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ARMENIAN BONE MARROW DONOR REGISTRY 2014 Newsletter



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The crystal is the traditional symbol for the 15th anniversary and I can think of no more appropriate element to describe the Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Registry at this stage of its existence — a sparkle of purity and light shining at the edge of darkness.

As ABMDR celebrates its Crystal 15th Anniversary this year, we reflect on those who have suffered in their dark days. We honor those devoted to our cause who have brought light to so many — all of you who have dedicated your precious time and resources as volunteers and donors. We pray that for the desperate

patients waiting for help we will find them donors pure of heart — from our existing registry of over 25,000, or among the new potential donors yet to register. We celebrate our glowing successes: the facilitation of 18 transplantations, and the ongoing technical advances of our laboratory services. And we bow our heads in loving memory of those who are no longer with us.

In this special Crystal Anniversary Year, we thank you for being the spark and the sparkle that keeps the light shining for those seeking the hope of a bright and healthy future. With your continued support, our future is crystal clear.

Frieda Jordan, PhD, President

ABMDR Crystal Year Celebrating 15 years of saving lives!



ABMDR to organize second EFI Training and Educational Meeting in Armenia

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Fifteen years ago only a handful of people knew about the Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Registry and its life-saving mission. Now that number has swelled to over 25,000 — and growing with each new donor added to the Registry, each new volunteer who is inspired to help. Under Frieda's leadership, and with the ongoing support of the ABMDR Board of Directors and all of you, we will bring hope and healing to hundreds of Armenians around the world for years to come.

Mark Geragos, Esq.
Chairman of the Board of Directors



ABMDR flag waved atop Mount Ararat [page 31]

MESSAGE FROM THE HONORARY CHAIR

The Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Registry has accomplished so much in the last 15 years, and I am proud to have witnessed its growth from a small start-up organization to a highly respected and impactful presence in the Caucasus and beyond. We have celebrated the establishment of our region's first and only Stem Cell Harvesting Center and the first autotransplantation procedure. Now the Stem Cell Harvesting Center is on the leading edge of molecular diagnostics for Armenians suffering from hematologic and oncologic diseases. It is inspiring to witness the momentum of this incredible organization.

Bella Kocharian, MD
Honorary Chair, former First Lady of Armenia



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The vital need for expanding the Registry's services

*A conversation with
ABMDR Executive Director Dr. Sevak Avagyan*

Q: As ABMDR celebrates its 15th anniversary, what do you hope to see accomplished?

A: We have many important initiatives we are working on, but first and foremost we are setting our sights on recruiting and tissue-typing 5,000 more new donors for the Registry.

You've already recruited close to 25,000 potential donors. Isn't that enough?

Yes, but it is urgent that we develop, expand, and maintain a registry with a large enough number of unrelated donors to successfully cover the need for transplantations among ethnic Armenians. Only 25% of patients in need of stem cell transplantation will find a match in their own family, if the family has four or more children. Also keep in mind that existing donors in the Registry are not viable forever due to factors such as age, and a change in commitment.

A registry of 30,000 also solidifies our new status as a member of the international GEMS organization — Group (of) European Medium Sized Registries — a vital network that will help us serve our patients better through shared resources and broader international visibility.

I know ABMDR has a dedicated group of volunteers who are mobilized to help in the recruitment of new potential donors. But what about the costs associated with tissue-typing 5,000 more donors?

That is always a challenge. The good news is that we have been able to establish some cost efficiencies with the typing — excluding recruitment costs, and not counting the equipment that we already have, it takes about \$50 to tissue-type a new registrant. The bad news is, that figure multiplied by 5,000 amounts to a need for \$250,000 this year.

So is that your fundraising goal for the Registry's crystal anniversary?

Absolutely. And we have an additional goal of raising \$40,000 to provide diagnostic services, which include immunophenotyping and mutation analyses for 100 patients.

Tell us more about that.

There are hundreds of patients in Armenia with a basic diagnosis of cancer or blood disorders but without the means to pay for the immunophenotyping and mutation analysis that zeroes in on the most effective treatment protocol for their particular form of cancer. As medical professionals, we cannot turn our back on them — if they don't get this diagnostic service, they risk getting ineffectual treatments and losing precious time in saving their lives.

It sounds like it is something that would prevent a lot of needless suffering and risk.

Yes, it does, and it greatly improves the success rate of treatment, because it allows doctors to choose the most effective treatment for each patient based specifically on the subtype of disease they have, rather than proceed on a trial and error basis, and try several modes of treatment until they stumble on an effective one. Along with our primary work of finding matched donors for patients requiring bone marrow transplants, doing everything we can to ensure healthy and successful outcomes for our patients is a very important part of our mission.

We have long known that leukemia is not a homogeneous disease. We have come to learn that there are significant differences that can be detected that are not visible by standard techniques — proteins on the surface of the cells, chromosomal abnormalities, and, most recently, different patterns of the genes in these cells. These differences are very important in determining what the best therapy is for the patient. Furthermore, we are in the early days of "targeted therapy," where we can treat resistant cancers with drugs that specifically kill leukemia cells with a particular "molecular signature" determined by analysis of the patient's own leukemia cells. This approach that ABMDR is pioneering brings hope of more effective therapy without unnecessary side effects. It is already saving lives!

Stuart E. Siegel, MD
Director of Children's Center for Cancer and Blood Diseases
at Children's Hospital Los Angeles



A special 15th-anniversary appeal

It's devastating enough to get the news that you or a loved one have been diagnosed with a life-threatening disease. But it can get worse. Without getting the specific details about the disease, a patient can go through months of treatments only to find they did not work effectively.

Because this is so important, the Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Registry has been providing specific diagnostic services — immunophenotyping and mutation analysis — free of charge to those patients in Armenia who cannot afford it, or cannot get insurance reimbursement. In 2013, 80 diagnostic services were performed, at a cost of over \$30,000. Most registries do not operate under circumstances that require them to do this. Once again, ABMDR has stepped up to ensure the best possible outcome for patients in need. That's why we are asking for your special help this year. When you make your donation this year to support our campaign to recruit and tissue-type 5,000 new donors, please consider the additional needs for these extraordinary diagnostic services.



SUPPORT OUR QUEST TODAY!

We need to raise \$300,000 to expand our donor ranks and provide vital diagnostics to more patients

Your generous contribution will enable us to:

- **TISSUE-TYPE 5,000 NEW POTENTIAL DONORS, MAKING ABMDR 30,000-STRONG,**
- **AND OFFER FREE DIAGNOSTIC SERVICES TO 100 PATIENTS IN ARMENIA.**

Please make your tax-deductible check payable to ABMDR and mail to:

Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Registry
3111 Los Feliz Avenue, #206, Los Angeles, CA 90039

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ABMDR is on the leading edge of medical organizations worldwide that are utilizing state-of-art technologies in the detection of genetic mutations that inform practitioners on the different types of cancer or various responses to chemotherapy for individual patients. This is the 21st-century personalized approach to medicine. I am very pleased that ABMDR is taking the lead on this.
Evgeni V. Sokurenko, MD, PhD
Professor of Microbiology, Univ. of Washington



The work that ABMDR does for families worldwide is monumental: it serves a small genetic pool by utilizing state-of-the-art facilities, and by striving to develop a database that includes as many Armenians as possible. I am proud knowing that the efforts of our group not only benefit Armenians, but have saved lives across many cultures and peoples.
Evelyn Baghdasraian Barkhoudarian, MD
Southern California Permanente Medical Group,
ABMDR Board of Directors



Since its inception, the Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Registry has not only pursued the original mission of developing an Armenian donor pool worldwide, but has expanded into many important aspects of bone marrow transplantation. We congratulate Dr. Frieda Jordan and the ABMDR team for their accomplishments.
Boris Bagdasarian, MD, DO
Medical Director, Los Angeles Cancer Network,
ABMDR Board of Directors

ABMDR facilitates first-ever autotransplantation procedure in Armenia

In 2013, the Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Registry helped implement a pioneering medical procedure in Armenia, as it made possible the country's (and the Caucasus region's) first-ever autotransplantation.

Beginning in 2012, the Registry took the lead in creating the necessary infrastructure and skill base in the homeland for performing autotransplantation procedures. Toward this goal, the Registry partnered



Dr. Frieda Jordan with ARTMED Medical Rehabilitation Center director Dr. Arthur Abgaryan and Dr. Alina Hovhannisyan.

with Yerevan's ARTMED Medical Rehabilitation Center, which built a new wing on its site dedicated to autotransplantation procedures and research, with logistical support from Armenia's Ministry of Health. Concurrently the Registry purchased and sent to Yerevan advanced medical equipment and supplies needed for autotransplantation procedures.

These preparations were complemented by the training of Dr. Andranik Mshetsyan of Armenia at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, with the instrumental support of Dr. Stuart E. Siegel, director of the Children's Center for Cancer and Blood Diseases at the hospital. Earning the support of the hospital for Dr. Mshetsyan's training was realized through the efforts of Dr. Frieda Jordan, president of ABMDR, as well as the key coor-



Armond Mehdikhani (left) and Dr. Andranik Mshetsyan during the cryopreservation (freezing of harvested stem cells) procedure at the ABMDR Stem Cell Harvesting Center. The frozen stem cells, harvested from the patient, were later used for the autotransplantation procedure, which consists of re-infusing the cells into the patient. The procedure was performed by Dr. Mshetsyan at the ARTMED Medical Rehabilitation Center.

minating role of ABMDR Board of Advisors member Armond Mehdikhani.

After receiving invaluable guidance and training from Dr. Neena Kapoor and the team of Dr. Robert Seeger at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, Dr. Mshetsyan returned to Armenia and performed the country's

maiden autotransplantation procedure, in February 2013. The successful procedure was performed at the ARTMED Medical Rehabilitation Center, following the stem cell harvesting and cryopreservation procedures which were performed at the Registry's Stem Cell Harvesting Center, in Yerevan.


Over the past seven years, I and the transplant staff at Children's Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) had the privilege and honor of working with Dr. Jordan. Dr. Jordan started ABMDR to help Armenians in the US, but her efforts have global impact for Armenian patients. She recognized there is a need to make every aspect of transplant technology available in Armenia.

Over the years, Dr. Jordan has helped facilitate training of medical personnel from Armenia at CHLA, in every aspect of the transplant procedure including harvesting blood and marrow stem cells, cryopreservation, and the utilization of these cells for the purpose of transplantation. Through her efforts, the team of physicians and technical staff had the opportunity to learn first-hand these procedures in our laboratory at CHLA, and has received assistance in establishing a stem cell processing laboratory in Armenia. This extraordinary effort on the part of Dr. Jordan and the team has made it possible for the people of Armenia to receive this advanced life-saving therapeutic intervention. ABMDR was launched with the objective of increasing the number of Armenian volunteers to increase the chance of finding a suitable donor for a patient in the US, but it is saving people in every corner of the world. I am very pleased that the CHLA family and I had the opportunity to participate in promoting and advancing the availability of this life-saving procedure at home and abroad, along with this very committed group of people.



Neena Kapoor, MD, Director, Blood and Marrow Transplantation Program at Children's Hospital Los Angeles



ABMDR once again set to organize prestigious EFI meeting in Armenia




**2nd European Federation
of Immunogenetics
and Histocompatibility
Educational Meeting
& Workshop**



October 3 – 4, 2014 • Yerevan, Armenia

Welcome to Armenia



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In 2011, ABMDR was entrusted with organizing the first-ever EFI meeting in Armenia. In the footsteps of this prestigious milestone and given its great success, the Registry is once again set to organize an EFI Educational Meeting and Workshop in Yerevan, during October 3 and 4, 2014.

The scope and extraordinary quality of ABMDR's work have been key factors in

EFI's selection of Armenia as the host of the event. To be attended by scientists from neighboring countries as well as Armenia and the Armenian diaspora, the second EFI meeting will be a testament to ABMDR's longtime collaboration with the international scientific community, and will further enable Armenia to function as a scientific bridge between Europe and countries in the Caucasus Region.

Matched-donor stem cells harvested at ABMDR lab for patient in Germany



Dr. Andranik Mshetsyan and a lab assistant administer the pioneering autotransplantation procedure at the Registry's Stem Cell Harvesting Center in Yerevan.

Adopting advanced therapeutic technologies

Parallel to its core mission as a bone marrow donor registry, ABMDR continues to implement state-of-the-art therapeutic technologies at its Stem Cell Harvesting Center. In 2013, we were able to process a product from cord-blood mesenchymal stem cells (MSCs) for repairing articular cartilage defects. In its gel form, the product can also be used to treat poorly recovered wounds and massive scars.

Similarly, we now offer Platelet Rich Plasma (PRP) therapy, a new treatment option for patients suffering from arthritis, arthralgia, and other neural ailments. Perhaps the most important advance made recently at the Stem Cell Harvesting Center has been the development of our capability to carry out autotransplantation procedures. To date, we have performed this highly promising procedure on three patients struck by Lou Gehrig's disease or ALS.

Today the Registry continues to maximize such efforts by working with international donor registries and related organizations.

An example of this synergistic work is the Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Registry's ongoing collaboration with the Biohellenika Stem Cell Bank, in Greece, to process and preserve stem cells as treatment applications for a wide range of diseases.

Dr. Mihran Nazaretyan, ABMDR Medical Director



ABMDR participates in USAID conference



On May 21, 2013, Dr. Frieda Jordan spoke at a major Yerevan conference organized by USAID. Titled "Women in Politics II - Armenian Women: Increasing Our Role in Decision-making," the conference was sponsored by Armenia's National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI).

Led by country director Gegham Sargsyan, NDI has been instrumental in helping advance the ABMDR cause. Throughout 2013, NDI organized and sponsored a number of community-outreach and recruitment events for the Registry, helping expand its ranks and raising public awareness of its mission, especially among the youth.

In the photo above, from left: ABMDR executive director Dr. Sevak Avagyan, ABMDR president Dr. Frieda Jordan, and NDI country director Gegham Sargsyan.

At the opening of the Izmirlian Medical Center



Drs. Avagyan and Jordan at the opening of the Izmirlian Medical Center in Yerevan.

Dr. Jordan helps accreditation process in Cyprus



In 2013, in her capacity as a European Federation of Immunogenetics (EFI) inspector, Dr. Frieda Jordan participated in the process of accrediting the Karaiskakio Foundation in Nicosia, Cyprus.

In the photo at the top, Dr. Jordan reviews the foundation's accomplishments and procedures, with Dr. Dominique Masson of France, representing EFI (center). In the photo above, Dr. Jordan is flanked by EFI representatives and the staff of the Karaiskakio Foundation, including Lab Director Dr. Paul Costeas and Senior Lab Supervisor Andri Papaloizou.

In 2012, Dr. Jordan participated in the renewal of the EFI accreditation of the Istanbul University Medical Faculty. Subsequently she was appointed as an EFI inspector.

Within a relatively short time, ABMDR has become a well-known and reliable organization, facilitating stem cell transplantations in many countries. Due to its adherence to quality, ABMDR is acknowledged as an organization supporting transplant centers. Its center of stem cell apheresis is an essential preliminary step to a bone marrow transplantation center in Armenia.
V. Blikhar, General Director, All-Ukrainian Hematopoietic Stem Cell Donor Registry, Kiev, Ukraine

There is no doubt that the implementation of the new cell technologies in clinical practices in Armenia will become a new step in the treatment of patients with life-threatening diseases and will stimulate further development of effective methods of treatment.
A. B. Saidov, General Director, Scientific Research Institute of Hematology and Blood Transfusion, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

ABMDR joins leading European registry group

In early 2014, the Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Registry reached a watershed by becoming an associate member of the Group (of) European Medium Sized Registries (GEMS).

Established in 2011 and reporting to the World Marrow Donor Association, GEMS is a collaborative body for European middle-sized registries, with a mandate to address some of the core issues which they face today — including aging donor pools in many countries and the shortage of new and young donors, as well as the universal need for a consensus in HLA-typing strategies.

GEMS maintains and strengthens the viability of medium-sized registries such as the Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Registry by helping increase efficiency and diversity. Specifically, the organization addresses the registries' growing needs and limited resources by focusing on and sharing resources with regard to information technology, EU application, quality management, HLA expertise, regulatory issues, and utilization of social media for recruitment efforts.



Vicken Avedian, ABMDR database supervisor.

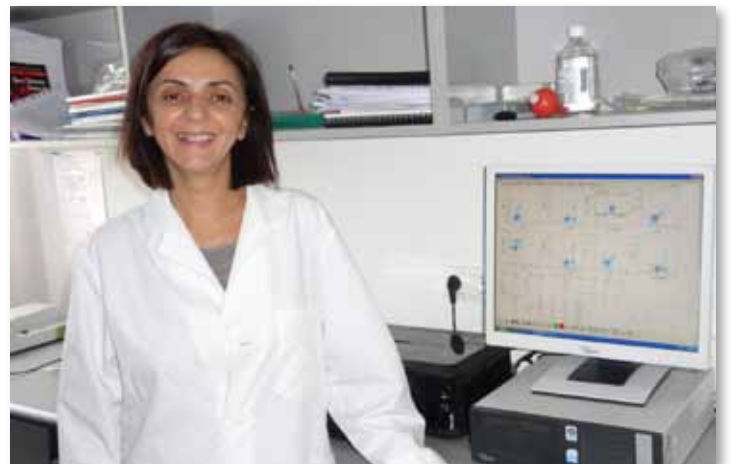
Biohellenika delegation visits ABMDR Lab, provides hands-on training in stem cell extraction



The Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Registry collaborates with the Biohellenika Stem Cell Bank of Greece to process and preserve stem cells as treatment applications for a broad range of diseases as well as experimental studies. In 2013, a Biohellenika delegation, led by Professor Georgios Koliakos, president of Biohellenika, visited the ABMDR Stem Cell Harvesting Center. During the visit, Biohellenika delegation mem-



bers provided our lab staff with hands-on training in the extraction and harvesting of stem cells from cord blood and adipose tissue. Photos clockwise from above left: the Biohellenika delegation with the ABMDR Stem Cell Harvesting Center staff and ABMDR Executive Director Dr. Sevak Avagyan; Dr. Avagyan presents a memento to Prof. Koliakos; Lab Supervisor Armine Hyusyan; and a scene from the training at the Lab.



We are deeply impressed by ABMDR's superior structure, scientific and technical preparedness, and ongoing initiatives. Its medical professionals are bright, smart, and committed experts. Moreover, they are offering therapies to patients with hematologic malignancies and cancer via chemotherapy, and autologous hematopoietic stem cell transplanta

tion. ABMDR's mission is of paramount importance: it has the potential to truly revolutionize cancer therapy in Armenia.

Aleksandr Lazaryan, MD, MPH, PhD, Hematology, Oncology and Transplantation, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis
Nelly Bejanyan, MD

Dr. Alaverdian visits Stem Cell Harvesting Center



The Stem Cell Harvesting Center of the Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Registry exceeded even my highest expectations. This is a thoroughly modern lab, fully equipped with state-of-the-art equipment, and run by a highly trained and dedicated staff of professionals — it is truly something to recognize, cherish, and nurture. I feel so very proud to be part of the Registry.

Varoosh Alaverdian, MD, FACOG, ABMDR Board of Directors



At Yerevan's Health and Pharmacy Expo



The Health and Pharmacy Expo, organized by Armenia's Ministry of Health, was attended by Deputy Minister of Health Vahan Poghosyan, who registered as an ABMDR donor.

ABMDR receives Art Lar award



On December 27, 2013, ABMDR was recognized by Yerevan's Art-Lar Finance and Accounting company as the Best Partner Organization of the Year.

Amalia Kiureghlian at the Lab



"It is truly inspiring to see the growth and professional advancement of our Stem Cell Harvesting Center." — Amalia Kiureghlian, ABMDR Board of Advisors.

I congratulate ABMDR, Dr. Jordan, and her hard-working team for their 15 years of dedicated service. Through their efforts, ABMDR has established a global network of volunteers and donors, and a state-of-the-art center in Yerevan that has been critical in providing essential bone marrow harvest and transplantation facilities and services. I salute Dr. Jordan and her team for their foresight in recognizing a need and thank them for working diligently in meeting their objectives.

Vicken Sepilian, MD, FACOG, past president of AAMS



patients, families, and ABMDR: a powerful alliance

Recruitment for patient Samuel Malayan



In 2013, our volunteers held a recruitment drive for one of our patients, Dr. Samuel Malayan, at his medical clinic in Los Angeles. Subsequently Dr. Malayan had a bone marrow stem cell transplant.

On behalf of AAMS, I would like to extend my congratulations to the volunteers of ABMDR, led by Dr. Frieda Jordan, for their tireless and passionate dedication over the past 20 years. ABMDR offers an unparalleled service to the Armenian community, and AAMS will continue to enthusiastically support the Registry's efforts.
Serineh Melidonian
 President, AAMS



Kardashians appeal for patient Cici



Global celebrity Kim Kardashian, her mother, Kris Jenner (pictured above, right), and sister Kourtney Kardashian pulled all the social-media stops during 2013 as they appealed for help in finding a donor match for Kim's cousin, Cici. We commend their efforts and are grateful to them for helping raise public awareness of the ABMDR mission. Currently Cici is in remission.

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Be a Donor Save a Life

patients, families, and

Please help our Cici: an urgent appeal from Kourtney Kardashian

Recruit

64020 likes

kimkardashian Please help my cousin @cicibussey & many others in her situation. Be a donor, save a life! #ABMDR

view all 684 comments

ABMDR Progress Update

- Registered over 25,000 potential donors
- Identified 2,135 patients
- Facilitated 18 bone marrow transplants
- Active in 18 countries, four continents



ARMENIA

March 3, 2013: Recruitment and exhibition at First Spring Fair at Ani Plaza Hotel
March 12-13, 2013: Recruitment at Yerevan Academy of Fine Arts
March 20, 2013: Recruitment at Scientific Research Institute of Spa Treatment and Physical Medicine
March 20, 2013: Recruitment at Armenian National Agrarian University
March 25, 2013: Recruitment at #8 Polyclinics
March 27, 2013: Recruitment at National Democratic Institute
March 27, 2013: Recruitment at Armenian-Russian (Slavonic) University
March 29, 2013: Recruitment at Center of Urology
April 4, 2013: Recruitment at Armenian National Agrarian University
April 4, 2013: Recruitment at State Engineering University of Armenia
April 8, 2013: Recruitment at #19 Polyclinic
April 10, 2013: Recruitment at #12 Polyclinic
April 11, 2013: Recruitment at University of Traditional Medicine
April 15, 2013: Recruitment in Gyumri (organized by National Democratic Institute)
April 18, 2013: Recruitment at Armenian State University of Economics
April 19, 2013: Recruitment at State Engineering University of Armenia
April 29, 2013: Recruitments at Gyumri Health Center, Gyumri Medical College, and Gyumri branch of Pedagogical Institute
May 2, 2013: Recruitment at Ijevan Young Tavush Center (organized by National Democratic Institute)
May 03, 2013: Recruitments at Vanadzor Medical Center, Vanadzor Medical College, and Vanadzor branch of Pedagogical Institute
June 25, 2013: Recruitments for patient Stella Arakelyan at #1 University Clinical Hospital
June 25, 2013: Recruitments for patient Stella Arakelyan at S.V. Malayan Ophthalmological Center
July 4, 2013: Recruitment in Gyumri (organized by National Democratic Institute)

ARMENIA (continued)

July 16, 2013: Recruitment at Ijevan Young Tavush Center (organized by National Democratic Institute)
July 19, 2013: Recruitment at National Democratic Institute
August 6, 2013: Recruitment in Kapan (organized by National Democratic Institute)
September 22, 2013: Recruitment for patient Angela Haykyan in Dilijan
September 24, 2013: Recruitment in Gyumri (organized by National Democratic Institute)
October 13, 2013: Recruitment in Yerevan (organized by Shoonch Yoga)
October 17, 2013: Recruitment in Ijevan (organized by National Democratic Institute)
October 29, 2013: Recruitment in Ararat (organized by National Democratic Institute)
November 8, 2013: Recruitment for patient Seryozha Petrosyan in Parakar
November 10, 2013: Recruitment in Yerablur
December 11, 2013: Recruitment at V. Sargsyan Military Institute

CYPRUS

October 6, 2013: Recruitment in Nicosia, Cyprus, hosted by local Armenian community

IRAN

September 20, 2013: Recruitment at Ararat Club, Tehran, Iran, hosted by local Armenian community

NETHERLANDS

May 2013: Recruitment in Maastricht, the Netherlands, hosted by local Armenian community

SERBIA

December 1, 2013: Recruitment in Belgrade, Serbia, hosted by local Armenian community

UNITED STATES - EAST COAST

September 1-4, 2013: Recruitment for Cici Kardashian at AYF Olympics, Washington, DC
September 28, 2013: Recruitment during ABMDR Walk of Life New England, Watertown, Massachusetts

UNITED STATES - WEST COAST

February 26, 2013: Recruitment for Cici Kardashian at GMHH, Glendale, California
March 3, 2013: Recruitment for Cici Kardashian at Las Vegas Armenian Apostolic Church, Las Vegas, Nevada
March 17, 2013: Western Prelacy Prayer Day participation and Recruitment, St. Mary's Church, Glendale, California
March 17, 2013: Western Prelacy Prayer Day participation and Recruitment, Holy Martyrs Church, Encino, California
April 7, 2013: Prayer Day for ABMDR and Recruitment, St. Leon Cathedral, Glendale, California
April 24, 2013: Participation in April 24 commemoration and recruitment, Armenian Martyrs Monument, Montebello, California
April 24, 2013: Participation in March for Justice, Little Armenia, Hollywood, California
May 4, 2013: Recruitment during ABMDR Walk of Life, Glendale, California
May 2013: Presentation and recruitment at Western Diocese Assembly, Burbank, California
July 3-5, 2013: Recruitment at AMIC Medical Congress, Los Angeles, California
September 19, 2013: ABMDR Casino Night fundraiser and recruitment
September 22, 2013: Recruitment at Armenian Independence Festival, Glendale, California
October 28, 2013: Recruitment for Dr. Samuel Malayan at his medical clinic.
November 2, 2013: Recruitment at Fourth Annual Glendale Health Festival, Glendale, California

Check our website, abmdr.am, for announcements of future recruitment drives and other community events throughout the world.



OUTREACH AND RECRUITMENTS

In 2013, the Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Registry held an unprecedented number of outreach activities and recruitments in the homeland, at the following venues: Yerevan's Shoonch yoga and pilates studio and spa, Armenian State University of Economics, Armenian National Agrarian University, Yerevan State Medical University after M. Heratsi, Yerevan State University of Architecture and Construction, State Engineering University of Armenia, Yerevan Komitas State Conservatory, L'Université Française en Arménie, Gyumri Educational Center, Gyumri Medical Center, Gyumri campus of the Armenian State Pedagogical University, Gyumri State Medical College, Ijevan State University, Kapan House of Culture, Yerevan's Polyclinic Number 19, Russian-Armenian-Slavonic University, University of Traditional Medicine, Scientific Research Institute of SPR Treatment and Physical Medicine, and New Med Center of Urology.

REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEPUTY VARDAN AYVAZYAN BECOMES A POTENTIAL MATCH FOR A PATIENT





At Shoonch Yoga, Yerevan

Thank you, Dr. George and Linda Bishirian of Shoonch Yoga for your ongoing advocacy and fundraising efforts for ABMDR!



THANK YOU, NDI

NDI had a key role in organizing, facilitating, and hosting various ABMDR recruitments throughout Armenia. We convey our deep gratitude to NDI Country Director Gegham Sargsyan as well as the great staff and volunteers of the organization.



recruitment in Iran

September 20, 2013 - Ararat Sport Club, Tehran - Over 300 new recruits



Tehran's Armenian youth responded in full force to ABMDR's call for joining its ranks. In the above photo: Armenian-community leaders, event organizers, including ABMDR coordinator Mariet Toumians (seated, far right), and volunteers with Grigor Arakelyan, Armenia's ambassador to Iran. Ambassador Arakelyan was among our new recruits.



inaugural recruitments in Cyprus and Holland

Community outreach and recruitment in Cyprus



Community outreach and recruitment in Holland



recruitments in Serbia, and the US East and West coasts



The inaugural recruitment in Serbia was held at the Ethnographic Museum in Belgrade. The event was organized by Armenian-Serbian-community leader Samuel Ayvazyan.



Lernik Ohanjanian administering swab tests at the AYF Olympics, Washington, DC.



Prayer Day recruitment, St. Mary's Church, Glendale, California.



From left: ABMDR's Fimi Mekhitarianian with Lernik Ohanjanian and Grigor and Arax Khat-chikian of the Armenian American Health Association of Greater Washington.



Recruitment at the Glendale Health Festival, hosted by AAMSC. In the photo above, Hasmik Keyribarian of AAMSC with members of ABMDR's recruitment crew.

Laughter for Life wows Los Angeles audience

Our 11th annual Laughter for Life dazzled a large audience in Los Angeles. The highly anticipated, sold-out event took place on November 17, 2013, at the iconic Comedy Store.

The lineup of comedians, brought together by Sam Tripoli, included headliner Ahmed Ahmed, host K-von, Fahim Anwar, Jackie Kashian, and Vincent Oshana.

"Laughter for Life is all about having a blast while supporting the life-saving mission of the Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Registry," said Tripoli, a veteran comedian whose work has been seen on Showtime and Comedy Central.

As in previous years, Tripoli as well as ABMDR Board member Lara Yeretsian, both longtime members of the Registry's Comedy Night Committee, were instrumental in the success of the event.

In her opening remarks, Yeretsian spoke of the vital importance of joining the ranks of ABMDR as potential bone marrow stem cell donors, and highlighted the Registry's most recent milestones.

"Given its stellar lineup of performers and the enthusiastic support of the community, the 11th annual Laughter for Life has been an unprecedented success," Yeretsian said.

"Ahmed Ahmed and his fellow comedians had the crowd laugh to the point of tears, while K-von, the star of MTV's hit show 'Disaster Date,' kept the energy going in-between acts," Yeretsian added.

The show also included an artful performance by an ensemble of pole dancers who mesmerized the audience.

Top photo: the ABMDR Comedy Night Committee with Laughter for Life host K-von (far right). Photo at right: ABMDR Board member Lara Yeretsian delivering her opening remarks at the sold-out event.



12th Annual USC AGSA Dinner-Dance in Burbank benefits ABMDR mission

The 12th annual Dinner and Dance of the USC Armenian Graduate Students' Association (AGSA), held at Burbank's Arbat Banquet Hall, once again thrilled hundreds of revelers from throughout Los Angeles while benefiting the life-saving mission of ABMDR.

The extremely popular event, organized by brothers Johnny and Harry Nigoghosian of USC AGSA, featured performances by Harout Pamboukjian, Vartan Taymazyan, Tigran Asatryan, and DJ Karen.

We convey our heartfelt gratitude to the Nigoghosian brothers and USC AGSA as a whole for their steadfast and ongoing support of the Registry.

The USC AGSA Cabinet consists of Johnny Nigoghosian, president; Harry Nigoghosian, vice president; Celine Martin, Ani Keshishian, Nineli Zadourian, and Arthur Azatyan.

In the photo at right: Singer Tigran Asatryan flanked by brothers Johnny and Harry Nigoghosian of USC AGSA.



pre-Walkathon activities, Los Angeles



Clockwise from top left: ABMDR Board members at the St. Gregory Church 48th Annual Luncheon and Fashion Show (chaired by Salpi Mankarian), March 23, 2013, Hilton Universal City, Los Angeles; Board members at the Western Diocese, April 7, 2013, Burbank; at the Glendale Unified School District's April 24 commemoration, Glendale High School; at the April 24 commemoration, Armenian Martyrs Monument, Montebello; at Glendale High School; at the St. Gregory Church 48th Annual Luncheon and Fashion Show.

Walk of Life Los Angeles



Over 500 supporters participated in Walk of Life 2013, held on May 4 in Glendale. Elected officials and community leaders in attendance included Glendale City Council members Zareh Sinanyan (above photo, center) and Ara Najarian (second from far right); Father Vazken Atmajian of the Western Prelacy (right photo, far left), Archbishop Hovnan Derderian of the Western Diocese (center), and Jack Ivie, president of Glendale Memorial Hospital; and Glendale Council member Laura Friedman and California State Senator Carol Liu (far right photo). Walkers were also cheered on by former Armenian Consul General Grigor Hovhannisyan (bottom photo).



Thank you,
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for being major sponsors
of Walk of Life 2013





Walk of Life New England

Over 200 community members participated in the jubilant event, on September 28, 2013, in Watertown, Massachusetts



Clockwise from top left: the Armenian Business Network team; youngsters taking part in the walk; Alec Zareh Zarifian won the award for individually raising the most funds independently; Alec Der Sirakian received an honorable mention as the youngest best fundraiser; the St. Stephen's Armenian Elementary School team; the Ere-buni Armenian School team.

**Thank you,
Dana-Farber Cancer Institute
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Walk of Life New England**





Seventeen-year-old Serena Hajjar of Lexington, MA, member of the New England Walk-of-Life organizing committee, donated her first paycheck to ABMDR. Photo at right: the Boston Support Group and New England Walkathon Committee at the Volunteer Appreciation Brunch, hosted by Hasmik Sarkezians and Roupen Dechkounian of Lexington.



Eleven-year-old Melanne Ghahraman, a supporter of ABMDR from Watertown, MA, donated a portion of her proceeds from a garage sale to the Registry. Photo at right: a scene from the opening ceremony of the walk, at the Armenian Cultural and Educational Center (the 2.2-mile route culminated at the annual "Faire on the Square" site in Watertown).

Hope of Life Gala

July 14, 2013 - Glendale Hilton, California - Over 400 supporters, including elected officials and community leaders, attended the event



Thank you,
Mike Sarian of Prime Health Care
and
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The 2013 ABMDR Woman of the Year and Man of the Year Award were bestowed on Amy Boyadjian and Dr. Evgeni Sokurenko, respectively; the Volunteer of the Year Awards were bestowed on Hilda Gourdikian and Harmik Baghdasarian; the Armenian-American Medical Society (AAMS) of California and its Ladies' Auxiliary Committee received the Organization of the Year Award; the ABMDR Comedy Night Committee was named Team of the Year; and Children's Hospital Los Angeles received the Establishment of the Year Award, which was accepted by Dr. Stuart Siegel and Dr. Neena Kapoor. In 2012, Drs. Siegel and Kapoor were instrumental in providing vital trainings to Dr. Andranik Mshetsyan in order to help the Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Registry create the necessary infrastructure and skill base for performing pioneering autotransplantation procedures in Armenia.



parties for a wonderful cause

Wine-tasting event

Hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Vicken and Salpi Mankerian of Mission Wine and Spirits, at their residence in Sierra Madre, California, May 31, 2013



Casino Night

Hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Amy Boyadjian at their residence in Glendale, California, September 27, 2013



Christmas Party

Hosted by Dr. and Mrs. Norik and Ramella Markarian at their residence in Glendale, California, December 19, 2013



Armenian Open Golf Tournament - Organized by the Los Angeles Chapter Trex Fraternity and longtime supporter George Titizian, June 28, 2013



A fond farewell to Consul General Grigor Hovhannisyán

During a special reception in 2013, the Registry honored Grigor Hovhannisyán, outgoing consul general of Armenia in Los Angeles, for his years of dedication to the life-saving mission of the Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Registry. Throughout his tenure as consul general, Hovhannisyán has actively supported the Registry by contributing to the success of major ABMDR events such as our annual walkathons and galas. We once again thank Consul General Grigor Hovhannisyán for his wonderful support and wish him the very best in his present and future endeavors.



Prayer Day outreach in Burbank, Encino, and Glendale

In March and April 2013, Armenian Diocese and Prelacy churches throughout Southern California offered prayers for patients of ABMDR, as requested by Archbishop Hovnan Derderian of the Western Diocese and Archbishop Moushegh Mardirossian of the Western Prelacy, both longtime supporters of the Registry. The Prayer Days, which included recruitment drives, were held on the grounds of St. Leon Church, in Burbank; Holy Martyrs Armenian Apostolic Church, in Encino; and Saint Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church, in Glendale.



Dr. Jordan receives Knights of Vartan Award for humanitarian service to Armenia, March 1, 2014, Pasadena, California



Dr. Frieda Jordan was honored by the Knights of Vartan for her humanitarian service to Armenia, at the 49th Vartanantz Banquet of the Los Angeles County Tri-Lodge. In the photos: NS Viken Mouradian and NAS Bob Barsam of the Knights of Vartan presenting Dr. Jordan with the award; Dr. Jordan with fellow ABMDR Board members and supporters.

Presentation at Sunrise Rotary Club



Visit to Arch. Hovnan Derderian at the Western Diocese, January 16, 2014



Dr. Jordan interviewed on Civilnet



Visit to Arch. Moushegh Mardirossian at the Western Prelacy, Jan. 14, 2014



Presentation by Dr. Madelian at Diocese



At Glendale Health Festival



At ARS Annual Gala



At Merdinian School Annual Gala



Armenian Cycling Association's Los Angeles to San Diego bike ride, "Cycle for Life," benefits ABMDR's life-saving mission



On June 22, 2013, 17 cyclists took part in "Cycle for Life," the sixth annual Glendale to San Diego Bicycle Ride of the Armenian Cycling Association (ACA). As the participants reached the finish line of the 136-mile ride, they were greeted by a group of supporters and ABMDR representatives, and honored with a champagne reception. The riders also received medals of recognition. "Cycle for Life" raised nearly \$8,000 for the ABMDR cause. The idea of partnering with ABMDR for the 2013 bike ride was initiated by Andrew Nazarian, a high-school senior who went on to have an instrumental role in spreading the word about "Cycle for Life" and helping raise funds for the event.

Top photo: the ACA riders' team in front of St. Gregory Armenian Catholic Church in Glendale; photos at right: one of the bikers; ACA member Rene Nazarian and his son, Andrew. Photos below: at the finish line in San Diego, where the bikers were welcomed by ABMDR Board members and supporters, and subsequently honored with a champagne reception and medals of recognition; the bikers outside Carlsbad, 110 miles into the ride.



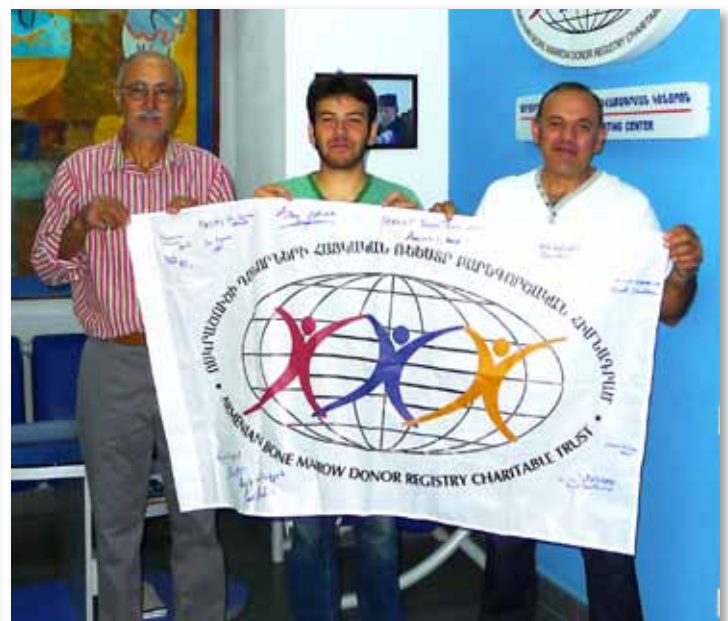
ABMDR flag waved atop Mount Ararat during journey through Western Armenia and Georgia; climbers include three ABMDR donors



August 1, 2013 became an unforgettable day for the Registry as a team of mountain climbers, including ABMDR donors, took the organization's flag to the summit of Mount Ararat, in a gesture of pan-national support for the Registry's life-saving mission. The 11-member Ararat Dream Team, headed by Harut Der-Tavitian and including ABMDR donors Hratch Lukassian, Hayk Manukian, and Ashot Manukian, scaled Mount Ararat as part of a journey through Georgia and Western Armenia.

Subsequently the ABMDR flag, which was signed by the team members, was brought by the ABMDR donors to the Registry's Stem Cell Harvesting Center in Yerevan, where the lab staff congratulated the donors for having completed their remarkable journey.

Clockwise from top: following the arduous climb up Mount Ararat, team members held the ABMDR flag high as the jubilant moment was captured on film; the ABMDR donors at the Stem Cell Harvesting Center in Yerevan (from left, Hratch Lukassian, Hayk Manukian, and Ashot Manukian), holding the ABMDR flag, which was signed by members of the Ararat Dream Team; the ABMDR donors with the staff of the lab; the ABMDR donors unfolding the historic flag.



Armenian Medical World Congress, Los Angeles



EFI meeting, Maastricht, Holland



NMDP Council meeting, Minneapolis



GEMS meeting, Paphos, Cyprus



At the National Marrow Donor Program/Be The Match Council Meeting, ABMDR Board members, including Medical Director Dr. Mihran Nazaretyan, discussed the Registry's work, shared ideas with other NMDP partners, and helped address challenges pertaining to unrelated donor marrow and cord blood transplants.

European Federation of Immunogenetics Region 8 Conference, Belgrade, Nov. 20 - December 1, 2013



Dr. Chryssa Papasteriades, former president of EFI Region 8, receives the ABMDR Crystal Award from Dr. Jordan and Dr. Avagyan during a special farewell reception.

A letter of appreciation from Dr. Chryssa Papasteriades, former president of EFI Region 8

Dear Frieda and Sevak,

From the bottom of my heart I thank you very much for the special way you chose to bid me farewell in Belgrade. It has been a great pleasure for me to have made even a small contribution to this significant effort and admirable work of the Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Registry. Your honorable words and farewell reception were deeply touching, and I really do appreciate the respect that I was always treated with. I wish every success to all of you at ABMDR — your colleagues outside Armenia and those at the Stem Cell Harvesting Center in Yerevan — for the benefit of this world. You are this small nucleus filled with great will, strength, and hard work, a magnet for volunteer donors and a source of life and smiles.



I feel grateful to have met you and enjoyed your friendship, and I hope our friendship and communication will last in the days to come.

With my very kind regards,
Chryssa C. Papasteriades

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society conference, Los Angeles, February 2014



The Registry was represented at the conference by Dr. Frieda Jordan and (in the photo above, from left) Fimi Mekhitarian and Dr. Vergine Madelian.

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Glendale Memorial Hospital



Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center sends its congratulations to the Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Registry on its 15th anniversary. Bone marrow transplantation is among the greatest success stories in cancer treatment, boosting survival rates for many people with blood cancers. The organization's goals are noble but the impact is life-saving.

Jack Ivie, president,
Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center

Dr. Sokurenko and Avagyan



ABMDR Man of the Year Dr. Evgeni Sokurenko and his wife, Dr. Arpenik Avagyan, have been longtime advocates of the Registry. They have supported our organization not only in terms of financial assistance, but as valuable consultants for our scientific publications, and by providing molecular probes for our newly instituted diagnostic services. We convey our profound gratitude for their confidence in our work, wonderful enthusiasm, and steadfast and generous support.

Ralph Yirikian, VivaCell-MTS



As general manager of VivaCell-MTS, Armenia's top telecommunications company, Ralph Yirikian has been a veritable pillar of ABMDR. In addition to playing a key role in the establishment of our Stem Cell Harvesting Center in Yerevan, he has provided ongoing assistance to our mission by supporting our various events, helping raise public awareness of our cause, and being an inspiration to others. We convey our heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Yirikian and the great company he leads.

The Vartanian family, Foundation Laboratory



For the past 15 years, Stepan and Linda Vartanian have been among our staunchest supporters. They have donated to the Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Registry the use of their Foundation Laboratory, in California, in effect allowing us to base our US operations at the facility. The Vartanians went one step further in 2013, by becoming major sponsors of the ABMDR Walk of Life. Their wonderful example of altruism has been emulated

by their children, Lala, Taleen, and Ara, as well as sons-in-law Dr. Zareh Baghoomian and Areg Boyamyan. They have brought their support to all ABMDR fundraising and other major events, not only helping advance our cause, but inspiring countless others to embrace our mission. On the occasion of the 15th anniversary of ABMDR, we convey a very special Thank You to Stepan and Linda Vartanian and their dedicated children!

Dr. Carolann and George Najarian



Year after year, the Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Registry has succeeded in setting new records: helping more and more people, giving hope where there is little hope left. One can only describe those responsible for these successes as true visionaries who had a dream — a dream that someday thousands and thousands of Armenians would give their blood and be part of an army of people willing to donate a part of themselves to save a life. Who would have thought it could happen? Dr. Jordan and her team had a dream and they made it happen through sheer hard work and dedication. Their dream baffles my mind. But that is what visionaries are all about: to dream the impossible! Thank you!

Carolann S. Najarian, MD

The Boyadjian family



Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Amy Boyadjian of the Tri-Tech company have been wonderful friends of ABMDR. The Boyadjians have enthusiastically brought their support to our work by hosting our annual Casino Night event. An important fundraising conduit, the Casino Night has become a beloved community tradition, drawing hundreds of supporters year after year. As significantly, Amy Boyadjian, the ABMDR Woman of the Year, continues to bring her outstanding dedication to the Registry, as a Board member who works extremely hard to help ensure the success of our fundraising and other community activities. Our 15th anniversary is all the more noteworthy because of the selfless support of the Boyadjians. A big Thank You!

Naz Atikian, Le Papillon



Ever since joining ABMDR in 2006, Naz Atikian has worked with great devotion to help advance our cause, from organizing and sponsoring our Tea Parties to planning Mother-and-Daughter events and holding various fundraising functions at the homes of family or friends. On the occasion of our crystal anniversary, we salute Atikian's exemplary dedication and thank her for her continued support and enthusiasm.

The Mankerian family



Mr. and Mrs. Vicken and Salpi Mankerian of Mission Wine and Spirits personify the spirit of community give-back. Driven by their strong belief in the ABMDR cause, they have, year after year, generously hosted our annual Wine-tasting event, one of our most important fundraisers. These beautiful, elegant events continue to thrill wine connoisseurs while inspiring attendees to support our life-saving mission. Moreover, as a highly dedicated ABMDR Board member, Salpi Mankerian continues to be a driving force behind our various community events, tirelessly contributing to their success. Today, as we celebrate the Registry's 15th anniversary, we salute the exemplary spirit of volunteerism and generosity of the Mankerians!

The Kaloostian family



We convey our heartfelt gratitude to the Kaloostian family of Los Angeles for its ongoing support of the life-saving mission of the Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Registry. In the tradition of our dearly missed Aida Shirinian Kaloostian, Dr. William Kaloostian and his dedicated children, doctors Carolyn, Paul, and Shane, continue to contribute to the success of our work by supporting all of our community activities.

Glendale Adventist Medical Center



Over the past 15 years, ABMDR has become a grassroots organization supported by a broad cross-section of the community. Glendale Adventist Medical Center congratulates ABMDR for all its accomplishments and is proud to support its mission to save and enhance lives in our community and Armenia. Together we can make a difference.

Ramella Markarian, MS, MHA
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Tina Hartounian, president of 4over, and Zarik Megerdichian, the company's founder and CEO.

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Ameria Group makes Christmas contribution to ABMDR



In December 2013, the Ameria Group's Los Angeles branch donated \$6,500 to the Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Registry in lieu of the company's annual Christmas celebration. In the photo, Ameria Group CCO Rafi Manoukian presenting the check to Dr. Frieda Jordan. Thank you, Ameria Group and Rafi Manoukian, for your exemplary community giveback and helping advance the Registry's life-saving cause!

Wells Fargo makes donation to the Registry



As part of its community-giveback program, Wells Fargo Bank made a donation to ABMDR in September 2013. The Registry was nominated for the donation by Wells Fargo executives Osanna Piskoulian-Kassis and Ara Khanjian. In the photo, ABMDR's Armond Mehdikhani accepts the donation during a special event. Far left: Osanna Piskoulian-Kassis. Thank you, Wells Fargo, for supporting the mission of ABMDR!

The Daughters of Vartan Grand Council



The Daughters of Vartan continue to enthusiastically contributing to the success of our mission. In the photo: the dedicated members of the Grand Council, including Grand Matron Lisa Kradjian (seated, second from left).

Artist Michael Aram



Sidon Travel



Sidon Travel has been one of our staunchest and most consistent supporters, ever since the launch of ABMDR. It continues generously to help our cause, in particular by donating air-travel tickets for our Lottery. We convey our heartfelt gratitude to this landmark company!

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Dr. Frieda Jordan and Dr. Sevak Avagyan meet with the Registry's Honorary Chairperson, Dr. Bella Kocharian, Yerevan



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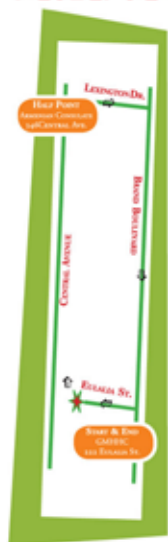
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