



5 Years Changing the Lives of Armenian Families



On June 28, 2013, the Fuller Center for Housing Armenia (FCHA) celebrated its 5th anniversary at the Armenia Marriott Hotel Yerevan, which was the generous sponsor of the event. This event marked an important milestone not only for the Fuller Center for Housing, but also for the Republic of Armenia. Since its inception in 2008, FCHA has built or renovated hundreds of safe and decent homes for needy families in remote regions of Armenia.

Commenting on the core values of Marriott International, J.W. Marriott, Jr. stated, "We believe our long-time commitment to a sustainable business sets us apart and our global reach gives us a unique opportunity to make a real difference in communities around the world."

David Snell, the founder member and the president of the Fuller Center for Housing, Inc. shared in his remarks: "I had the great privilege of visiting Armenia in 2008 when the Fuller Center Armenia was still a dream. Now, five years later, this program has risen to become the most productive organization in the world-wide Fuller Center family of covenant partners.

This work wouldn't be possible without the support of those who share their time and their financial resources. Special recognition is due to local donors/supporters for their gifts. Thanks are also due to the amazing Armenian diaspora community in the United States whose generosity is unbounded. Thank you for coming out to celebrate this great event. May the good Lord continue to shower His blessings on the Fuller Center for Housing Armenia and on our work around the world. Every child deserves to have a decent home to grow up in, and together we can make that happen. **No more shacks! No more domiks!**"

Discussing the significance of the Fuller Center's 5th anniversary, Ashot Yeghiazaryan, the president of the Fuller Center for Housing Armenia, stated: "Since 2000, our team has been working in Armenia to eliminate poverty housing, and so far we have reached out to over 650 families. Over 70% of these families were homeless, while some just needed home improvements. Every home we have built has been made possible thanks to the dedication of our supporters and volunteers as well as organizations both from Armenia and overseas.

"However the housing need in Armenia is still high. There are over 64,000 families (about 8% of population) who need to either build or renovate their homes. We have seen that helping **one family at a time** is making a difference for a lifetime, and impacting more than one generation. Our mission motivates us to share our love and dedication with these families."

The 5th anniversary celebration will follow joint builds with longtime and new partners: Armenia Marriott Hotel Yerevan, KPMG, U.S. Embassy, AGBU, Armenian Volunteer Corps (AVC), and others. FCHA will also commemorate the anniversary with the completion of its 250th home. In summer 2013, this home, now the residence of the Margaryan family in the village of Ujan, will be dedicated and blessed by local clergy. Members of St. Gregory the Enlightener Armenian Church in White Plains, New York sponsored the construction of this house.

FCHA also partners with Heifer International to provide many of the new homeowners with gifts of livestock and bees; this has allowed the homeowners to generate a stable income and enhance the economy of their local regions. This winning approach of building homes and gifting livestock means that FCHA's beneficiary families do not feel the need to seek a better standard of living outside of Armenia. FCHA provides safe shelter and a source of income that gives families everything they need to stay in Armenia.



Armenia Marriott Hotel Yerevan Sales and Marketing Director, Mikkel Krantz, receiving a certificate

5th Anniversary Event Photo Gallery



ICRC representative receiving a certificate



KPMG Armenia representative receiving a certificate



Representative of the Mother See of Holy Etchmiadzin receiving a certificate



Leo and Sona Manuelian, FCHA Ambassadors



IWAY Group (International Women's Association of Yerevan)



ARDA Foundation Director Hrahat Stepanyan receiving a certificate



Beth Broussalian, FCHA Ambassador



Global Builders Volunteer team from the USA



Cynthia Erickson, FCHA Ambassador, receiving a certificate



Vanadzor Municipality representative receiving a certificate



Heifer Armenia representative receiving a certificate



Suzanne Daghljan, FCHA Ambassador, receiving a certificate



A volunteer and homeowners reunited 3 years after



Fr. Dajad enjoying the homeowner kid's picture of the home

