

Members of the AGBU YPGNY committee enjoy the glory of their fundraising success.



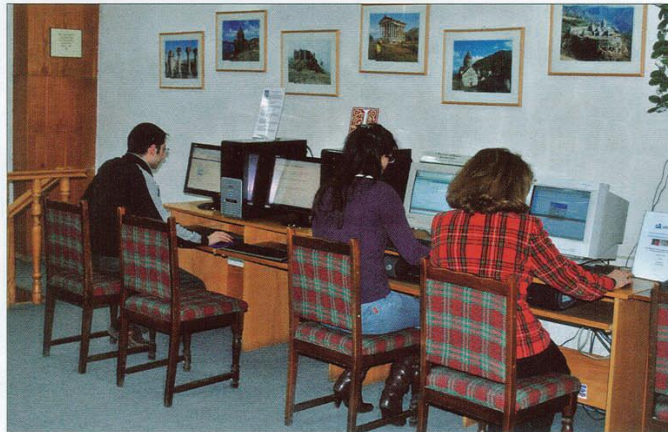
## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

### **NEW YORK, NY** **NEW YORK YOUNG PROFESSIONALS ROCK IN ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS WITH \$17,500 DONATION, BRINGING YP ENDOWMENT TO OVER \$100,000**

The AGBU Young Professionals of Greater New York kicked off 2010 with its most popular fundraiser – the 9th Armenian Christmas Cocktail and Silent Auction – at a townhouse in the heart of Manhattan’s SoHo district, with close to 200 Armenian Americans from the New York metropolitan area. Holding true to the sentiment “Christmas is for the children,” the sold-out event raised \$17,500 for the three AGBU Children’s Centers in the Nork, Arapkir and Malatya sections of Yerevan, which provide a constructive after-school environment to over 3,500 students between the ages of 6 and 16. With an administrative staff of 300, the Centers provide four hours of daily instruction in music, dance, arts and crafts, gymnastics, martial arts, computers, language and history, as well as developing other practical real-life professional skills. Since their establishment in 1993, over 15,000 students from low- to middle-income homes have benefited from this very important program.

### **NEW YORK, NY AND LOS ANGELES, CA** **AGBU YOUNG PROFESSIONALS OF GREATER NEW YORK AND LOS ANGELES DONATE \$2000 TO AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF ARMENIA’S ACM DIGITAL LIBRARY**

YPGNY and YPLA made a donation of \$2000 to the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) Digital Library of the American University of Armenia (AUA). By so doing, they continued their tradition of supporting one of the various fundraising projects embraced by YP groups around the world. YPGNY raised more than half of this sum through a Halloween Eve “Rocktoberfest” featuring a musical showcase of Armenian artists. To date, AGBU YP contributions for AUA’s membership in ACM, including the Digital Library subscription, total close to \$20,000. The university has recognized the AGBU YPs with an inscription of the organization’s name on the marble Honor Wall at the entrance to the campus.



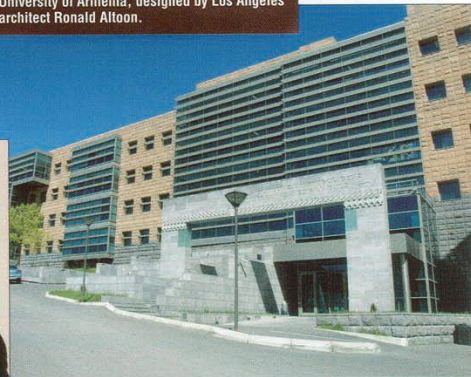


Guests at the AGBU YP Chicago kick-off event, including AGBU YP liaison Kim Yacoubian (second from right).

## CHICAGO, IL AGBU YP CHICAGO HOLDS KICK-OFF EVENT

The newly formed AGBU Young Professionals of Chicago held its inaugural event at NAHA restaurant, with over 50 young professionals in attendance. They eagerly listened to an overview of AGBU's mission and vision for Armenian communities across the globe, given by AGBU YP liaison Kim Yacoubian. The evening also featured a raffle, which included prizes donated by local businesses. Committee chair Arina Babajanian offered her thanks to AGBU and her organizing committee, as well as speaking about the group's plans for 2010.

The Paramaz Avedisian Building at the American University of Armenia, designed by Los Angeles architect Ronald Altoon.



With a few attendees are YPLA Chair Narine Zardarian (second from left), architect Ronald Altoon (third from left), YPLA steering committee member Yeghig Keshishian (center) and AUA Director of Development Dan Maljanian (far right).



## LOS ANGELES, CA AGBU YPLA HOSTS EVENING WITH ARCHITECT RONALD ALTOON: DESIGNING A GREEN TOMORROW, THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF ARMENIA

The AGBU Young Professionals of Los Angeles, in cooperation with the American University of Armenia (AUA), as well as Woodbury University's School of Architecture, held an emotive and informative evening featuring internationally recognized architect Ronald Altoon. Nearly 60 attendees enjoyed a cocktail hour with Mr. Altoon,

followed by his interactive presentation, in which he discussed his experiences in Armenia. In particular, he highlighted the most recent planning and design process involved in constructing the five-story, 108,000-square-foot Paramaz Avedisian Building at AUA. He also talked about sustainable design and the green technology movement.

## LOS ANGELES, CA LA YPS TAKE AGBU GENERATION NEXT MENTORS AND MENTEES TO LA LAKERS GAME

The AGBU Young Professionals of Los Angeles (YPLA) took an eager group of mentors and mentees of the AGBU Generation Next Mentorship Program to the Staples Center to watch a basketball game in which the Lakers beat the Dallas Mavericks. AGBU YPLA became the beneficiary of the tickets, thanks to YPLA Steering Committee member, Theodore Khachaturian, who had applied to the Lakers Youth Foundation. The Lakers organization has a limited number of tickets designated for group donations throughout the season. The Generation Next Mentorship Program's mission is to identify potentially troubled teens and help them find a meaningful role in the community.

