

Vartan Gregorian Receives Aspen Institute Henry Crown Leadership Award

NEW YORK -- The Aspen Institute has awarded its 2010 Henry Crown Leadership Award to Vartan Gregorian, President of Carnegie Corporation of New York. The honors was presented at the Aspen Institute's Annual Awards Dinner at New York City's Plaza Hotel, on November 4, 2010.

The Award honors outstanding leaders whose achievements reflect the high standards of honor, integrity, industry, and philanthropy that characterized the life and career of Henry Crown, a well-known business leader and philanthropist. The Award is presented annually by the Henry and Gladys Crown Charitable Trust Fund in cooperation with the Henry Crown Fellowship Program of the Aspen Institute.

"It is such a profound privilege for those of us at the Aspen Institute to bestow its Henry Crown Leadership Award on Vartan Gregorian. There is no one more deserving of this recognition honoring the attributes of integrity, industry and philanthropy," said Aspen Institute President Walter Isaacson. He added: "This special man has left an indelible mark on many of our great institutions and the countless people touched by them—from his years at the University of Pennsylvania, the New York Public Library, then at Brown University and now the Carnegie Corporation. Teacher, scholar, philanthropist, humanist, Vartan Gregorian has made our world a better place."

Leonard Lauder, recipient of this year's Aspen Corporate Leadership Award, said, "Throughout his career, Vartan Gregorian has brought passion, energy and scope to everything he touches. From his legendary success at the New York Public Library, to his



humanitarian work at Carnegie, to his commitment to quality education for all, I can think of no one better to receive the honor of the Henry Crown Award than Vartan. His leadership and outstanding achievements are legendary."

Commenting on his selection as the 2010 recipient of the Henry Crown Award, Vartan Gregorian said, "Henry Crown was a paragon of integrity, dignity, and leadership. It is a great honor for me to receive this award because it gives me the occasion to celebrate the life of this extraordinary man whose legendary career was built on a foundation of trust and respect. In business as in life, his word was his bond and his promises were always kept. He believed that success in business must be matched by generosity and public service. Through his philanthropy and dedication to advancing his community and society, he set a lasting example for us all."

Following the awards ceremony, Dr. Gregorian and Mr. Lauder discussed the nature of leadership and the lessons each has learned over the course of their respective careers in a conversation moderated by Christiane Amanpour, anchor of ABC News's This Week.

Armenian Studies Program Scholarships for 2011-2012 Academic Year For Fresno State Students

The Armenian Studies Program at California State University, Fresno announces that applications are now begin taken for scholarships to be awarded in the 2011-2012 academic year. The scholarships are awarded only to students enrolled next year at Fresno State

Last year, more than \$70,000 in scholarships was distributed to 52 students. High school seniors planning to enroll at Fresno State are especially encouraged to apply

All students must apply on-line at <http://www.csufresno.edu/scholarships/scholarshipapplication/index.shtml> for the Armenian Studies Program scholarships. Student must also complete a supplementary form through the Armenian Studies Program. Deadline for applications is February 28, 2011. Over the years, many generous donors have established scholarship funds for students enrolled in Armenian Studies scholarships. Those include the Pete P. Peters Scholarship; the Charles K. and Pansy Pategian Zlokovich Scholarship; the Nerces and Ruth Azadian Memorial Scholarship; the Yervant, Rose, and Hovannes Levonian Educational Grant; the Koren and Alice Odian Kasparian Scholarship; the Telfeyan Evangelical Fund, Inc. Scholarship; the Kirkor and Mary Bedoian Memorial Scholarship; the Charlie Keyan Endowed Scholarship; the Genevieve Tatoian Scholarship; the Haig Tashjian Memorial Scholarship; the Albert and Isabelle Kabrielian Scholarship for Armenian Studies; the John and Lucille Melkonian Scholarship; the Mary Nalchajian Scholarship; and the Bertha and John Garabedian Charitable Foundation Scholarship Fund.

The Harry and Mary Topoozian Armenian Studies Merit Scholarship Fund was established by a gift from Mr. Harry Topoozian.

The Norma and Bob Der Mugerdechian Armenian Studies Endowed Scholarship has been established to provide scholarships for students who are studying, or have declared a major, in the area of Armenian Studies.

For more information, please call the Armenian Studies Program at 559-278-2669 or go to the website <http://armenianstudies.csufresno.edu>.

Millennium Armenian Children's Vaccine Fund to Co-finance Distribution of Pentavalent Vaccine in Armenia

LOS ANGELES -- The Millennium Armenian Children's Vaccine Fund (MACVF) announced today that it will be co-financing the distribution of the Pentavalent Vaccine with the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia (MoH). This five year program is part of a major financing arrangement led by Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI) around the world and will commence in Armenia in 2011.

"At a time when the global economic crisis has pushed over 100 million people back into poverty, we feel that immunization remains a crucial safety net program for mothers and children in Armenia. These investments are not just a temporary relief, but are investments in long term human capital for Armenia.

Every child that one day will form the future of Armenian society will be affected by this program," says Raffy Ardhaljian, Chief Volunteer Officer of The Ani & Narod Memorial Foundation (ANMF), "Once again, we are delighted to assist the MoH of Armenia in making history, raising the standards of health in Armenia, and partnering with them in the introduction of the Pentavalent vaccine to complement GAVI's efforts."

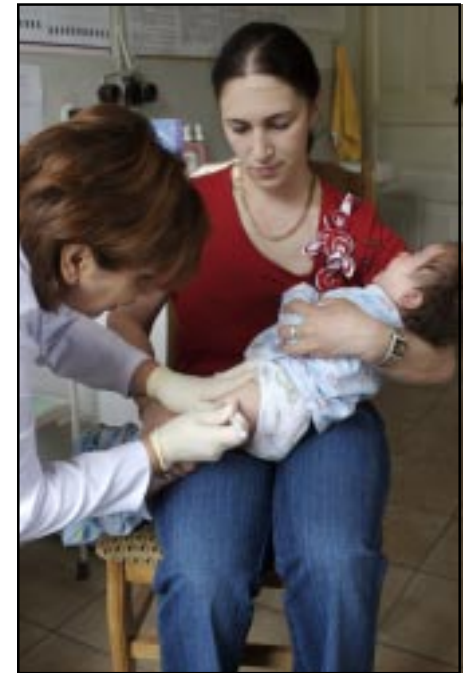
According to GAVI, the Pentavalent Vaccine protects against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, hepatitis B, and Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib). The World Health Organization (WHO), accounts that Hib disease, primarily pneumonia and meningitis in young children is a significant public health concern in many parts of the world where large scale Hib immunization has not yet been implemented.

In order to fight the potential deadly effects of Hib and the four other potential killers, and considering the proven efficacy and effectiveness of the Pentavalent vaccine, GAVI will be offering WHO's recommended five-in-one vaccine composition to the Ministry of Health of Armenia (MoH). With the financial support of GAVI and a co-financing involvement of MACVF and the Government of Armenia, the MoH will distribute the Pentavalent vaccine through its routine National Immunization Program (NIP).

"With only one visit to the polyclinic, children will be able to receive five vaccines in one application thus reducing the psychological fear and pain factor that children associate with vaccination," says Gayane Sahakyan, Manager of the NIP of Armenia and State Hygiene and Anti-Epidemic Inspectorate.

"This is a logical and beneficial addition to our NIP and we are very pleased that, once again, MACVF is lending its financial support to our programs."

MACVF's past contributions include a joint effort with UNICEF, the MoH, and the Rostropovich Foundation, to eliminate measles, mumps, and congenital rubella. This effort



included a mass immunization campaign of approximately 924,000 individuals. Additionally MACVF was instrumental in its long lasting support to the MoH by financing routine, life-saving immunization vaccines which has enabled the immunization of thousands of children in Armenia since the inception of the program.

MACVF has been and continues to be vital in introducing life-saving vaccines for the NIP's regular vaccination programs. Adding the Pentavalent vaccine to the NIP, will compliment Armenia's public health achievements since independence and be part of GAVI's global effort to prevent 1 million deaths until the year 2015.

Millennium Armenian Children's Vaccine Fund (MACVF) is one of the primary programs of the Ani & Narod Memorial Foundation. MACVF is a public-private capital fund incubated around the year 2000 in partnership with international agencies including UNICEF, the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), and various constituents of the Armenian Diaspora, to ensure a steady stream of income to finance vaccines for Armenia's NIP. ANMF was established in 1994 in loving memory of Ani and Narod Ardhaljian (visit www.ani.org).

The GAVI Alliance is a public-private partnership focused on saving children's lives and protecting people's health by increasing access to immunization in poor countries.

The National Immunization Program of Armenia is carried out by the Communicable Diseases, State Hygiene and Anti-Epidemic Inspectorate of the Ministry of Health. NIP unites and coordinates institutions, resources, and activities, which promote the reduction of morbidity, disability, and mortality as a result of manageable infections. This large-scale program is also responsible for the procurement and distribution of vaccines to polyclinics and health institutions throughout the country. According to the WHO, the NIP of the MoH of Armenia has retained high coverage rates for its vaccination programs.