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### **ARMENIA FORMING TEAMS TO COMPETE IN THE 2004 INTERNATIONAL CHILDRENS GAMES**

The 2004 International Children's Games, a five-day celebration of athletic competition and cultural festival taking place for the first time in the United States this summer is looking forward to Armenia's participation.

In all, 3,000 children, aged 12-15, from around the world will compete in International Olympic Committee endorsed games in Cleveland Ohio from July 29 to August 2.

Coaches in Armenia are assembling the best athletes to compete in tennis, table tennis, gymnastics, swimming, water polo, track & field, soccer, baseball, volleyball and basketball. The opening ceremonies will be held in the Cleveland Browns Football Stadium where it is hoped Armenia will also be there to raise her flag along with other nations.

Dr. Sebouh Setrakian, of Cleveland Ohio, believes "it is of utmost importance for Armenia to participate in these Games with qualified competing athletes." As a tireless contributor for Armenian cultural preservation in NE Ohio, and a galvanizing force for this small community, Dr. Setrakian said, "the children of Armenia cannot participate and compete without the help of American Armenians."

Anita Kazarian, of Noah's Landing, arranged for donations to be tax-deductible through a 501 (c) 3 organization. Checks made out to the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission, the organizing body for the Games, should be mailed to PO Box 22168, Cleveland, OH 44122.

The youth of Cleveland joined forces to help make Armenia's participation a reality. Gregory Andonian of the Cleveland ACYOA and Sosi Pounardjian, of the Cleveland

ARS have calculated \$2,000 will sponsor one child. This will cover round-trip airfare from Armenia to Cleveland, hotels, food, and visa for the one week.

The all-volunteer Armenia Task Force of the International Children's Games is asking you to donate any amount. Please mail checks to PO Box 22168, Cleveland, OH 44122. Anita Kazarian will answer any questions on a special Hot Line 216.932.8100.

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