



Building Homes, Communities and a Homeland



Families Supported

N	Family	Members	Region	Community	Project Type	Expenses
1	Aram Aghekyan	6	Aragatsotn	Arayi	Half-built	\$9,100
2	Gegham Nurijanyan	5	Ararat	Mkhchyan	Half-built	\$7,605
3	Rubik Hambardzumyan	4	Armavir	Haytagh	Half-built	\$10,000
4	Manvel Gabrielyan	4	Gegharqunik	Zovaber	Half-built	\$10,600
5	Vruyr Sardaryan	4	Gegharqunik	Tsovak	Purchase	\$10,927
6	Edvard Mkhitaryan	5	Gegharqunik	Ttujur	Purchase	\$6,250
7	Tolik Gasparyan	6	Kotayk	Nor Geghi	Half-built	\$10,000
8	Abraham Chobanyan	5	Kotayk	Jrvezh	Half-built	\$9,700
9	Ofelya Yeganyan	1	Lori	Gugark	Purchase	\$7,083
10	Hrach Baloyan	8	Shirak	Anushavan	Half-built	\$10,500
11	Roza Adamyan	6	Yerevan	Yerevan	Purchase	\$8,235

11 Families

54 People

8 Regions

11 Communities

\$100,000



November 25, 2018

Dear Hirair and Anna Hovnanian Foundation, Inc.,

Every year we receive many letters and calls with housing requests. Visiting the families, we see how people try their best, but can't succeed in finishing their house construction or renovation.

Through your generous gift of \$100,000 the "Deserving life for 10 Families" project succeeded; instead of the 10 families planned initially we were able to support 11 families in urgent need of decent housing through savings. The total amount was directed only towards the construction/purchase and renovation of houses for families in housing need.

This year eleven families from eleven communities in eight regions of Armenia are blessed to celebrate the New Year in their new and cozy homes; their long cherished dream became a reality thanks to your generosity.

With the faithful financial contributions Hirair and Anna Hovnanian Foundation has demonstrated deep commitment to our work of providing decent homes for families in housing need. Your generous gift gives us sense of responsibility as well as enables us to move forward in the direction of eliminating poverty housing from the face of the country.

Words of gratitude are not enough to say what a real difference makes your support to our mission. 54 people enjoy the happiness of homeownership thanks to your generosity.

Thank you for being part of this life-changing program. Obviously, alone, without your help, we could not help so many people. We are proud and happy to be part of the life changing experience.

This will be the greatest gift of the Christmas and the New Year for all those families supported.

With great pleasure and deepest gratitude I share with you the gratitude report with family stories and before-after photos.

With gratitude,

Ashot Yeghiazaryan
President of the Fuller Center for Housing Armenia



Every human being deserves to have a decent home to live in. It gives to a family, to an individual the opportunity to be stronger for tomorrow and build a sustainable future. It boosts one's sense of dignity and pride which in its turn increases the educational and employment prospects.

This basic need of a decent home for Armenian families became a stimulus for our volunteers. Eight International and local volunteer teams from the U.S. Embassy in Armenia, Homenetmen Glendale Ararat Chapter Scouting Division, AGBU Montreal, American University of Armenia, UWC Dilijan College, AGBU Tehran, as well as Global Builders (GB) volunteer team, led by Abie Alexander together the PH International English Access Program and GB team, led by Peter Sexton joined our mission.

Working shoulder to shoulder with and for the families the teams helped the families to sooner finish the construction of their dream home and to live a deserving life in healthy environment.



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Access Program
Mkhchyan Village, Ararat Region



American University of Armenia
Haytagh Village, Armavir Region



The U.S. Embassy in Armenia
Zovaber Village, Gegharqunik Region



AGBU Tehran
Nor Geghi Village, Kotayk Region



AGBU Montreal
Zovaber Village, Gegharunik Region



GB Team Led by Peter Sexton
Arayi Village, Aragatsotn Region



UWC Dilijan
Arayi Village, Aragatsotn Region



Homenetmen Glendale "Ararat" Chapter, Scouting Division
Anushavan Village, Shirak Region



Arayi Village, Aragatsotn Region Aghekyan Family

	Aram Aghekyan	40 years old
Wife	Gayane Kocharyan	39 years old
Mother	Lala Hovhannisyan	68 years old
Daughter	Lalochka Aghekyan	7 years old
Son	Aghabek Aghekyan	5 years old
Daughter	Svetik Aghekyan	4 years old

The Aghekyan family of six from Arayi village of Aragatsotn region have been living in an old and damp house without any housing conditions.

In 1993, when Aram left abroad (Russia) to work, he was injured seriously in a car accident and Lala, Aram's mother, due to the lack of financial means, sold their house and left for Russia to take care of her son.

After long-term treatment, which lasted three years, Lala, with her son, returned to Armenia. Since then they have been living in their relative's old house, which was given to them free of charge till they would have been able to build or buy a house.

Later, Aram got married and now has three children. The family started their own house construction and the entire family was involved in the construction works. The children were so excited to see how their house was being built but they could not afford finishing the house construction.

"I want my children grow up in a healthy and safe home. I do my best to create for them decent housing conditions, but without your help we couldn't have a home. We are so greatfull," said Aram.

Owing to this project, the family finished the construction of their half-built house.





Mkhchyan Village, Ararat Region Nurijanyan Family

	Der Yeghishe Nurijanyan	36 years old
Mother	Alvard Nurijanyan	56 years old
Wife	Satenik Nurijanyan	33 years old
Daughter	Susanna Nurijanyan	9 years old
Daughter	Mane Nurijanyan	5 years old

The Nurijanyans are from Mkhchyan village, Ararat region. Der Yeghishe lives with her mother, wife and two daughters. In 1996, Der Yeghishe's father, Spartak, started building a house for the family but unfortunately he passed away and couldn't finish it. During these years the family tried to continue the construction but they couldn't complete it due to the lack of finances. More than 22 years the family lived in a damp and cold basement of the half-built house. The room served as a bedroom and a kitchen separated with curtains.

Now the family has a beautiful home with three bedrooms, a kitchen, a bathroom and a hall!

"We are a very loving family and I am blessed to have a family like this. My mother and wife are busy with farming. I am serving in the Church. Thinking in a positive way I was sure that God's blessings are with us and was full of hope that there will be supporters who will help us to have our dream home. May God shower his blessings on Hirair and Anna Hovnanian Foundation and may many other families enjoy the happiness of living in a decent home," shared Der Yeghishe.

Owing to this project, the family finished the construction of their half-built house.





Haytagh Village, Armavir Region Hambardzumyan Family

	Rubik Hambardzumyan	35 years old
Wife	Anna Hambardzumyan	29 years old
Son	Sergey Hambardzumyan	9 years old
Daughter	Anahit Hambardzumyan	6 years old

Hambardzumyan family lives in Haytagh village, Armavir region. The Hambardzумыans have been living in a three-room house with 11 (Rubik with his family, Rubik's brother with his family, Rubik's parents and grandmother). It was really difficult to live in a small house with such a large family. Two years ago, Rubik started to build his own house but it remained unfinished due to financial difficulties.

The breadwinners of the family were the two brothers and Rubik's father; Seryozha, Rubik's father is a driver, Rubik and his brother are doing different constructional works, but the income was hardly enough to care the family needs. The family works diligently to be able to care the needs. They are also busy with farming.

"I worked very hard to care my family needs and to build a house for my family. But with the growing expenses we could not afford finishing our house construction. With your helping hand my family now has a home with all necessities, we are so thankful and it makes us work even harder to create a better future for our children... Thank you," shared Rubik.

Owing to this project, the family finished the construction of their half-built house.





Zovaber Village, Gegharqunik Region Gabrielyan Family

	Manvel Gabrielyan	58 years old
Wife	Tamara Hayrapetyan	57 years old
Son	Gurgen Gabrielyan	34 years old
Son	Hovik Gabrielyan	33 years old

The Gabrielyan family of four lives in Zovaber village, Gegharkunik region. Four years the family lived in a wooden container which was too small for four adults and lacked basic conditions -- just two rooms, no kitchen, no bathroom, very cold in winters and hot in summers.

Before, the family lived with Manvel's brother's family, nine people in a three-room house. Four years ago, the Gabrielyans moved to live in a domik, and in the meantime they started the construction of their long cherished home.

"We are a hardworking family. Despite that we don't have any permanent job, we have several cows and we are busy with farming. But in four years we could build only the walls and did the concrete ceiling. My sons can't get married because there is not enough space for a large family. To finish the construction and to live a deserving life was a dream. I wish to see my children happy. We would be able to finish the construction by ourselves, but it would take a very long time. Now, with your help our dream became a reality. Thank you!" said Tamara.

Owing to this project, the family finished the construction of their half-built house.





Tsovak Village, Gegharkunik Region Sardaryan Family

	Vruyr Sardaryan	44 years old
Wife	Tamara Simonyan	33 years old
Son	Hovik Sardaryan	13 years old
Son	Rafayel Sardaryan	11 years old

The Sardaryan family of four lives in Tsovak village of Gegharkunik region. The family has lived in a temporary shelter for six years. Vruyr and Tamara married and lived in Vruyr's parents' house with his parents and two brothers. As there was not enough space for living together; Vruyr rented a house and moved there with his family. After two years, they purchased a temporary shelter lacking basic housing conditions and lived there with their children.

The Sardaryans are a hard working family. Despite that Vruyr has health problems, he works hard to care his family needs, and Tamara, the mother of the family, helps her husband. They are engaged in cattle breeding. Vruyr has 3rd degree of disability. He was injured during the Nagorno-Karabakh war.

"We work diligently to care our family needs. We work day and night trying to care the everyday needs, health problems, but the monthly income was not enough to solve the housing problem. Having our own house has become an inaccessible dream for us. We needed nothing, but a helping hand to solve our housing problem. Now that we have a home we will work even harder to create everything else on our own! I have no words to express my gratitude," said Tamara in tears.

A house has been purchased and renovated in the same village owing to this project.





Ttujur Village, Gegharkunik Region Mkhitaryan Family

	Edvard Mkhitaryan	49 years old
Wife	Osan Yeritsyan	50 years old
Son	Vardan Mkhitaryan	23 years old
Daughter	Heghine Mkhitaryan	20 years old
Son	Narek Mkhitaryan	7 years old

25 years ago, Edvard and Osan purchased a half-damaged house and moved there to live separately, as Edvard's parents' house was overcrowded and they couldn't live there anymore. The family hoped that they would be able to renovate the house or build a new one on that area. After children's birth, the family needs grew and their dream of having a decent home remained unfulfilled.

Despite all the difficulties they kept telling that they are happy with their own formula of happiness which is love towards each other.

"I worked as a cleaner, but now I am looking for another job. My son, Vardan, had a surgery, my younger son and daughter also have health problems, caused by housing conditions. We have a small land and are engaged in agriculture. The roof of the house was so dilapidated and old and every day we have been living in fear," said the family father, Edvard.

A house has been purchased for the family in the same village as their old soil house could not be renovated.





Nor Geghi village, Kotayk Region Gasparyan Family

	Tolik Gasparyan	65 years old
Wife	Rita Hayrapetyan	62 years old
Son	Lernik Gasparyan	40 years old
Daughter-in-law	Nazik Avetisyan	32 years old
Daughter	Lilit Gasparyan	30 years old
Grandson	Benik Ziroyan	15 years old

The Gasparyan family of 6 has lived in a rented house for 12 years. In 2012, they purchased a half-built house and tried to finish the house construction to move to live in there, but couldn't afford finishing it.

Tolik and Rita had three children. Their eldest daughter passed away a few years ago. Their son, Lernik, lives with them. Lilit, their youngest daughter has 1st degree of disability. The income of the family is the pension and the family benefit.

"The health problems of my daughter and the financial difficulties made our dream of having our decent home impossible. Each day we woke up with hope that one day we'll live with dignity. Now our dream came true. Now I am so happy that my family will live with dignity. Thank you so much!" shared Rita, the family mother.

Owing to this project, the family finished the construction of their half-built house.





Jrvezh Village, Kotayk Region Chobanyan Family

	Abraham Chobanyan	60 years old
Wife	Aida Chobanyan	58 years old
Son	Arsen Chobanyan	32 years old
Daughter-in-law	Gayane Israelyan	31 years old
Granddaughter	Aida Chobanyan	1-year-old

The Chobanyan family of five has lived in a basement of a half-built house for 10 years. The basement was damp and dark with concreted floors and served as a bedroom, a hall and a kitchen at the same time. After Arsen got married it became even harder for the family to live in such conditions.

The Abrahamians are a hardworking family. Abraham and his wife are busy with farming. Abraham also does temporary construction jobs. Arsen works in a pharmaceutical company. Before the child's birth Gayane used to work in a kindergarten; now she takes care of the child.

"When we started the house construction we were full of hope that very soon we'll have a home. But time passed by and it's already 10 years we could not afford finishing the house construction. I think everyone deserves a decent place to live in and home is the only place where a person dreams," said Abraham.

Owing to this project, the family finished the construction of their half-built house.





Gugark village, Lori Region Yeganyan Family

Ofelya Yeganyan 61 years old

Ofelya Yeganyan is a 61-year-old woman who is living alone. At first she lived with her husband in a rented house in Dilijan town. They had two children; one of them passed away at 10 months. Six years later Ofelya's husband passed away and Ofelya stayed with her daughter alone. Ofelya did her best and worked hard to take care of her daughter and provide her with everything. Her daughter graduated from school, and they moved to Gugark village of Lori region, got a temporary shelter and lived there. Later her daughter got married and Ofelia continued to live there alone.

In 2015, the temporary shelter burnt down. Not having a place for living, Ofelya rented a small apartment and moved to live in there.

Now she has a home of her dreams.

Owing to this project, a-one-room apartment was purchased for Ofelya in Vanadzor city.





Anushavan Village, Shirak Region Baloyan Family

	Hrach Baloyan	72 years old
Wife	Gyulnara Baloyan	62 years old
Son	Ara Baloyan	28 years old
Daughter-in-law	Anzhela Grigoryan	23 years old
Grandson	Aren Baloyan	2 years old
Son	Arthur Baloyan	26 years old
Daughter	Mariam Baloyan	30 years old
Granddaughter	Angelina Baloyan	1 year old

The Baloyans of eight lived in a metal container (domik) for 30 years. After the devastating earthquake in 1988, the young family with one-year-old daughter stayed without a roof. Hrach and his wife, Gyulnara, being very hard working people, started building a house with their savings. They built the walls, but the economic situation changed in Armenia, and the family lost all their savings and could not go on with the construction. Their two sons were born in the metal container. Every year the family was trying to continue the construction, but the growing family expenses didn't allow them to finish it.

"Though we lived in a small metal container and saw many difficulties in our life, we have never lost the hope of the better future. I am a happy and proud man to have such a loving family. Our main problem was only to finish the construction of our long-cherished half-built home. Your support was really God's blessing for my family. After we started the construction one more grandchild was born in my family. I am a happy man. Thank you," said Hrach.

Owing to this project, the family finished the construction of their half-built house.





Yerevan City Zakaryan Family

	Albert Zakaryan	35 years old
Mother	Ruzan Zakaryan	54 years old
Wife	Roza Adamyan	24 years old
Son	Robert Zakaryan	4 years old
Son	Suren Zakaryan	3 years old
Daughter	Rima Zakaryan	6-month-old

The Zakaryans were living in an 18 sq. m. metal container(domik) which was placed in an area far from the residential area of the city. In winter, it was very cold, as there were big holes on the walls and all windows were old and damaged. The domik didn't have a kitchen, a bathroom or separate bedrooms...there was just a small room for living.

Albert and Roza are married for seven years. At first, the young couple lived in a rented house with Albert's mother. But due to not having a permanent job and the health problems, they could not pay the rent and had to move to live in that temporary shelter which they received from a kind supporter.

Albert and Roza have three children, who were born in the metal container.

Despite the health problems, Albert (he has backbone problems and needs surgery) does different temporary jobs to care the family needs.

"My only dream was to have our own home, as it was really difficult to raise three children in such poor conditions. And now we are expecting tweens! I want my children grow up in a safe and a decent home. Without your help I don't know what could happen with all of us. Thank you!" shared Roza with tears.

Owing to this project, a house has been purchased for the family in Nor Kharberd village.





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