

# Haton & Hachadoor Erganian

## Endowment of \$123,033 for American University of Armenia

**N**atives of the ancient Armenian city of Malatya, Hachadoor Erganian and Haton Joovelegian Erganian were both survivors of the Armenian Genocide.

Hachadoor arrived in the United States through France, while Haton made her way to America via Cuba, where she temporarily worked as a seamstress. The two met through acquaintances in the New England Malatya community and after marriage settled in the lively Armenian community of Providence, RI, which included a large number of Malatyatsis—as natives of Malatya are known.

Hachadoor served in the U.S. Army near the end of World War I, and worked as a barber before finding an assembly-line job at Whiting & Davis Company. Haton worked as a skilled seamstress, noted for her work with furs. She also built a small home business providing “made-from-scratch” baklava to the local community. The couple had four children: Ann, Joseph, Susan and Archie.

Their daughter, Susan E. Chapman, explains that her father was a dedicated worker, who enjoyed playing pinochle and tavli (backgammon) with male friends at the local Armenian club house (khayfeh). Her mother was a hard worker, and especially enjoyed day trips to the shore when the grandchildren visited. Neither parent spoke much about their tragic early years, in which no relatives in either family survived.

“They enjoyed spending time with the local Malatya community, which was very active, and they looked forward to the large picnics, where the men grilled kebabs and the women sat and chatted—it was one of the few times women could relax in our community,” Susan explains.

As the only university graduate in her family, Susan knows her parents were proud of her academic achievements and she feels that establishing an endowment at the American University of Armenia (AUA) in Yerevan is a perfect way to commemorate their memory. “Although they had little opportunity for formal education, they wholeheartedly believed that education would provide a step up for their children. They would have taken pride in supporting the students of the American University of Armenia,” she says.

The Haton & Hachadoor Erganian Endowment, which totals \$123,033, will offer scholarships to students studying at AUA, and ensure that future generations will also benefit from opportunities their parents may not have had.



1999	USA	Arshavir & Arpik Jagaspanian Memorial	\$ 10,000
1999	USA	Dr. Aram Janigian Memorial	155,688
1999	USA	Haroutune Kenadjian Memorial	131,810
1999	USA	Richard & Jane Manoogian Foundation	400,000
1999	USA	Hagop & Iroula Manuelian	10,170
1999	USA	Margos, Elizabeth & Andranic Margossian Memorial	113,000
1999	USA	Serop & Vartohie Mashikian Memorial	24,000
1999	USA	Mr. & Mrs. Varto Mazmanian	7,838
1999	USA	Diran O. Mikaelian	30,000
1999	USA	Suzy Minassian Memorial	5,120
1999	USA	Arthur Musurlian	4,523
1999	USA	Mr. & Mrs. Edward Nahabet	5,000
1999	USA	Harry Orbelian	2,000
1999	USA	Lucy J. Parsek Memorial	10,000
1999	USA	Mr. & Mrs. Edward Peters	11,000
1999	USA	Vera Roopenian Memorial	121,484
1999	USA	Nubar Sayarman	53,110
1999	USA	Leon & Victoria Shaldjian Foundation	1,310,976
1999	USA	Minas Shirvanian Memorial	7,095
1999	USA	Sislian Family	22,000
1999	USA	Krikor Soghikian	25,000
1999	USA	Nishan Tamezian	27,000
1999	USA	Avedis & Loussazine Tcheurekdjian	20,000

1999	USA	Berj Topjian Memorial	\$ 20,950
1999	USA	Sarkis & Zarouhi Touloukian, Arsine Selian Memorials	197,718
1999	USA	Astine Vartanian Memorial	10,975
1999	USA	Haiganoush Agnes & Haig R. Yazijian Memorial	1,006,921
1999	USA	Krikor Youredjian	6,224
2000	USA	AGBU Friends of Children's Centers	276,193
2000	USA	AGBU S. California Youth Programs	69,505
2000	USA	Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Ajamian	33,927
2000	USA	Adrienne G. Alexanian	25,000
2000	USA	Araxie C. Anjoorian Memorial	10,000
2000	USA	Anonymous "OC"	10,000
2000	England	Hoseb & Lilly Arathoon Trust	161,000
2000	USA	Ardemis, Arpy & Armenoohy Arsenian Mem.	79,141
2000	USA	Yervantouhi, Khoren & Michael Asdoorian	112,199
2000	USA	Mr. & Mrs. Jim Avakian	89,785
2000	USA	Ara & Georgette Boyajian	16,123
2000	USA	Dickran Bozajian Memorial	25,000
2000	USA	Gosdan Bozajian	25,000
2000	USA	Kevork Cachaznoui Memorial	112,633
2000	USA	Aram & Sarkis Chapian	37,500
2000	USA	Ara & Valerie Cherchian	44,350
2000	USA	Nazaret & Melanie Demirjian Memorial	10,000
2000	USA	John & Stella Eshkonian, Krikor & Mariam Eshkonian, Mary Eshkon Magmer Mem.	50,000
2000	USA	Garabed & Peter Fattal, Nora Gibbs, Corinne Farrell	17,519
2000	USA	Loulou Fermanian Memorial	10,250
2000	USA	Sarkis Gabrellian Memorial	10,000
2000	USA	Flora & Valarshak Mackertich Galoostian Mem.	50,000
2000	USA	Murad Guchigian Memorial	21,000
2000	USA	Kaspar & Kohar Hagopian Family	55,000
2000	USA	Beatrice A. & Burgess Charles Harpoot Mem.	10,000
2000	USA	Isabelle Aranosian Hodgson	5,000
2000	USA	Clara Ignatius Memorial	10,000
2000	USA	Hagop Daniel Janoyan Memorial	10,400
2000	USA	Dikranouhi Jernukian Memorial	5,000
2000	USA	Berj B. Kalaidjian	7,000
2000	USA	Arpcase Kilerdjian Memorial	71,766
2000	USA	Thomas A. Kooyumjian Family Fdn.	28,100
2000	USA	Bartloff Khosroffian Memorial	348,071
2000	USA	Novart & Arsen Markarian Memorial	10,267
2000	USA	John & Paris Minosion Memorial	44,591
2000	USA	Noubar & Dikranouhi Mkhsi-Kevorkian	10,000
2000	USA	Dertad Y. Mooradian	25,000
2000	USA	Leon A. Najarian Memorial	7,500
2000	USA	Ohannes & Zabel Najarian Memorial	17,005
2000	USA	Servart Guregian Parechanian Memorial	50,505
2000	USA	Asdine & Barkev Sagatelian Memorial	637,874
2000	USA	Linda Shahinian	5,000
2001	Canada	AGBU Montreal Educ-Aid	6,540
2001	England	Anonymous	23,700
2001	Canada	Armenag Aprahamian Memorial	136,238
2001	USA	Vartan A. Arkanian Memorial	143,861
2001	USA	Sarkis & Susan Arzoumanian	10,000
2001	USA	Mr. & Mrs. Ara Barmakian	19,000
2001	USA	Norma Der Mugrdachian Memorial	12,100
2001	USA	Dr. & Mrs. Heratch Dumanian	22,500
2001	USA	Educational Society of Malatia	50,403
2001	USA	Seroun Egavian Memorial	34,606
2001	USA	Paris, Garbis, George & Jerry Essayan, Rose B. Vereen, Agnes B. Solinne Mem.	80,744
2001	England	Katherina Ghazarian Memorial	338,260
2001	USA	Armenak & Iskoochi Andrias Ghoukassian Memorial	10,000
2001	USA	Toros & Zabelle Gosyan Memorial	376,563
2001	USA	David M. Horne Memorial	5,000
2001	USA	Buck Hovsepian Memorial	775,477
2001	USA	Howard Family Philanthropic Fund	15,000
2001	USA	Mardo & Seta Kaprelian	10,000
2001	USA	Sculptor Bruce Sanoian Kueffer Memorial	5,000
2001	USA	Madeline Manoogian Memorial	5,000
2001	USA	Katherine & Avedis Miridjanian Memorial	30,000
2001	USA	Hagop J. Nazerian Memorial	16,215
2001	USA	John & Grace Brady Nicoll Memorial	36,702
2001	USA	Angelina Ohanian Memorial	5,000
2001	USA	Arpeen Mangerian Sullivan	51,434