



# ARTSAKH PROJECT

FULLER CENTER FOR HOUSING ARMENIA

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# REPORT

*Building Homes,  
Communities  
and a Homeland*

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**H**ome is the Harbor for everyone. The place where a person gets the rest of the storms of life difficulties, where find the strength to fight again, where he can re-build and create again. For Armenian's this Harbor is more valuable, because they have met war and detraction, because they aren't recovered from the wounds of war. The Home for Armenian's is the plaster that gives hope and helps to wait to bright future.

May is a month of victories for Armenian's. The Artsakh project lanced on May 28. The Fuller Center for Housing Armenia team with the Prime Minister of the Republic of Artsakh, Ara Harutyunyan marked the official launch of the Artsakh project. The launch of the program in the Republic of Artsakh coincided with the day of the Declaration of Independence of Armenia as well as the launch of the FCHA's 300th house construction-three celebrations in a day.

Trough Artsakh project 3 families in Berdzor now enjoy having their safe and comfortable houses.

The success of the first phase of Artsakh project is inspiring for Fuller Center for Housing Armenia and it is a matter of conscience and action.

The success of our work depends on our sponsors, whose philanthropy and good will makes the true cherished dream of the Armenian family's.

I hope that together many houses will be built not only in Berdzor but also in Artsakh.

Ashot Yeghiazaryan

Fuller Center for Housing Armenia President



## Avagyan family



The Avagyans are one of those families who moved to Berdzor in 1997 to populate and strengthen it after Nagorno-Kharabagh conflict. Janik and Khachanush believed that they could have their contribution in the development of the newly born and liberated country; their three sons were also inspired by the same feelings and ideas. Two of their sons have now their own houses and families in Berdzor. Today they live together with the second son's, Romanos's family of seven.

In 2001 Romanos got married and had to move from one place to another in search of better living conditions for his parents and family. In 2011 the local administration of Berdzor provided Romanos Avagyan's family with a house as they were considered an extended family.

The only income of the family comes from beekeeping and farming which is of course not enough to raise five children and rehabilitate the house to have very simple housing conditions with a kitchen, a bathroom and a safe roof.



**"This is a kind of miracle - the best miracle for the New Year. I can't find words of gratitude... The support of FCHA was vital for my family. Thank you, may God bless you for the good work you do!"**

*Armenuhy Yakubyan,  
a young mother of five*



## Khachatryan family



Lyudvig and his parents lost their home during the Nagorno-Karabagh conflict when their village - Maragha- was invaded by Azeri and up to now it remains under their control.

Lyudvig has met his future wife in Berdzor, the latter had moved to Berdzor from the city of Masis, Ararat region, Republic of Armenia .

The family had to earn their living and build a home at the same time. The Khachatryans managed to build two small rooms during the first 4 years, lived there for a while but soon they sold it and left for earning their living abroad. Later in 2010 the couple returned to their homeland. They managed to buy a dilapidated house with only walls built and deteriorated leaking roof.

They renovated the roof with the support of the local municipality. Since then they have been trying to finish the construction but couldn't.



**"My parents are hardworking people who do whatever is possible to earn a living for our family, but that's only enough to live on. Words can't describe the gratitude that I want to express to the generous supporters and FCHA for the greatest gift of my life. We met the New Year in our decent home-the home of my dreams.. Thank you!"**  
*Lilit Khachatryan, 18 years old*





## Gasparyan family



The Gasparyan family lives in the town of Berdzor, Artsakh Republic. The family have passed through many hardships during the Artsakh Liberation War and lived with the hope to one day see their town rehabilitated, full of life and joy. In 1995, after the war, the family got a deteriorated house without a kitchen, bathroom and other basic necessities. The life in such conditions was not happy and easy at all. The boys were getting older and the family expenses were getting higher and it was getting harder and harder to meet the everyday family needs and to improve the housing conditions at the same time. The rainy autumns and harsh winters made life in the house even more unbearable.

Sargis works as a mechanic at a Road Construction Company, his wife, Armine, works at Kharabagh Telecom as an operator. Their sons have graduated from local school; Tigran, the eldest son, has graduated from Goris branch of State University, the faculty of History; now they both serve in the army.

Somehow Sargis managed to create some simple conditions at home. Each year he was trying to add something to have a place one could call a home, a home he dreamed of when fighting for the liberation of his land.

*"At war all of us believed in the bright future, we dreamed how we would promote the country. Many thanks to the generous people for supporting us to overcome the hardships and leave the life full of difficulties far behind. This will be the best gift for my sons. And I am sure their families will be happy here."*

~Sargis Gasparyan





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