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Years of Changing Lives

Newsletter
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This is Areg, 11 years old. He is the superhero of our 15th Anniversary Campaign as he has ascended almost all the mountain peaks to help us raise awareness and raise funds to assist more families.

This year, we at FCH Armenia are celebrating our 15th anniversary of serving Armenian families in housing need. Hence, we initiated a campaign to assist 15 more families with housing need by ascending 15 mountain peaks.

“Climbing up the mountains is full of challenges and adventures, and the road to our 15th anniversary was full of challenges too. And we thought that it would be the best way to make our 15th anniversary memorable by overcoming all the challenges that mountains may offer looking ahead to the future, to the eyes of the new challenges that are hidden for us in the next 15

years; it’s like getting the ball rolling and embarking on a new journey for the next 15 years by overcoming the challenge of transforming the lives of 15 families,” said Ashot Yeghiazaryan, FCH Armenia President.

We have already ascended 12 mountains. So far, we have 6 house sponsorships received and one house sponsorship commitment.

Our last peak is going to be the highest peak on the territory of Armenia, Mount Aragats (4,090m), and that will be our last peak to be conquered.



15th Year of Hosting Global Builders Volunteer Teams

During our 15 years of hosting Global Builders volunteer teams, our volunteers have always been the cornerstone of our mission.

With everyone having a busy life, it is hard to find time to volunteer; however, FCH Armenia has always been blessed with many volunteers during all those years, and many of them keep coming; they have become an indispensable part of our mission

With busy lives, it can be hard to find time to volunteer.

However, the benefits of volunteering can be enormous. Volunteering offers vital help to people in need, but the benefits can be even greater for the volunteer. It can help one to find friends, connect with the community, learn new skills, and even advance one's career.

This summer, we have already hosted six teams with three more teams to be hosted in September. During all those years, we have already hosted 89 Global Builders volunteer teams, and we hope to hit the 100th in 2024.



GB team, led by Jackie Melkonian Elchemmas



GB team led by Sanjay Rodrigo



GB team, led by Nicole Atesian Simmons



"All those years were full of challenges and hardships, but the accomplishments made the journey full of jubilation and motivation to work diligently to assist more families. Our aim is to keep raising awareness, hosting more GB Volunteer teams, and raising more funds to assist more families as the housing need is still high in Armenia."

*Ashot Yeghiazaryan,
FCH Armenia President*

*Of all the builds I have done, this has been the best cultural experience.
Very deep understanding of Armenian history, people and culture.*

*Thai Nguyen
FCH Armenia GB Volunteer team member*



GB team, led by Abe Ouzounian



GB team, led by Elizabeth Rustigian



GB team, led by John Mangassarian



The Ripple Effect; Building Homes with Love

Willingness to create stronger bonds with the Homeland, a stronger sense of community service, endless love shared with the families who have longed for a decent home for many years... and here is the ripple effect of the long-time partnership with the Armenian Church Youth Organization of America (ACYOA) ASP program, AGBU Discover Armenia, Armenian Assembly of America, AGBU Discover Armenia, and Armenian Volunteer Corps (AVC). The teams did colossal work helping two families to come a step closer to their long-awaited dream home.

"I joined my first Fuller Center for Housing build in 2002, when I was volunteering with AVC. 21 years later, I re-joined them on my second build, this time working with AVC. In that time, Fuller Center's mission has remained the same, but their work and team has grown in terms of commitment and dedication. They provide an immensely gratifying experience for many Diasporans and non-Armenians to do good for families in need."

*Arina Zohrabian
Armenian Volunteer Corps (AVC) Executive Director*



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