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**ARMENIAN FILM FOUNDATION POSTER
TO DOCUMENT FACES OF GENOCIDE**

Thousand Oaks, CA, October 13, 2005 - The faces of more and more survivors of the Armenian Genocide of 1915 are being added to the Armenian Film Foundation's commemorative poster. A series of beautifully designed posters is now being considered to accommodate all who elect to participate. Paul Kalemkiarian, Sr. of Escondido has chosen to sponsor five family members -- Michael Minasian of Montebello is sponsoring four.

Greg Kadorian, son of survivor Sam Kadorian of Van Nuys, submitted a sponsorship form for his father not long before Sam's passing last month at the age of 98. "Sam was always eager to share his personal history and welcomed being photographed and interviewed. I think, since he himself was a photographer, he appreciated and wanted to support our efforts to create a world renowned archive of visual materials on Armenian heritage," commented Dr. J. Michael Hagopian, founder and chairman of the Foundation. "His son's gesture is a fitting tribute to a fine man who, despite the atrocities he endured and witnessed during the Genocide, went on to live a rich and full life."

The poster project gives a voice to survivors, some who are unknown to those who decide to sponsor them. "Since my family lived in Iran and was fortunate to escape the atrocities, I chose to sponsor Haig Ohanian, a respected teacher," says Claris Sayadian-Dodge, project co-chair. "Each sponsor will receive a copy of the finished poster, a wonderful keepsake that the Armenian Film Foundation plans to also circulate among educational institutions, and cultural and media organizations worldwide."

Participating in the Sponsor-A-Survivor poster project is simple. A submission form can be downloaded from the Foundation's website at www.armenianfilm.org or requested by calling the AFF office at 805-495-0717. The form, photograph of a survivor, tax-deductible donation of \$250 payable to the *Armenian Film Foundation*, and brief biographical sketch should be mailed to the Foundation at 2219 E. Thousand Oaks Blvd., Ste. 292, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362. If preferred, interested parties can sponsor one of the nearly 400 survivors whose filmed interviews already comprise the AFF archives.

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The Armenian Film Foundation is dedicated to preserving the visual and personal histories of the witnesses of the first Genocide of the 20th Century. Proceeds from the Sponsor-A-Survivor project will go toward the completion of *Caravans Along the Euphrates*, the third and final film of internationally award-winning THE WITNESSES trilogy and "crown jewel" of the Foundation's documentary films.

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