

# ARMENIAN AMERICAN MEDICAL SOCIETY CELEBRATES 30 YEARS OF SERVICE

## *AAMS Continues Legacy of Giving Back, Focusing on Healthcare Needs of Syrian Armenian Refugees*

**Los Angeles, CA** - The Armenian American Medical Society (AAMS) is celebrating 30 years of promoting health services, education, and professional growth. AAMS continues its mission of benevolence by spotlighting its anniversary event on the healthcare needs of Syrian Armenian refugees. AAMS Legacy Award recipients are Glendale Adventist Medical Center and Dignity Health Glendale Memorial Hospital and Health Center. Doctor Haroutune K. Armenian will be honored with the AAMS Health and Heritage Award. The 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration takes place on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at The Beverly Hills Hotel, 9641 Sunset Boulevard, Beverly Hills. Cocktail reception begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by a dinner reception at 7:30 p.m. Attendees will experience the interactive musical extravaganza that is Wayne Foster Entertainment.

"The Armenian American Medical Society has long assisted healthcare professionals and populations on a global scale," says AAMS President Raffi Tachdjian, MD, MPH. "AAMS empowers its members with resources to

**Dignity  
Health  
Glendale  
Memorial  
Hospital**

**(GMH)** has been an integral healthcare



service provider since opening its doors to the community in 1926. Having recently partnered with Dignity Health, the hospital continues its quest of quality care and just this year celebrated its own anniversary marking 90 years. GMH has been a staunch supporter of AAMS' efforts and projects for decades, including the most recent collaboration between the two organizations: "Your Health," an educational television program that serves as a dynamic resource for viewers interested in improving their health. The program emphasizes the importance of preventative care, focusing on maintenance of a healthy lifestyle. GMH sponsored the project from its 2008 conception to launch and is just one of many examples of how the hospital has supported AAMS' efforts to service Los Angeles and the greater Armenian community. AAMS is proud to honor GMH with the 2016 Legacy Award.

ensure they thrive in their respective communities. This includes a focus on education, networking, and philanthropy to create a legacy of giving back to the community. We are thrilled to celebrate our 30th anniversary."



**Haroutune K. Armenian MD, MPH, Dr.P.H.** is a Professor in Residence at the UCLA

Fielding School of Public Health, and Professor Emeritus at Johns Hopkins University. His academic endeavors include being past president of the American University of Armenia. Among his many accomplishments, Dr. Armenian led the development of novel education programs in Armenia. He also was one of the earliest to apply epidemiologic methods to study the effects of civil war at the population level during the 1980s in Lebanon and the long term effects of the earthquake disaster in Armenia during the 1990s. A true pioneer in medical research, Dr. Armenian will be honored with this year's AAMS Health and Heritage Award.

*Glendale Adventist Medical Center*



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**(GAMC)** is San Fernando Valley's largest hospital and has served

the community for more than 110 years. Glendale News-Press recently recognized GAMC with its "Best Hospital, Best Physicians, and Best Nurses" award. GAMC's impact reaches far beyond the boundaries of its surrounding cities. In 2015, the hospital partnered with Armenia Fund through "Compassion in Action - Mission Armenia," a project to provide life-saving medical care to the Armenian city of Noyemberyan. Thanks to GAMC the collaboration was extremely successful, resulting in a donation of nearly three tons of supplies, medication, equipment, and an ambulance to the hospital. GAMC has supported AAMS for many years and as a committed partner has helped develop relationships within our community of physicians and healthcare professionals. AAMS will honor the hospital with this year's Legacy Award.

"The 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary is an exciting one," says AAMS Gala Chair Evelyn Baghdasraian Barkhoudarian, MD. "Our award recipients are truly deserving of this year's honors. And with proceeds benefiting the healthcare needs of Syrian Armenian refugees it is an evening of well-rounded purpose."

Armenians of Syria today are living through a second-wave of persecution, a modern-day continuation of the Genocide their families endured in 1915. As history repeats itself, the Diaspora finds itself in a critical position to help change the fate of these refugees. With every passing day, the need to assist Syrian Armenian refugees grows more critically. AAMS is focusing this year's gala fundraising efforts on the healthcare needs of Syrian Armenian refugees.

Wayne Foster Entertainment is set to take the stage at AAMS' 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The group plays to sold out venues and is popular for their interactive performance style. To RSVP, please email [info@aamsc.com](mailto:info@aamsc.com) or call [\(818\) 980-7777](tel:(818)980-7777).