

Armenia

# 2019 Annual Report

Building Homes, Communities and a Homeland



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## Dear Friend,

2019 was a succesful year full of new challenges. This year, with the request of the RA Ministry of Urban Development, the Fuller Center for Housing Armenia was entrusted to complete the construction of the half-built houses of 44 families in the disaster zone. The families have been deprived of home since the 1988 earthquake and lived in metal containers.

During the first months, I myself had inner worries, that we would not have enough time and financial means, and the program would lose its completeness. But, as a result of the dedicated work of our team, we have completed the construction of all 44 family houses 1.5 months earlier of the planned and with 32% savings, which is about \$310,000. The RA Prime Minister visited twice and expressed his satisfaction. We haven't even finished the construction of the 44

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houses when the RA government suggested the second project, which includes 55 family homes and another 7 family homes, which will be built through our savings.

In alignment with this project, our major donor, VivaCell-MTS started the year with a donation of \$190,000, later added \$40,000, and then another \$22,000.

We also successfully completed the International Committee of Red Cross (ICRC) project and the other projects implemented through generous donations of our individual donors. Totally, we finished the year with 131 families assisted.

Those are not just numbers for us; those are 131 family fates and pleasant feelings at the end of the fruitful year.

It's already the 20th year since I have been managing these projects, and I've always said that still I was not able to understand which is the upper limit of our potential.

This year, I realized that there is no such limit. Any difficulties may be overcome if the work is God-pleasing and blessed.

We are very thankful for the big trust and support throughout all these years! Our success is your success! Thank you!

Ashot Yeghiazaryan FCHA President

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# 131 Families Served

## Our Mission

The Fuller Center for Housing Armenia is a non-governmental charitable organization that supports low income families to build and renovate simple, decent, and affordable homes providing them long-term, interest and inflation free loans as well as advocating the right to a decent shelter as a matter of conscience and action. The monthly loan repayments flow into revolving fund and are used to help more families creating a sustainable financial foundation for community development.

## Family Selection Criteria

#### -Housing need

-Ability to pay back the long-term, interest and inflation free housing loans -Willingness to partner with FCHA, partake in the work on their home, and assist in the building of other FCHA participants' homes nearby.

## 2019 Results

## In **62** Communities

## 598 Lives Changed

## **368** Volunteers Hosted

In All Regions of Armenia



## Housing Need in Armenia

30% of families in Armenia live below the upper poverty line.

(Source: World Bank "Social Snapshot and Poverty in Armenia")

About 64,000 families in Armenia need improvement of housing conditions; about 26,000 families are homeless. Most of them live in metal containers (domiks), basements, or other temporary, unsafe and unhealthy shelters.

(Source: Report on Social Reforms in Armenia)

### Partnership with RA Government

Within the framework of the Disaster Zone State Housing Program, 44 houses have been built through government funding.

According to the RA Government 1339-N Decision, made on November 22, 2018, AMD 458 mln. was allocated from the state budget for the completion of 44 half-built houses in 13 rural communities of the province.

For the implementation of the project, the RA Government is partnering with the Fuller Center for Housing Armenia Charitable Non-Governmental Organization.

Now, the hard memories of living in a metal containers over 30 remain in the past.







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### Partnership with VivaCell-MTS

AMD 119,5 million (over \$250,000) invested

46 families in 35 communities of 10 regions in Armenia assisted

In 8 years, 208 families assisted through decent housing

Partnership with the International Commite of the Red Cross (ICRC)

2019 was also successful with continuing partnership with the International Committee of the Red Cross with 21 families assisted.

Altogether, in 10 years, 178 families assisted.



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In 2019, Fuller Center for Housing Armenia was honored to host ten Global Builder volunteer teams, led by Abie Alexander, Cynthia Erickson, Nicole Simmons, Jacqueline Elchemmas, Leo and Sona Manuelian, Abraham Ouzounian, Barbara Hovsepian, Bootsaba Shaffer with two teams and a non GB team led by Ara Guekguezian.



GB team, led by Abie Alexander



GB team , led by Nicole Simmons



GB team, led by Cynthia Erickson



GB team, led by Jacqueline Elchemmas



GB team, led by Leo and Sona Manuelian



GB team , led by Barbara Hovsepian



GB team, led by Bootsaba Shaffer



GB team, led by Abraham Ouzounian



Team, led by Ara Guekguezian



GB team, led by Bootsaba Shaffer

## 18 Local and International Volunteers



UWC Dilijan College



Best Western Congress Hotel Yerevan



ACYOA





Engineer Armenia Program Team



Armenian Assembly of America

CYMA

When we get our hands together we make the impossible! These teams dedicated their time and efforts for more families to live in decent housing!





AGBU Discover Armenia



Armenia Marriott Hotel Yerevan



Teach for Armenia



**KPMG** Armenia



U.S. Embassy Yerevan

## Advisory Committee

People who have been committed to assisting families in housing need in Armenia over many years, who give themselves to the mission of eliminating poverty housing in Armenia.



Mr. & Mrs. Manuelian NJ, USA



Jacqueline ElChemmas MI, USA



Cynthia Erickson MN, USA



Abraham Ouzounian Der Yeprem Kelegian WI, USA WI, USA



Barbara Hovsepian NJ, USA



Kristi Rendahl MN, USA



Beth Broussalian CA, USA



Susan Bosovich MI, USA



Suzanne Daghlian Armenia



Larissa Printzian CA,USA



Michael Candan NY, USA



Patricia Zerounian CA, USA

#### **FCHA Board Members**

Ashot Yeghiazaryan Karen Minasyan Lilit Matevosyan Varduhy Lavchyan Tatevik Ayvazyan Artash Ayvazyan Anna Pepanyan President of the Board, ED of "Katsaran" NGO Member Member Member Member Member Member Member

#### FCHA Staff

Armen Avetisyan Margarita Ohanyan Zarouhy Geymanyan Ruzanna Sakanyan Alla Asatryan Astgh Yeghiazaryan Gohar Vardanyan Hakob Umroyan Melik Petrosyan Jivan Azaryan Armen Tumanyan Aram Sakanyan Sona Azaryan Executive Director Finance Manager Accountant Resource Development Manager Marketing and Office Manager Database Coordinator Program Coordinator, Yerevan Site Construction Manager Construction Supervisor Construction Manager, Lori Region Construction Engineer, Lori Region Supplier, Lori Region Program Coordinator, Lori Region

### Statement of Activities (in US Dollars) January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019

#### **REVENUES**

Local income (nom local fondraising)	
Cash Contributions - Individual	\$9 913
Cash Contributions - Churches	
Cash Contributions - Companies	\$344 964
Cash Contributions - Government Agencies	\$1 139 601
In-Kind Contributions	
House Payments	\$205 183
Other Income	\$227
Total Local Income	\$1 699 888
Transfers from FCH	
Cash Transfers from FCH - Undesignated	\$20 000
Cash Transfers from FCH - Designated	\$128 742
Cash Transfers from FCH - Global Builders	\$25 993
Total from FCH	\$174 735

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#### **TOTAL REVENUE**

\$1 874 623

### Statement of Activities (in US Dollars) January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019

#### **EXPENSES**

Home Construction Costs	\$1 291 333
Vehicle Acquisition	\$41 236
Salary - Program	\$63 838
Salary - Administration	\$94 166
Advertising	\$1 420
Office Expenses	\$35 972
Utilities and Telephone	\$5 198
Repair and Maintenance	\$24 720
Taxes	\$1 071
Miscellaneous	\$21 790
Travel- Programs	\$1 342
Volunteer Expenses	\$4 836
Bank Charges - Admin	\$820
Transfers to other affiliates	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1 587 742
Net Assets	\$66 794
Net Assets at the Beginning of the Year	\$1 874 623
Net Assets at the End of the Year	\$353 675

# 24 Statement of Operating Expenses (in US Dollars) January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019

LINE ITEM	PROGRAM	ADMIN, PR	TOTAL
	SERVICES	& FR	
Costs of Homes - Materials	\$1 273 959	\$0	\$1 273 959
Costs of Homes - Transportation	\$10 330		\$10 330
Costs of Homes - Legal	\$7 044		\$7 044
Payroll Taxes & Employee Benefits	\$63 838	\$94 166	\$158 004
Salaries			\$0
Telephone		\$2 978	\$2 978
Travel and Meetings		\$1 342	\$1 342
Depreciation			<b>\$</b> 0
Vehicle Acquisition		\$41 236	\$41 236
Repair and Maintenance	\$21 625	\$3 095	\$24 720
Utilities		\$2 220	\$2 220
Office Expenses		\$35 972	\$35 972
Volunteer Expenses	\$4 836		\$4 836
Communication and Advertising		\$1 420	\$1 420
Miscellaneous		\$21 790	\$21 790
Bank Charges - Admin		\$820	\$820
Taxes		\$1 071	\$1 071
Transfers to Other Affiliates (Other than Tithe) \$0			
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$1 381 632	\$206 110	\$1 587 742,0

#### Balance Sheet (in US Dollars) December 31, 2019

CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$321 831
Prepaid Expenses	\$31 844
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$353 675
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	
Vehicles	\$77 516
Furniture & Fixtures	\$8 825
TOTAL PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	\$86 341
Net Mortgage Receivable - Long Term	
Mortgage Receivable - Long Term	\$3 854 274
Mortgage Receivable - House payments	\$-1 215 808
Total Net Mortgage Receivable - Long Term	\$2 638 466

#### **TOTAL ASSETS**

\$3 078 482

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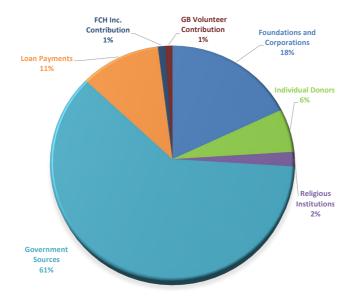
#### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES:	
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	
Deferred Liabilities	
Notes Payable	
Line of Credit	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$0
LONG TERM PAYABLES	
Grants related to assets	\$2 638 466
TOTAL LONG-TERM PAYABLES	\$2 638 466
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$2 638 466
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$440 016
Undesignated	
Unrestricted Net Assets/Total Net Assets	\$440 016

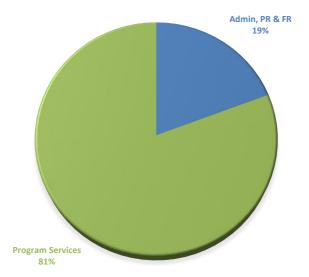
#### TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

\$3 078 482

#### FCHA Principal Sources of Income January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019



#### FCHA Functional Expenses January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019



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#### **Our Donors**

January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019

\$1,000,000 AND UP	\$5,000-\$10,500
Lori Municipality	Anush Kelegian
	Bogosian Quigley Foundation
\$250,000 AND UP	Knights of Vartan
VivaCell-MTS	Joseph Strazzulla
	Anonymous
\$50,000-\$100,000	Charles Takesian
International Committee of	Triple X Fraternity Sequoia Chapter
the Red Cross (ICRC)	Madeleine Malayan
	HIKE Armenia
\$20,000-\$30,000	Samson A. Benjamin
Focus on Children Now	Pastor Ara Guekguezian and
St. John Armenian Apostolic Church	Knar Guekguezian
of San Francisco	
Sandra Shahinian	\$1,000 - \$4,999

#### Anonymous

Bakradouny Lodge 38 Incorporated Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, Dr. Gary and Linda Assorian Fund Community Foundation of New Jersey Hajina Hajinlian Family Fund Daughters of Vartan - Grand Council Doro Tegnazian, IV Dr. and Mrs. Bedros and Marine Afeyan Dr. Myron and Noury Mikaelian Edna Keleshian Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund Heather Banoub J. A. Gulekjian, M.D. Julie Mae Mouser Lovell Stewart Halebian Jacobson LLP Mallory Maslar Mr. and Mrs. Antranig Berberian Mr. and Mrs. Toros H. Mangassarian Mr. Shant Mardirossian Peter and Anna-Lyn Quintal

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**Benny and Carol Cespedes** 

Bootsaba Shaffer

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## 1 36 Join Our Mission!

#### #1 Become Global Builder Volunteer

Join our short-term, 7- to 14-day volunteer trips designed to promote teamwork and offer a spiritual experience in a cross-cultural setting. By working within the local host community, participants have the unique opportunity to personally witness and contribute to the Fuller Center for Housing Armenia's goal to eliminate substandard housing in Armenia.

#### Who Can Volunteer with Us

Families and individuals of different ages and nationalities. Our most senior volunteer was 86 years old. (We require that children of 14-16 years of age join with guard/elder people)

#### What You Do as a Volunteer

1. Help build a home for a deserving Armenian family in need of decent housing. Thousands of Armenian families are living in metal containers, unfinished houses, or other substandard temporary shelters. No construction skills are needed, just an open heart and a willingness to work.

2. Visit the breathtaking historical sites of Armenia and try the local organic food!

#### How to Register

- 1. Go to http://fullercenter.org/register/
- 2. Click "Register" and fill out the simple online form
- 3. Fill out an online waiver
- 4. Pay the registration fee

#### Trip Cost

\$1,000 - \$1,200 one-week option \$1,600 - \$1,800 two-week option plus round-trip airfare. Trip Cost Includes:

1. Lodging, food, ground transportation, cultural excursions, orientation materials, basic tools for use at the building site, traveller's medical insurance, and transfers to and from the Yerevan airport (EVN)

2. A donation of \$400 to FCHA, which is used to build more homes for low-income families.

#### #2 Raise Awareness

Go out into the world and let everyone know about the Fuller Center for Housing Armenia. We can provide promotional materials and videos for church, university and community presentations.

#### #3 Help Us Fundraise

Ask family, friends, and coworkers to support our mission. Think about commemorating a special occasion with a donation to FCHA. Help us give hope to homeless Armenian families.

#### #4 Give a Gift!

Since 2008, the Fuller Center for Housing Armenia has assisted 691 families in need of decent housing. This success has been made possible thanks to our wonderful supporters.

#### Home Sponsorship Costs:

Completion of a half-built home: \$10,500 Home renovation: \$2,900

Whether you donate \$5, \$10, \$50, \$50, \$100, \$500 or more, it will make a significant positive impact in the life of the families in need of decent housing.

# International Facts and Figures 2019 (FCH Inc.)

#### Finances (1 July-31 December)

Resources raised locally (donations + repayments + Gift-in kind): \$2,390,000 Overall average: 74% of all income Leading the way: Armenia (\$1,699,888), El Salvador (\$414,843), and Bolivia (\$123,402)

Average fundraising + administrative expense: 17.3% Leading the way: Thailand (3.5%), Madagascar (4.5%), Uganda (5.1%), Puerto Rico (7.6%)

Mortgages fully repaid or current: 75% Leading the way: Armenia, Ghana, Madagascar, and Uganda (100%)

#### **Board of Directors**

The average size of the Board of Directors: 6 The average number of times Board has met in the last 12 months: 4 Leading the way: India (12), Thailand (11)

#### Construction

Total house projects completed in the last 12 months: 303 (up 9%) Leading the way: Armenia (131), El Salvador (40), and Madagascar(25) Breakdown: 127 new homes, 124 major projects, 52 minor repairs

Total houses completed all-time outside the USA: 2,500 (exactly!) Leading the way: Armenia (822), El Salvador (367), and Haiti (236). Breakdown: 1,413 new homes, 723 major projects, 362 minor repairs

## To support our program

## YOU CAN:

### Donate online at

www.fcharmenia.org

Or send a check to:

The Fuller Center for Housing PO Box 523 Americus, GA 31709, USA

Please add "Armenia" in the memo line.

(Donations are tax-deductible)

If sending donations from outside the U.S., please e-mail: fcarmenia@fcharmenia.org



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