

On Sunday, July 23, 2009 Amaras volunteers were invited to an “appreciation” picnic/party at the home of its president Arax Badalian in Watertown, MA. It was a joyous occasion for all especially for the younger volunteers who put a great deal of effort in making sure our functions are successful. It was their turn to be served.

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The following is a note from Alvard Badalian, board member of Armenian Bone Marrow Donor Registry, sent to the volunteers of Amaras following the “Jazz for Life” fund raising concert:

Hi all,

I want to share with you an exciting news about ABMDR. Last Sunday, the same day we were having our volunteer appreciation party, the LA headquarter was having the ABMDR annual gala at the Glendale Hilton. The event was very successful. They had a full-house (500 people) and ended up turning people away, because there was no more room. Can you imagine? Isn't that the dream of an event organizer? Even the Mayor of LA was in attendance! They had angels collecting \$250 Be and Angel-Save a Life donations, they sold raffle tickets just like us, and they had Champaign raffle, with "Be and Angel-Save a Life" engraved Champaign glasses going for \$50 each. In addition to all-you-can-drink, the prize for the Champaign raffle was a diamond neckless. Sound familiar?

It has been a great few months for ABMDR. First the opening of the Stem Cell Harvesting Center in Yerevan; then Jazz for Life (standing-room only) benefit concert; and now the sold-out gala. They raised \$100k, which with our \$5k is a whopping \$105K!!!!

Go, Boston Go! Great job folks!

*Thanks
Alvard*