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ANNA ASTVATSATURIAN TURCOTTE launches ANNA ASTVATSATURIAN FOUNDATION and announces the establishment of the INITIATIVE to document and research financial, personal, and property losses of the Armenian population of Artsakh Republic incurred during the Artsakh War.

Westbrook, ME, USA - January 27, 2021 – Author, lawyer, lecturer and human rights advocate, Anna Astvatsaturian Turcotte, launched the “Anna Astvatsaturian Foundation,” a Nonprofit Corporation that will focus its efforts on community initiatives in Armenia, Nagorno-Karabakh/Artsakh and the Armenian Diaspora. The first project of the Foundation will work toward determining the impact of Azerbaijani aggression on the Artsakh population.

Over the past decade, with the support of her growing fanbase and her trusted community partners, Mrs. Astvatsaturian Turcotte spearheaded dozens of humanitarian, development, cultural, environmental and educational projects worldwide to support the community and to benefit the vulnerable population in Armenia and Artsakh Republic. These include but are not limited to the following:

- Renovation of 7 school bathrooms with Paros Foundation in Khndzoresk, Armenia
- Planting a forest with Armenia Tree Project in Talin, Armenia
- Supporting the Artsakh Ballet College with 300 ballet costumes, clothing and hundreds of dance shoes.
- Supporting women’s group initiatives across Armenia
- Provide medical eye care, surgeries and eyewear to two villages in Syunik region of Armenia
- Bath/kitchen portable unit for Artsakh border post with Armenian Wounded Heroes Fund (AWHF)
- Hundreds of military grade medical kits for Artsakh border posts with AWHF
- Solar power banks for Artsakh border posts with AWHF
- Organizing, collecting and sending handknit items to children of the rural population of Artsakh
- Financial assistance to Baku Armenian refugee families residing in Artsakh and in Armenia
- Art supplies, play costumes to Artsakh children in Shushi Kindergarten
- Armath Laboratory with 3D printers, computers, furniture and software for Stepanakert School #8
- Building 2 bomb shelters for civilians in Tavush Province, Armenia with Pahapan Foundation
- Medical and humanitarian supplies to Artsakh and Armenia through AWHF.
- Financial assistance to 200 Artsakh refugee families
- Christmas gifts to 1500 Artsakh refugee children

To maximize the impact of her work, Mrs. Astvatsaturian Turcotte took the first steps to formalize the Foundation in the spring of 2020. With the Tavush attacks in the summer of 2020 and the Artsakh War in the fall of 2020, the work of the Foundation will be more vital to Armenia’s future than first foreseen. The humanitarian disaster currently faced by the people of Artsakh is unprecedented. As Artsakh and Armenia begin to rebuild in their post-war reality, the Foundation will continue Anna’s work to strengthen the Armenian Nation independently and in collaboration with her trusted partners.

This first project is a detailed and well-planned initiative to collect empirical data on the displaced and affected population of Artsakh. The project began in December 2021 in partnership with Armenia’s Association of Social Workers, and in collaboration with the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs of Republic of Armenia, the Ministry of Housing and Social Affairs of the Republic of Artsakh and the Offices of Armenia’s and Artsakh’s Human Rights Ombudsmen. The Foundation’s website is www.astvatsaturian.org and the organization will have an active social media presence.

The “Anna Astvatsaturian Foundation” is organized as a public benefit corporation under the Maine Nonprofit Corporation Act, Title 13-B M.R.S., as amended, and will carry on business and operate anywhere within the State of Maine or in any state where it has a legal authority to carry on business and operate. The Foundation is intended exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The “Anna Astvatsaturian Foundation” is based in Westbrook, Maine, United States of America.

Attached: Anna Astvatsaturian Turcotte Biography and Photograph

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