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Dear Friends,

The 2016-2017 academic year marks the 40th anniversary of the Hovnanian School. We look forward to celebrating this milestone with you at our “40 Years of Excellence in Education” Anniversary Gala, which will take place on Saturday, October 22, 2016 at the beautiful Rockleigh Country Club. (Formal invitation to follow.) On this momentous occasion, we will be honoring Mr. Aso Tavitian, philanthropist, former CEO of Syncsort, and founder of the Tavitian Foundation.

As a prominent member of our community, we are reaching out to you to join us in commemorating the School’s 40th Anniversary by sponsoring a page in our “40 Years of Excellence in Education” commemorative booklet by celebrating the history of the Hovnanian School, its students, alumni, and faculty.

Accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, our school features a state-of-the-art science lab, a cutting-edge technology program, a new daycare known as the Hovnanian School Childcare Center, and a tri-lingual preschool, elementary, and middle school curriculum that prepares its students for success: Hovnanian graduates attend some of the best high schools in the region, including Bergen Academies, Dwight Englewood, Saddle River Day School and Horace Mann. Furthermore, 80% of our graduates take AP and Honors classes in high school.

Your generous sponsorship will bolster our pursuit of academic excellence and help educate the next generation of Armenian-American leaders.

Sincerely,

Dr. Greg Simonian  
Chairman, Hovnanian School Board of Trustees



HOVNANIAN SCHOOL

*Preserving Our Past. Preparing Our Future.*

# *Aso O. Tavitian*

Aso O. Tavitian was born in Sofia, Bulgaria. In 1959, at the age of 19, he left Communist Bulgaria and after two years stay in Beirut, Lebanon he came to the United States. Tavitian was accepted at Columbia University and graduated in 1965 with a Master of Science degree in Nuclear Engineering.

In 1969, Tavitian co-founded Syncsort Inc. and was its CEO from 1975 until April of 2008 and continued to be involved with Syncsort at the Board level until 2015. Syncsort is a privately held technological company specializing in the development, marketing, and service of generalized infrastructure software products. Syncsort is one of the first software companies that emerged after IBM's unbundling of software in the late 1960s. This was the start of the software industry and Syncsort played a pivotal role in its development. Syncsort operates throughout the world with fully owned subsidiaries in major European countries and distributors throughout the rest of the world. It has more than 10,000 corporate customers including most of the Fortune 500.

As a result of being of Armenian ethnic origin and having grown up in Bulgaria, Tavitian has been interested in the development and westernization of Armenia and Bulgaria. He has been involved with the East European activities of the New School in New York since 1991 and has been one of the sponsors of its Trans Regional Center for Democratic Studies since 1995.

In 1995 Tavitian established and funded the Tavitian Foundation which is engaged in (i) providing full scholarships to talented students of Armenian ethnic origin to pursue studies at Ivy League or equivalent universities, both in the US and abroad, and (ii) sponsoring special projects focused on development of the governance of the Republic of Armenia.

Current Special Projects of the Foundation include the organization of a series of six months special training programs for mid level employees in various Armenian Ministries & Governmental Institutions. These programs have been designed in conjunction with the faculty of the Fletcher School of Law and International Diplomacy and have had as their objective the contributing to better governance of the young Republic of Armenia. There are currently 250 graduates of this program in the Republic of Armenia.

Tavitian is a member of (i) the Council on Foreign Relations, (ii) the Board of Trustees of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, (iii) the Board of Trustees of the Frick Museum in New York, NY, and (iv) the Board of Trustees of Austen Riggs, a psychiatric hospital with a strong psycho analytical orientation, based in Stockbridge, MA. Tavitian resides in both New York, NY and Stockbridge, MA.



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