Scholarships:

Another round of scholarship applications were processed with 650 students successfully receiving full tuition for the fall 2018 semester. Staying true to the mission of the Hovnanian Foundation, we continue to support vulnerable families living in Armenia and Artsakh, who have children studying at local state universities. The eligibility is given to socially insecure families, children of Artsakh war participants, male students who served in the army by defending borders, as well as families living in border villages.

The Foundation highly values the feedback received from our scholars, and as a sequel of a good tradition, below represent 2 of them.

1. Submitted by Mari Galstyan and her parents (studies at American University of Armenia)

“The words of thankfulness have a magic impact! With the help of those people pass warmth, positive energy to each other, and express their feelings. Without these the whole life would have been completely grey and empty.

Please accept our deepest appreciation for being with us, for your devotedness, impartiality and readiness to share our burden like a true family member. Wishing you a strong health and will in your noble work and endless happiness!!”

2. Anush Khachikyan (mother of a former conscript soldier injured in April 2016 during the Artsakh conflict escalation, who received Hovnanian scholarship in 2017-2018)

“I and my son have luck to get inspired by your charity. My son served in army back in 2016, and was injured during the conflict escalation in April of the same year. As a consequence, till the end of his life he should undergo medical observations and treatment. Even with that state he decided to continue his education after army. My husband is disabled and the only source of income for my family is my work as a maid with the low salary, which doesn’t suffice for covering my son’s tuition at the university. Because of non-payment, in Spring 2017 he could have been dispelled from the university.

Every day I bless a man who has directed me to apply to your foundation. I’m thankful to Hovnanian foundation and the staff for your humane attitude owing to which the rays of hope arose in me. I bow before you honorable Hovnanian family for the noble and blessed work you do, which could not be forgotten by anyone to whom you’ve given your helpful hand.”

Our Grants continue to grow each quarter:
For the second year in a row, the Hirair and Anna Hovnanian Foundation sponsored the Golden Apricot Film Festival, which is held annually in Armenia for the public at large. This year the Foundation donated $100,000 in support of the 15th Golden Apricot Film Festival, which ran from July 8 – 15, 2018. The opening ceremony at Aram Khachaturian Grand Concert Hall on July 8th was well attended by two-time Academy Award winner Asghar Farhadi, and member of Cannes 2018 Grand Jury Robert Guédiguian, President of European Film Market, Beki Probst, Golden Bear 2017 winner Gianfranco Rosi and many other world famous cinematography figures. The most awaited guest is Darren Aronofsky, director of the acclaimed Mother!, Black Swan, and Requiem for a Dream. These names are incredibly valuable for contemporary cinema and it is the greatest honor to host them in Yerevan during the festival.

Fulbright-Hovnanian Program:

“Did you know Armenian students have two options when it comes to the Fulbright program? They can apply for the general, global Fulbright – which awards grants for study in a variety of fields from journalism to public health. But only Armenians can apply for the Fulbright-Hovnanian program, which focuses on STEM+E – science, technology, engineering, math, and entrepreneurship. The Fulbright-Hovnanian opportunity is made possible thanks only to the support of the Hirair and Anna Hovnanian Foundation.”

In spring 2018, the Foundation supported the Fuller Center for Housing to help low income and homeless families living in temporary shelters, basements or semi-built homes in disrepair so they have decent and safe living conditions. Whether completing semi-built homes, purchasing apartments or renovating homes for families in regions of Armenia and Artsakh, the Foundation wanted to lend their financial support to this important mission.

Financial assistance was committed to Fish Eye Art for the production of “Gate to Heaven”, a film about Artsakh.

In addition to its contributions in the Republic of Armenia, the Foundation continues to support US-based organizations which include the following:

- A large donation to the Ocean County Vo-Technical School for equipment in their Nursing lab.

- A major donation to this year’s Smithsonian Folklife Festival in Washington, DC, which featured “Armenia: Creating Home” program on the National Mall, June 27 – July 8, 2018.