monasteries in the Tao and Klarjeti historical Georgian lands, which are now part of Turkey
- Gave support to NGO Together for Real Changes, which brings services to people with disabilities living in the high mountain regions of Georgia
- Launched a Youth Urban Program in 2015, teaching Georgian students in the Zaldastanishvili American Academy in Tbilisi about a culture of philanthropy, volunteerism and the importance of cultural preservation

## **Fundraising Events in 2020-2021**

Due to COVID-19, AFG could not hold any formal events in 2020 or 2021 including Galas in Tbilisi or NY and our AFG Tour.

On March 3, AFG in collaboration with our long-term partner Tbilisi Marriot Hotel, organized a Mother's Day celebration for moms and children in their renovated bar with specials from the Chef, cocktails and photo sessions. With part of the proceeds from the event AFG purchased food for Dzegvi Shelter residents.

Under the DZE–Georgian Project, AFG collaborated with Zaraphkhana, the first and largest Georgian national jewelry company. The history of Zaraphkhana begins in 1939, when in a picturesque, historical district of Tbilisi, the enthusiast goldsmiths from tiny jewelry studios of Shardeni and Vertskhlis (Silver) streets got together to set up the Tbilisi Jewelry Plant on nearby Leselidze Street. The manufacturer changed its location and names several times, the National Zarapxana being the name for some while. Despite such changes, it never stopped holding the market leader position throughout the whole region.

DZE is a collaborative project to raise funds for 80 individuals ranging from children to adults who currently reside at the Dzegvi Shelter Community. Fifty percent of sale proceeds from the bracelets are donated to Dzegvi Shelter. DZE silver bracelets are produced exclusively for the project and are accompanied by stories about Dzegvi.



## AFG Grantmaking: 2020-2021

### Grant Amounts: Calendar Year 2020\*

#### Direct Grants

Program area	Area of focus	Program title	Target population	Grant total	Usage of funds	Brief Description of Project
<b>EDUCATION</b>	Education for internally displaced children, street and vulnerable children	Bediani Children's Village	Children ages 8-17	\$7,300	Funds used to repair engine in Bediani's truck, which brings supplies and transport children between Bediani and Tbilisi. Funds used to cover electricity for 2020, to purchase fuel for Bediani's heating system, and to put central heat in an apartment for a family of former Dzegvi residents.	60 of the 120 former street children who grew up in Dzegvi Orphanage moved to Bediani Village in 1999 into houses purchased by AFG. While most of the kids have gone on to university and productive lives, the younger children, ages 8-17, remain in Bediani.

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\* Full program descriptions included in Addendum A

Program area	Area of focus	Program title	Target population	Grant total	Usage of funds	Brief Description of Project
<b>EDUCATION (continued)</b>	Education for internally displaced children, street and vulnerable children <i>(continued)</i>	Temi Charity	Children ages 6-18	\$450	Funds used to cover electricity expenses	Temi Charity is community for physically and mentally disabled youth and elderly.
		Dzegvi Shelter Community	Adults with physical and mental disabilities, former street children, abandoned elders, single mothers; ages 1 month to 90	\$11,602	Funds purchased furniture for the new building on the Dzegvi territory, fixed central heating system in old building, and constructed two greenhouses with TIKA Foundation – one for growing strawberries for sale and one to supply the community kitchen.	AFG finished construction of a large building and playground on the territory of the Dzegvi Shelter Community—the only free shelter in Georgia. The Dzegvi Shelter Community is the only free shelter in Georgia where residents with disabilities and formerly homeless children and elderly live together.
		Higher Education Scholarship Fund	Former residents of Dzegvi Orphanage and Bediani Village	\$3,814	Funds covered tuition, living expenses and books for 5 young adults to continue university education in such fields as Medical, Psychology, Mining, International Relations, Business, Journalism	34 of the former street children who grew up in Dzegvi Orphanage and Bediani Village have been able to get university degrees through AFG’s Higher Education Scholarship Fund.

Program area	Area of focus	Program title	Target population	Grant total	Usage of funds	Brief Description of Project
<b>EDUCATION (continued)</b>	Services for children with disabilities	Together for Real Changes	Children with disabilities and their parents	\$15,000	Due to COVID-19 government closed day centers in March 2020. Funds covered food packages, hygiene supplies, gas, and cell phones and service with data for 83 children with disabilities isolated in their homes in Mestia, Borjomi, Nukriani, and surrounding villages. AFG gave fund from Rotary to purchase a vehicle.	A former Peace Corps volunteer in Georgia started this NGO to bring services to people with disabilities and their families in rural Georgia where services are non-existent. TRC has set up day centers in several regions of Georgia
	Education for vulnerable children and adults	Art Education and Rehabilitation	Adults with physical and mental disabilities, former street children, abandoned elders, single mothers	\$7,325	Funds provide opportunity for vulnerable children and adults to receive rehabilitation by means of art and education. Art rehabilitation is recognized as one of the effective ways of rehabilitation	AFG has begun a partnership with NGO Educational Project to provide rehabilitation through art and vocational training. This NGO is made up of young artists, musicians, filmmakers with a mission to help vulnerable populations with rehabilitation through the arts.

Program area	Area of focus	Program title	Target population	Grant total	Usage of funds	Brief Description of Project
<b>HEALTHCARE</b>	Palliative care	Hospice, Nursing School and Home Care program	Adults and children with terminal illnesses; young women from poor families	\$30,581	Funds covered salaries and transportation for 12 nurses who take care of over 100 patients per year in the Hospice and Home Care Program; and medicines, food and hygiene items for hospice patients.	Founded by Abbess Mariam, this is the first hospice, nursing school, and Home Care program in Georgia. Graduates care for severely and terminally ill Georgians in the small hospice or in the patients' homes. This program introduced palliative care to Georgia, and is made possible by AFG.
	Urgent assistance	COVID-19 Relief Fund	Children with leukemia and lymphoma, elderly in hospice care	\$12,693	Funds covered nutritious food and services for children undergoing treatment for leukemia and lymphoma and their parents at the Iashvili Children's Central Hospital. Funds covered food and hygiene items for patients in hospice.	AFG started the COVID-19 Georgia Relief Fund in March of 2020 to provide urgent assistance to vulnerable Georgians. The International Women's Association in Georgia contributed funds (\$2,469) towards this project.

Program area	Area of focus	Program title	Target population	Grant total	Usage of funds	Brief Description of Project
<b>GEORGIAN ARTS &amp; CULTURE</b>	Preservation of cultural and architectural heritage	Foka Art Workshop	Nuns of the Foka Nunnery of St Nino in the 'Siberia of Georgia' who support themselves by making beautiful cloisonne enamel objects.	\$52	AFG purchased artworks made by the Foka nuns in order to support their further activities.	AFG gives support to Georgian artists and artisans under our Georgian Arts and Culture project.
		Youth Platform (Youth Preservation Program)	Students at the Guivy Zaldastanishvili American Academy.	\$116	AFG purchased books for the cultural preservation classes.	Students are given lectures, walking tours and workshops regarding Tbilisi's urban life and cultural preservation. They discover the beauty of their architecture and study solutions to urban problems.

## Pass-Through Grants

Program area	Area of focus	Program title	Target population	Grant total	Usage of Funds	Brief Description of Project
<b>EDUCATION</b>	Sports education	Zaza Pachulia Basketball Academy	1,100 children ages 5-20	\$41,915	Funds covered general operating support of the Academy and rents of 5 apartments for 15 low-income children from the Regions far from Tbilisi so they don't have to travel long distances each week to attend the Academy.	Georgian NBA player Zaza Pachulia started his Basketball Academy in Tbilisi in 2015 to give low-income Georgian children living in the Regions the opportunity to learn about basketball, team sports, discipline and develop self-confidence and life skills, potentially pursuing a career in professional basketball. The AFG US Office receives grants from National Basketball Players Association Foundation (NBPA Foundation) to match Pachulia's donations. AFG receives 2.5% of the grant amount from both Pachulia and the NBPA to cover administrative costs.
	Services for children with disabilities	First Step Georgia	Children with disabilities living under the poverty line	\$23,750	Funds covered training of staff to improve their treatment for severely disabled children in First Step's Day Care Center and Home-Based Care program.	First Step is an NGO dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for children in Georgia with severe and profound mental and physical disabilities. This is a pass-through grant from the Henry and Erna Leir Charitable Foundation given annually to AFG for First Step Georgia.

**Total direct grants to projects (including pass-through) in 2020**

**\$154,598.00**

**In-Kind Grants**

Item Description	Value
Gifts of shoes, warm black tights, sweaters, gloves, etc.	\$9.00
<b>Total in-kind grants</b>	<b>\$9.00</b>
<b>Total direct grants to projects</b>	<b>\$154,607.00</b>

## Grant Amounts from US and Georgian Offices: January – March 2021<sup>†</sup>

### Direct Grants

Program area	Area of focus	Program title	Target population	Grant total	Usage of Funds	Brief Description of Project
<b>EDUCATION</b>	Education for internally displaced children, street and vulnerable children	Bediani Children's Village	Children ages 8-19	\$1,700	To cover electricity for the winter months.	60 of the 120 former street children living in Dzegvi Orphanage moved to Bediani Village in 1999 into houses purchased by AFG. While many of them have gone on to university and started families of their own, the younger children remain in Bediani.
		Dzegvi Shelter Community	Adults with physical and mental disabilities, former street children, abandoned elders and single mothers	\$121	Food and hygienic items.	Dzegvi Shelter Community is unique in Georgia as the only free community shelter of its kind. It began in 2010 on the grounds of the former Dzegvi Orphanage after many of the children moved to Bediani Village.

<sup>†</sup> Full program descriptions included in Addendum A



Program area	Area of focus	Program title	Target population	Grant total	Usage of Funds	Brief Description of Project
<b>EDUCATION (continued)</b>		Higher Education Scholarship Fund	Former residents of Dzegvi Orphanage and Bediani Village	\$950	Funds covered tuition, living expenses and books for 3 young adults to study web programming, computers and cosmetology & hair treatment	34 of the former street children who grew up in Dzegvi Orphanage and Bediani Village have been able to get university degrees through AFG's Higher Education Scholarship Fund.
	Services for children with disabilities	Together for Real Changes	Children with disabilities and their parents	\$6,100	Funds covered utilities and other expenses so that the social therapy café in Nukriani could stay open this winter, where young adults with disabilities learn to prepare food and socialize. \$3000 from Bellevue Rotary Foundation provided COVID relief home care for children at home during the virus.	A former Peace Corps volunteer in Georgia started this NGO to bring services to people with disabilities and their families in rural Georgia where services were non-existent. TRC has set up day centers in several regions of Georgia.
<b>HEALTHCARE</b>	Palliative care	Hospice, Nursing School and Home care program	Adults and children with terminal illnesses; young women from poor families	\$7,200	Funds covered salaries for nurses from April - June 2021 in the Hospice and Home Care Program.	Founded by Abbess Mariam, this is the first hospice and nursing school in Georgia. Graduates care for severely and terminally ill Georgians in the small hospice or in the patients' homes. This program introduced palliative care to Georgia, and is made possible by AFG.

## Pass-Through Grants

Program area	Area of focus	Program title	Target population	Grant total	Usage of Funds	Brief Description of Project
<b>EDUCATION</b>	Sports Education	Zaza Pachulia Basketball Academy	1,100 children ages 5-20	\$15,000	Funds given by the NBPA Foundation and Zaza Pachulia covered the Academy's general operating expenses and cost of housing low-income students in Tbilisi who live in the Regions, enabling them to attend the Academy without traveling long distances.	Georgian NBA player Zaza Pachulia started his Basketball Academy in Tbilisi in 2015 to give low-income Georgian children living in the Regions the opportunity to learn about basketball, team sports, discipline and develop self-confidence and life skills, potentially pursuing a career in professional basketball. The AFG US Office receives grants from National Basketball Players Association Foundation (NBPA Foundation) to match Pachulia's donations. AFG receives 2.5% of the grant amount from both Pachulia and the NBPA to cover administrative costs.
<b>Total direct grants to projects (including pass-through) in January-March 2021</b>						<b>\$31,071.00</b>

# AFG Financials

## 2019-2020 Financial Report

Beginning Bank Balances	\$182,508	\$259,307	\$391,798
	<b>2019 Actual</b>	<b>2020 Actual</b>	<b>2021 Budget</b>
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b>	\$520,963	\$521,064	\$504,500
<b>GRANTS</b>	\$182,070	\$154,607	\$160,000
<b>EXPENSES**</b>	\$265,994	\$230,133	\$299,435
<b>TOTAL GRANTS &amp; EXPENSES</b>	\$448,064	\$384,740	\$459,435
<b>Ending Bank Balances</b>	\$259,307	\$391,798	N/A

\*\*For 2019, our most recent tax return suggested the following distribution:

Program services	73%	Evaluating requests for support; monitoring appropriate sites; meeting with project and government officials
Fundraising	20%	Event expenses, mailings, web support, meeting with funders
Administration	7%	Office expenses, accounting, insurance

## Consolidated Statement of Functional Expenses

*Year Ended December 31, 2020*

### CONTRIBUTIONS

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Foundations	\$135,000
Sidamon-Eristoff family	\$121,000
Individuals -Board and Major Donors	\$151,275
Individuals - General	\$36,422
Events (primarily corporate sponsors)	\$11,988
Stock	\$21,577
Dividend and interest income	\$453
Indivs--Stripe, NFG, Amazon Smile, Facebook	\$43,349

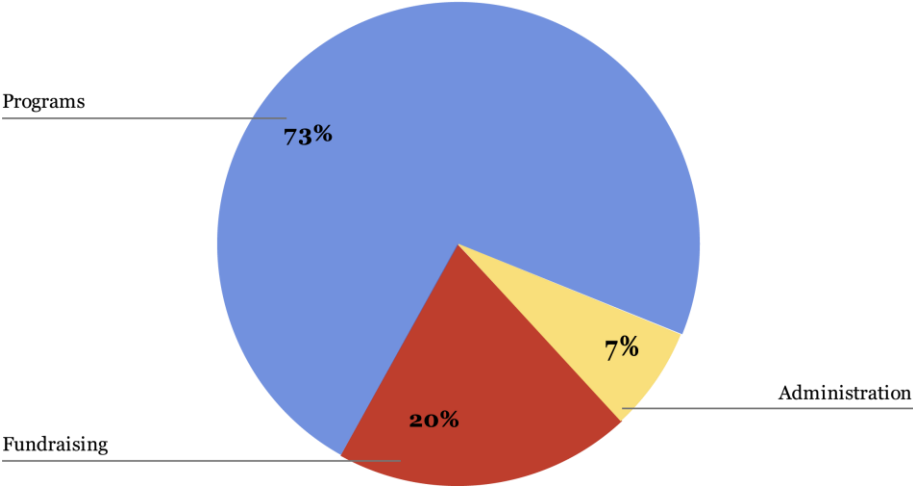
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$521,064</b>
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<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>Grants awarded</b>	<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>Program service expenses</b>	<b>Management and general expenses</b>	<b>Fundraising expenses</b>
<b>Grants awarded</b>	<b>\$154,607</b>				
<b>Accounting</b>		\$6,500	\$4,745	\$455	\$1,300
<b>Annual meeting expenses</b>		\$928	\$677	\$65	\$186
<b>Bank and wiring fees</b>		\$2362	\$1,724	\$165	\$472
<b>Computer support and software</b>		\$976	\$712	\$68	\$195
<b>Depreciation and rate difference</b>		\$4,242	\$3,097	\$297	\$848
<b>Fundraising and advertising</b>		\$3,168	\$2,313	\$222	\$634
<b>Georgian office</b>		\$14,510	\$10,586	\$1,016	\$2,902
<b>Health insurance</b>		\$4,985	\$3,648	\$349	\$999
<b>Insurance (liability, workers, comp, tour)</b>		\$1,082	\$790	\$76	\$216
<b>Interest expense</b>		\$149	\$109	\$10	\$30
<b>Membership dues</b>		\$1,302	\$950	\$21	\$260
<b>Miscellaneous</b>		\$257	\$188	\$18	\$51
<b>Online donation fees</b>		\$948	\$692	\$66	\$190
<b>Payroll taxes</b>		\$7,879	\$5,752	\$552	\$1576
<b>Pension</b>		\$30,400	\$22,192	\$2,128	\$6,080

<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>Grants awarded</b>	<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>Program service expenses</b>	<b>Management and general expenses</b>	<b>Fundraising expenses</b>
<b>Printing and postage</b>		\$2,994	\$2,186	\$210	\$599
<b>Professional and payroll fees</b>		\$4,567	\$3,334	\$40	\$913
<b>Salaries and wages</b>		\$126,717	\$92,503	\$8,870	\$25,343
<b>Social media consultants</b>		\$5,585	\$4,077	\$391	\$1,117
<b>State report and interest</b>		\$956	\$698	\$67	\$191
<b>Telephone and internet</b>		\$2,280	\$1,664	\$160	\$456
<b>Travel</b>		\$2,501	\$1,826	\$175	\$500
<b>US Office</b>		\$4,347	\$3,173	\$304	\$869
<b>Web and computer support</b>		\$498	\$364	\$35	\$100
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$230,133</b>	<b>\$167,997</b>	<b>\$16,109</b>	<b>\$46,027</b>
<b>Total Grants and Expenses</b>		<b>\$384,740</b>	<b>\$280,860</b>	<b>\$26,932</b>	<b>\$76,948</b>

# Total Expenses



## **Addendum A: Program Descriptions for 2020-2021 Grants**

### **Education for Internally Displaced Children, Street and Vulnerable Children**

#### **Assistance for Temi Charity**

Temi Charity is a community for physically and mentally disabled youth and elderly. With 1300 Gel (\$450.00), AFG's Georgian Office financed electricity expenses needed by the community.

#### **Bediani Children's Village**

Nine younger former street and abandoned children ages 8-19 remain in Bediani Village under the supervision of Zviad Khapava and other volunteer teacher/parents.

- \$1,600 wired on 2/6/20 to provide central heat for the apartment in Rustavi of two of the former street children who grew up in Dzegvi Orphanage and Bediani Village and their three little daughters.
- \$2,700 wired on 4/3/20 & 6/22/20 to cover electricity needed by Bediani for 2020.
- \$3,000 wired on 11/10/20 to purchase 4 tons of LPG (liquefied gas) for Bediani's heating system.

#### **Dzegvi Shelter Community**

Dzegvi Shelter Community is located in the beautiful Armazi Gorge, near the city of Mtskheta and originally was established in 1995 as an orphanage for street children. In 2010, after many of the children grew up or moved to our Bediani Children's Village, the orphanage was converted into a shelter. Today it is unique in Georgia as it is the only free community shelter of its kind, sheltering 80 mentally ill persons, physically disabled persons, former street children and abandoned elderly and single mothers. The residents are ages 1 to 90. The project is run by our partners Mother Mariam Japaridze and Nana Gogochuri.

AFG began the reconstruction of a destroyed building on the Shelter's territory on April 5, 2017 with the help of AFG's long time partners and friends, with the aim of making it function as a rehabilitation center and to provide housing for additional homeless/disadvantaged people.

AFG finished reconstruction of the building, landscaped the outside and put in a playground in 2020. AFG also purchased 5 bunk beds, 25 mattresses, 15 beds, 15 wardrobes, 20 bedside tables, 2 chairs for rehabilitation rooms and 4 tables for kitchen and living rooms for the building (\$606.58). Funds also paid for fixing the central heating in the old building, rehabilitative treatment for an epileptic child and construction of two greenhouses (\$5,000). One greenhouse will grow strawberries for sale and the other will grow greens for the residents to eat. The TIKA Foundation of Turkey assisted AFG in building the greenhouses.



## **Higher Education Scholarship Fund for former street children**

These former street children grew up in Dzegvi Orphanage and Bediani Village. Directed now by Zviad Khapava in Bediani, AFG is covering the post-secondary education for these young adults, who have worked so hard to leave behind their pasts on the street to become real members of society. A grant of \$3,814 in 2020 covered the following 5 students for academic year 2020-2021:

- Giorgi Tsotsoria is in his 4<sup>th</sup> course in Business Administration at Georgian Technical University while working at the Megatechnics technology store as a salesperson and consultant.
- Salome Kopadze grew up in Bediani. Last year she graduated from Bediani public school and was accepted in the Journalist Faculty at Ilia State University. This year she is studying in the Italian Faculty of Tbilisi State University. Her study fee is covered by a state program. AFG is helping her with monthly living expenses over 10 months of study.
- Tamar Lashauri, who grew up in Dzegvi Orphanage from age two, graduated last summer with a BA in Psychology from the University of Georgia. She also had a non-paid internship as a teacher's assistant at a private school owned by her university. She is a wonderful artist and is interested in a career as an art therapist working with children. She received an invitation to teach English at a school in Malaga, Spain for one year under the Erasmus Project/European Solidarity Corps but she could not go due to Covid.
- Ana Kalatozishvili is in her 3<sup>rd</sup> course in the Medical Faculty in Tbilisi State Medical University [www.tsmu.edu](http://www.tsmu.edu) while working at Aladashvili Clinic in Resuscitation Unity as a nurse.
- Sophio Jafaridze is 20. Her father is disabled and lives in the Dzegvi Shelter and her mother was diagnosed with cancer. She is currently studying for her BA in Business Administration at the Agricultural University of Georgia.

In all, 34 former street children from Dzegvi Orphanage/Bediani Village have obtained or are in the process of obtaining a higher education thanks to AFG and have gone on to productive lives.

## **Education for Vulnerable Children and Adults**

### **Art Education and Rehabilitation**

AFG has begun a partnership with NGO Educational Project to provide rehabilitation in our projects by means of art and education. Art rehabilitation is recognized as one of the effective ways for rehabilitation. The NGO will start with educational and rehabilitation classes at the Dzegvi Shelter which AFG is planning to provide to the children and adults living there. NGO Educational Project unifies young people—artists, musicians, filmmakers, and others from creative fields—to provide rehabilitative and vocational workshops. The artists are students and professionals who have a mission to help and support vulnerable populations by providing psychological rehabilitation. (AFG gave a

grant of \$7,325 in 2020 to this NGO.)

## **Sports Education**

### **Zaza Pachulia Basketball Academy**

At the request of retired NBA basketball player, Zaza Pachulia, the AFG US Office continues to successfully apply for matching grants from National Basketball Players Association Foundation (NBPA Foundation) to Zaza's own donations. Zaza gave AFG \$25,000 which was matched by the NBPA Foundation in 2019 for equipment for a strength and conditioning room. Zaza Pachulia started his Basketball Academy in Tbilisi in 2015 to give low-income Georgian children living in the Regions the opportunity to learn about basketball, team sports, discipline and develop self-confidence and life skills, potentially pursuing a career in professional basketball. Zaza asked AFG to receive his donations and matching donations from the NBPA Foundation. AFG receives 2.5% additional funds from both Zaza and the Foundation to cover administrative costs.

Funds cover 5 apartments in Tbilisi for 15 low-income kids so they don't have to travel back and forth long distances each week including uniforms sport gear, shoes, utilities, groceries, an American coach, an English tutor and a Math tutor. The Academy has grown to 1100 kids. These talented children have won Georgian championships. Zaza's goal is to train and educate them and send them to top high schools or colleges in the U.S. AFG wired \$10,000 to Georgia on 4/3/19 for the Academy's General Operating Support. AFG wired \$25,000 to Georgia on 1/17/20 from the NBPA Foundation which was matching Zaza's donation of \$25,000 made on 12/3/19. AFG wired \$16,915 to the basketball academy from a donation made in stock by Zaza Pachulia. (Total funding was \$41,915 in 2020.)

## **Empowering and Educating Georgian Youth to Become Drivers of Positive Change**

### **Youth Platform (Social and Cultural Preservation Programs)**

Students at the Guivy Zaldastanishvili American Academy who volunteer for the Youth Preservation Program extracurricular program run by AFG engage in hands-on learning delivering knowledge and encouraging them to identify city problems in regard to cultural heritage and preservation. They are given lectures, seminars and workshops regarding Tbilisi's urban life and cultural preservation. They go on architectural walking tours, introduced to their own city, discovering problems and trying to find solutions to these problems. Since the collapse of the Soviet Union, construction of buildings has been unregulated, which is badly affecting Tbilisi. Urban life is being destroyed and Georgians worry that Old Tbilisi will vanish. Tbilisi has become the most polluted city in the world in relation to the number of its inhabitants, and open space is disappearing. Lena's former architectural student, David Asanidze, who is employed at Tbilisi City Hall on a Master Plan for the city, volunteered to work with the Zaldastani students in the Youth Preservation Program. In 2020, AFG purchased books for cultural preservation classes (\$116.06) in the program. Due to Covid, classes were given online.

### **Services for Disabled Children**

## **Together for Real Changes**

In December 2013, AFG signed a fiscal agreement with Ruta Casabianca and her non-profit in Georgia Together for Real Changes (TRC). Ruta Casabianca is a former Peace Corps volunteer in Georgia who started TRC with Nana Lomadze, whose son has muscular dystrophy, to bring services to people with disabilities and their families in rural Georgia, where services are non-existent. This program is unique because the TRC team involves the local community and municipality from the outset and encourages family involvement in all aspects of the program. TRC is a vital voice for “invisible children” living in rural and mountainous regions of Georgia. TRC programs include:

- A day center for 30 children and 15 adults with disabilities in Borjomi
- A rehabilitation complex and home care service in Mestia for 20 children with disabilities in the mountains of Svaneti. This project would not have been possible without the start-up and unrestricted funds provided by AFG from 2013 to the present.
- A social-therapy café located in Nukriani, just outside of Signaghi in Kakheti serving 18 young adults with disabilities.

Before COVID-19, AFG gave TRC \$2,000 (1/17/20) for purchase of a hot water heater for the day center in Nukriani, funding to pay for a special education teacher, food and crafts, and transportation for 10 beneficiaries to and from their homes and the center. Due to COVID-19, the Day Centers were closed in March by the government leaving the disabled beneficiaries without services and staff without pay. The children were isolated in their homes without internet or phones. AFG wired \$6,000 (March-May) to TRC who delivered food packages, hygiene supplies, gas and phones with data to 83 children with disabilities in Mestia, Borjomi, Nukriani and surrounding villages. AFG wired \$7,000 (12/4/20) to TRC which purchased a vehicle, gas to start a program for outreach to isolated elderly and homebound disabled in Borjomi. (Total funding in 2020 was \$15,000.)

## **First Step Georgia**

This is a pass-through donation from the Henry and Erna Leir Charitable Foundation to AFG for the NGO First Step Georgia, which is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for children in Georgia with severe and profound mental and physical disabilities. AFG helped rescue disabled children near death from the Kaspi Orphanage in the ‘90s who were then cared for by First Step. This is a model program to demonstrate the need for safe, supportive and nurturing environments for disabled children. AFG received \$26,000 from the foundation, kept 5% (\$1,300) and sent \$23,750 on 5/18/20 for First Step’s Improve Quality of Lives of Children with Severe and Profound Disabilities Through Developing Specific Sensory Therapy Program (January - December 2020). The project aims to heighten service quality of two programs—a Day Care Center and a Home-Based program for children with severe and profound disabilities co-funded by the state. Staff were given on-line training with the purpose of providing information regarding new medical approaches for children with developmental disorders. A workshop was conducted in person by an occupational therapist. Massagers were to be purchased for different parts of the body to improve the functioning of 28 severely disabled children in the Home-Based Care program in in classes in the Day Care Center with the aim to increase/reduce body tone of severely handicapped children to help their families to improve muscle tone to help

them with such things as their eating skills. Unfortunately, due to Covid, the day center closed in March and all classes went online. It was difficult to explain to the children why they couldn't go see their friends in the day center and their parents had to take an intensive role with their online classes. Some families did not have computers. The day center reopened in September and maintaining distance was also difficult. Computer tabs were purchased for the children who were taken to outdoor classes at places like the zoo. When the center closed in November, the online learning had become easier.

## **Healthcare**

### **COVID-19 Relief Fund**

AFG started the COVID-19 Georgia Relief Fund in March of 2020 to provide urgent assistance to vulnerable Georgians. The International Women's Association in Georgia contributed funds (\$2,469.46) towards this project. Funds covered nutritious food and services for children undergoing treatment for leukemia and lymphoma and their parents at the Iashvili Children's Central Hospital as well as COVID tests for the children. Funds also covered food and hygiene items for patients in the Hospice and Home Care Program and other elderly in need.

## **Palliative Care**

### **Hospice, Nursing School and Home Care Program**

This is the first hospice in Georgia and the only Hospice Home Care Program, which introduced palliative care to Georgia. Started by Abbess Mariam and directed by Mariam Palavandishvili, the tiny hospice holds six live-in patients near their Transfiguration Convent in Tbilisi suffering from such illnesses as cancer, brain infarction, Parkinson's, dementia and diabetes. The Hospice also has a Nursing School. This is a two-year program and gives a future to young women from poor families because tuition is free. Mother Mariam has also started a 3-month program for Nursing Assistants. Nursing graduates can work in the Hospice or can join the Home Care Program. There are currently 12 nurses and nursing assistants who graduated from the Nursing School, visiting over 100 critically and terminally ill and elderly patients in their homes a year. Many of these ill elderly live alone on pensions of \$100 a month or less. Thirty percent of patients are women ages 35 - 60 with breast cancer and sometimes the hospice also cares for pediatric cases. The nurses spend two hours per day with patients, providing nutrition, medicines, injections, chemotherapy and even cleaning. Many patients feel alone and abandoned, and the nursing visits provide emotional and spiritual support. Nurses earn 725 GEL (\$296) a month. AFG is the primary funder for this important program. AFG funds help with the hospice's everyday needs, including nurses' salaries, medical supplies, bandages, painkillers, ointments and transportation of nurses to visit their patients.

The AFG US Office sent a total of \$30,581 in 2020 for nurses' salaries and other expenses of the hospice in order to provide assistance to this vulnerable population. The following amounts were wired in 2020:

- \$5,000 on 11/2/20

- \$7200 on 12/22/20 to cover nurses' salaries January-March 2021 in Home Care Program
- \$18,381 from Georgian Office from revenue from the 2019 Tbilisi Galas

## **Preservation of Cultural and Architectural Heritage**

### **Foka Art Workshop**

AFG purchased artworks (\$51.53) made by the Foka nuns in order to support their further activities. AFG gives support to Georgian artists and crafts makers under our Georgian Art and Culture Project.