

## "Education in/en Artzakh" Phoenicia Restaurant, May 12th 2 pm avec Antonia Arslan



The Christians In Need Foundation

Welcomes You!

## **BRINGING THE WORLD TO ARTSAKH**

A charity luncheon for Education in Artsakh

Saturday, May 12th at 2pm

## Phoenicia Restaurant

343 North Central Ave, Glendale, CA 91203

With a Special Introduction by

And Birthday Celebration for

CINF Advisory Board Member and Author of Skylark Farm

**ANTONIA ARSLAN** 

## Tickets \$25.00 each.

Tickets may be purchased at **buytickets.at/christiansinneedfoundation** or at the door.

"Founded by Siobhan Nash-Marshall and Rita Madhessian on August 25, 2014, the Christians In Need Foundation was initially a response to the horrors inflicted against Christians in the Middle Eastern and Caucasus regions. By November of the same year, eight Syrian Christian students were funded to study at Manhattanville College in Purchase, New York. Study abroad was intended to provide students safety to freely think, pray, and develop as they chose. I-20's were completed and filed while a substantial student discount was negotiated. Yet at the last minute, all eight student visas were denied, preventing applicants asylum in the United States. Undeterred, CINF decided to instead send education and aid to troubled regions through American volunteers, the first of which was a recent college graduate. In 2015 CINF's first student volunteer traveled to Tashir, Armenia to live and teach English to 150 students in the monastery Diramayr Hayastani Ketron. This decision ultimately established a new dimension to CINF's mission. While working to support disenfranchised communities, student volunteers would also learn valuable skills in teaching, leadership, communication, and organization. In 2017, two project leaders were sent to Artsakh with the same objective. While living for three months in Stepanakert, they provided English instruction at the Russian-American school and TUMO. Articles about their experience were also written and published in the Italian journal Tempi in an effort to spread awareness of Artsakh's particular challenges. Thus the final element of CINF's mission was born- encouraging learning through publication. From these foundations, CINF will grow and spread their mission. For this coming summer of 2018, six students will be sent to Artsakh to teach varying levels and focuses in English. Planning is also underway for a new project in the following year, which will offer courses in various practical skills (public speaking, carpentry, cheese making, and alike)."

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