Gratitude Report to VivaCell-MTS 2017

The Fuller Center for Housing
Armenia

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Mr. Ralph Yirikian  
General Manager  
VivaCell-MTS

Dear Mr. Yirikian,

It is already closing to the end of the sixth year of the partnership between VivaCell-MTS and Fuller Center for Housing Armenia. It was a successful year with many achievements, and this is the result: healthy environment and happiness for more Armenian families.

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. In their words, the housing project is the only hope for them.

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

We are proud and happy to be part of the life changing experience. Ahead of Christmas, there is no better gift as the happiness of the supported families. With great pleasure and gratitude I share with you the annual report of the passing year with family stories, with before and after photos; before-after lives!

Thank you!

With best wishes,

Ashot Yeghiazaryan  
Fuller Center for Housing Armenia President
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7 FAMILIES 4 REGIONS 7 COMMUNITIES 32 MEMBERS 25 000 000 AMD
VivaCell-MTS staff members, led by General Manager Ralph Yirikian, working shoulder to shoulder with and for Armenian families with the highest sense of corporate social responsibility helping the families to finish the construction of their dream home sooner and to live a deserving life in healthy environment.
Hrayr and Narine got married in 2005 and had to live in Hrayr’s parents’ house; 10 people in a-four-room house in Ujan village, Aragatsotn region.

Many years ago, Hrayr’s father bought a-two-room house in the neighboring village of Aragatsotn; the house was damaged and it was not possible to live there as it lacked windows and doors, and even the walls were partially damaged. But as there was not enough space for several families in one house, last year, Hrayr, together with his wife Narine and two children, left Hrayr’s parents’ house, put a metal container (domik) on their own land and moved to live there.

“My husband is a hardworking man.
Aragatsotn Region, Aragatsotn Village

Project Type - Half-built

He is ready to do any hard job to care the family needs. Our family income is AMD 50,000, Hrayr’s salary, (he keeps the villagers’ animals) and the pension which is AMD29,000, and it is hardly enough for family basic needs. We hoped to live nearby our house, we could put a stone on the stone and create basic housing conditions for living. But we were not able to do any work. Without your support my family could never have a home. Thank you for giving us a chance to live a deserving life,” said Narine.
The foundation of Bagdasaryan family house was dug 20 years ago when they were full of hope that finishing the house construction is not a difficult problem. But till the beginning of 2017 the homeowner was able to build only the walls and to partly protect it with concrete ceiling. The construction was stopped and it became a dream to turn the half-built house into a decent home.

For more than two decades, Haykaram’s family, his wife and the three adult sons, had to live first at Hayk’s parents’ house, then rented the neighbor’s half-damaged house and moved there. The elder son, Argishty, serves in the Armenian Army, in Martakert. The other two sons are schoolchildren.

“My happiness is endless. We have not heard any good news for a long time. In all our life, my entire family, my wife, my sons and I have worked hard to finish the construction of our half-built house, but it was hopeless. We could hardly meet our everyday needs. Today it’s a happy day for us,” said the family father, Haykaram.
Aragatsotn Region, Katnaghbyur Village
Project Type - Half-built
3. Manukyan Family

In the beginning of the year, Manukyan family of four rented a house in Yerevan city and moved to live there. As Hrach is working as a military, his job requires to move from one place to another.

In 2011, when Hrach and Anna got married, they lived in Ijevan town, Tavoush region. After that, the family moved to Nerkin Bazmaberd village, Aragatsotn region, and lived with Hrach’s family: 15 people in a four-room house.

The only breadwinner of the family is Hrach. His salary is AMD 150,000, which is enough to meet the daily needs, but not enough to finish the house construction that the family has started many years ago.

“It is very hard to live with 15 people in a house. My brother has his own family, my sister with her four children lives with my parents and my younger brother will soon have his own family. We started the construction of the
Aragatsotn Region, N. Bazmaberd Village
Project Type - Half-built

house, but couldn’t finish it. It was a real magic to finish the construction this year. I can’t believe we have our own home,” said Hrach.
Aghasy Karapetyan is a 27-year-old young man who was born with the musculoskeletal disorder. When he first applied with their housing problem, their family of four; his mother, father, sister and he, all had been living in a metal container. Adjacent to it they had built a small room which was serving as a hall and a kitchen. His mother had health problems and after a few months of his letter with the housing request she passed away. The main breadwinner of the family is Nona, Aghasy’s sister. She works in the village municipality. They have several cows and the family father is busy with farming.

“It was sad to see my family doing their best but hopeless. It is very hard for me to move from one place to another. I have no work, although I have good computer skills. Finding a job in
the village is difficulty, especially for people like me with moving disabilities. My sister does not get married because she takes care of us all. It is a great sacrifice on her side. Now I am so happy for living in our decent home. Your support completely changed our life,” said Aghasy.
5. Sargsyan Family

In April, 2016, during the four-day war time, the Armenian army had more than a hundred victims. Many people lost their sons, fathers, husbands. One of the hundred heroes was Vardan Tadevosyan, who was awarded with the medal for Bravery posthumously.

Vardan’s wife, the 20-year-old Eliza, with her two children, the three-year-old Flora and the two-year-old Angelina, were living in a rented house in Artsakh. After her husband was killed, she had no place to go. Her parents live in Haykavan village, Hadrut province, in Artsakh, but she couldn’t move and live there anymore.

“I lost everything. Every shot I hear reminds me of my husband. It was a shock for all of us. I didn’t know how to live. May no one ever feel what I have felt. The only thing I want now is to live for my daughters far from the place everything happened. I would like to give them a feeling of safety they need. I am grateful for the generous help. Now we have a decent place to live in. My husband would be happy for us...” said Eliza.

In the frames of the housing project a house was purchased for the family in Arzni village, Kotayk region.
Kotayk Region, Arzni Village
Project Type - Purchase
Edvard was born in a house built by his father in 1960s. The big family of eight used to live in a three-room house without a kitchen and a bathroom, without proper bedrooms for six children of the family.

When Edvard, as well as his two brothers and three sisters grew up and formed their own families, they went to live separately. Edvard stayed to live in his parents house with his mother, wife and three children. Years passed by and with the family needs the expenses of the family grew too. Edvard had to leave for Russia to find a temporary job to earn the family living. Year after year the family could add a stone on the stone and build a small kitchen in front of the house.

Edvard is a hardworking man, and he tries to do his best for his family and his three children, but the backbone problems caused by the hard work, didn’t allow him to finish the construction of their house. His wife, Diana helps his husband. She takes care of the children and her mother-in-law.

“Last year when a house was built in
our village with the support of Viva-Cell-MTS, a hope rose in my heart, but I couldn’t imagine that it can be a reality. I am so happy that ahead of winter we have a decent place to live in with all basic necessities,” said Diana.
Aksel Gyurjyan is 33 years old. He has been living in a rented house with his wife and a daughter. Aksel has four brothers and two sisters. All of them, except the youngest brother, have their own families. Two of his brothers, with their families, live in Gyurjyan’s parents’ house with Aksel’s parents. Aksel with his family, and his brother, Rouben, with his family, moved to live separately in rented houses because in their parents’ house there was no more place even to sleep.

“My father started building a house for his two sons 20 years ago but couldn’t finish it. Although we all work hard, we couldn’t finish the construction of the house due to lack of financial means. I am a military officer, my brother doesn’t have any permanent job. We couldn’t even imagine that one day, we’ll have a home. It is a magic for our families. Thank you and may God bless you!” said Aksel.
Syunik Region, Goris Town
Project Type - Half-built
7 families 32 persons
in 7 communities
of 4 regions of Armenia
were supported through
decent housing

Owing to the generous support of

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