GLOBAL BUILDERS VOLUNTEER TEAM MADE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF ONE MORE ARMENIAN FAMILY

This fall, Global Builders volunteer team of eight members, led by the veteran team leader Barbara Hovsepian joined Minasyan family from Dvin village, Ararat region to build their long-cherished home.

“The highlight of my experience was working with a family and serving for myself the determination and love. I saw a proud, courageous man whose goal is to create a safe home for his family. All the family members assist him in achieving this goal, and we came to give what we could and they gave more.”

Lois Wolfe, GB team member, NJ, USA

THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO ARMENIA, THE U.S. EMBASSY HELPING HANDS AND FULLER CENTER FOR HOUSING ARMENIA CONTINUE THE PARTNERSHIP

It’s already the 8th year, since 2008 the U.S. Embassy team joins forces with the Fuller Center for Housing Armenia to build homes for Armenian families in need of decent housing. This partnership demonstrates a unique collaboration that is focused on helping people in need and giving them hope for a brighter future.

On September 16, 2017, the U.S. Ambassador to Armenia, H.E. Mr. Richard M. Mills, Jr. and volunteers from the U.S. Embassy Helping Hands organization joined the Fuller Center for Housing Armenia team in Aghavnatun village of Armavir region to help to build a home for Petrosyan family. The Petrosyans have lived in a metal container since 1995, for several years. Then they have lived in a small room without any housing conditions: no bathroom, no kitchen, just a small bedroom without proper roofing and flooring. Only in 2015, they were able to build the walls of their own house but couldn’t afford to finish it.

In 2017 the family became FCHA partner family and owing to Albert Deurdulian’s generous donation they finished the construction of their half-built house.

A few months later, after finishing the house construction, the same team visited the Petrosyans to participate in a home-blessing ceremony and to share the happiness of the family.

“Being able to contribute in a meaningful way to the daily life of this Armenian family was something that motivated the Embassy volunteers and the Fuller Center team to come out today and give their time,” said Ambassador Mills. “Volunteering is a way of life for many American families, and it’s so meaningful to be able to continue this tradition in Armenia,” he continued.

Fuller Center for Housing Armenia President Ashot Yeghiazaryan said, “Our partnership with the U.S. Embassy in Armenia goes a long way. This partnership once again proves that humanity does not recognize borders. When people join forces with good will and hearts full of love, everything becomes possible. The result is the happiness of these people. We are happy to share in their joy.”
ARDI is a 5-year program funded by the USAID and being implemented by FCHA and Heifer Armenia. The program aims to increase rural employment by tackling constraints to rural economic development of select rural communities in the Syunik, Vayots Dzor and Lori regions of Armenia. The program supports interventions in three main rural economic sectors/Value Chains involving Dairy Processing, Fruit Processing and Rural Tourism.

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11 YEARS OF PARTNERSHIP WITH ARMENIA MARRIOTT HOTEL YEREVAN

It is already the 11th year, the volunteer staff members of Armenia Marriott Hotel Yerevan join FCHA team with the shared mission of eliminating substandard housing in Armenia. This year the partner teams helped Yeghiazaryan family of Geghashen village, Kotayk region.

“Marriott’s Spirit to serve makes our culture more vibrant, our business stronger and the world a better place. Investing in the communities where we do business is at the core of Marriott’s Spirit To Serve Our Communities corporate social responsibility strategy. Our commitment to society blends financial contributions with in-kind giving of products and services, and the volunteer service of our associates around the world. Now the time has come to put our actions to another Spirit to Serve our communities event together with FCHA,” said Armenia Marriott Hotel Yerevan General Manager Ms. Catalina Susan.

NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH TEACH FOR ARMENIA

This year, the Fuller Center for Housing Armenia started a new and productive partnership with Teach for Armenia. This humanitarian partnership is committed to helping build houses for families who live in poverty housing.

“We believe in a better future for Armenia, and today we are so proud to be part of that with the Baghdasryan family and the Fuller Center. A better Armenia means better education for our children, it means proper housing conditions for our families, it means financial security for our people. All of these challenges are related, and when we work together to empower our communities, it brings the necessary change to life,” said Teach for Armenia Founder and CEO Larisa Hovannisian.

UWC DILIJAN COLLEGE STUDENTS HELPING BUILD A HOME FOR A FAMILY IN NEED

This year, the second time UWC Dilijan college students joined their forces and worked shoulder to shoulder helping families in need of decent housing to build their half-built homes. For UWC Dilijan students this was a part of their experiential learning, where they had the opportunity to learn more about the community and be a part of it.

“After three days of hard work, the joy, happiness, gratitude and smiles given by the family, warm your heart and that is what makes this experience an outstanding one. Even with no experience in constructions work, our students were able to provide help finishing the house as soon as possible. As soon as you think about winter’s cold which is upcoming, you do not want to do anything else than do as much as you can for this hardworking family,” says Ben, a second-year student from the Netherlands.