



Garo Armen

Founder of the Children of Armenia Fund

Garo H. Armen was born in 1953, in Turkey. He moved to the USA at the age of 17. Starting from junior banking positions and working as a messenger boy, he took gradual steps towards success and continued his education, using the vast opportunities offered by the US educational and entrepreneurial environment.

In 1978, he demonstrated his extraordinary spirit of entrepreneurship, making his first big money. He received a PhD in physical chemistry from City University of New York and founded **Agenus**, a biotechnology company.

He has received numerous awards and prizes in the fields of science, entrepreneurship and charity from both the United States and various Armenian organizations.

- In 2004, Dr. Armen received the Ellis Island Medal of Honor for his humanitarian efforts in Armenia, as well as his contributions to American society,
- In 2006, Dr. Armen received the Sabin Humanitarian Award from the Sabin Vaccine Institute for his achievements in biotechnology and progressing medical research.
- In 2007, Dr. Armen received the Medal of Honor from the Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia for his outstanding contributions in the revitalization of rural communities in Armenia.
- In 2013, the President of Armenia Serzh Sargsyan presented Dr. Armen with the Mkhitar Heratsi Medal which is awarded for services to the development of healthcare in Armenia, high professionalism, practical work, as well as for significant philanthropic activities.
- In 2016, Dr. Armen was honored with the 2016 ILC Immigrant Entrepreneur of the Year Award.