

We are a Home for Those Who Have None



Our mission is to help orphaned and disadvantaged young women in Armenia break the cycle of dependency by providing education, job training, and a loving, family environment, while instilling leadership skills and teaching self-sufficiency. Mer Doon is a non-political, non-governmental organization, and does not have any religious affiliations.

EDUCATION

Education is Mer Doon's top priority! We provide a college education to each of our residents. This support includes tuition, books, and school supplies. We also teach trade skills like traditional handcrafts. We plan many extracurricular activities, special events, and educational field trips.

EMPOWERMENT

We know that at-risk, young women in Armenia are vulnerable to trafficking and abuse. They need to be taught strength, self-awareness, and confidence. We teach our girls to raise their voices against oppression, abuse, and gender inequality. Mer Doon provides a safe, trusted place to grow.

LIFE SKILLS

At Mer Doon, there is always an opportunity for learning. We teach our girls many important skills, including religious education, computer literacy, Russian, English, and foreign language lessons, cooking, housekeeping, gardening, social behavior and etiquette, personal hygiene, Armenian history and culture, dance, music, and so much more!

INDEPENDENCE

Our goal is to instill a strong sense of independence in the girls who come to Mer Doon. We accomplish this through our Job & Internship Program, giving each resident the opportunity to obtain meaningful experience in her chosen field of interest. We also teach the important skills needed to live both independently and within a family unit.

To donate, please visit www.mer-doon.com and click "Donate." Mer Doon is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and a registered NGO in the Republic of Armenia.

MER DOON HISTORY

Founded in 2005 by Julie Ashekian and Tigranuhi Karapetyan, Mer Doon answers the serious need for intervention for girls who have aged out of the orphanage system or are at-risk young adults. Mer Doon opened its *home* in Echmiadzin, Armenia in 2006. For many of these girls, Mer Doon is the first family they have ever known.

OUR PARTNERS

Mer Doon is honored to work with many supportive partners, including:

- Fund for Armenian Relief
- U.S. Embassy
- City of Echmiadzin
- Megerian Carpet
- SOAR (Society for Orphaned Armenian Relief)
- American University of Armenia
- Gavar Orphanage
- Vanadzor Orphanage

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