

Merry Christmas



Dear partners and friends,



The year 2010 is approaching to its end and in a few days the New Year will begin. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a very happy new year. May the 2011 be healthy and very successful year with a lot of achievements for you and we wish that it brings more joy, happiness and love to you and to your families.

On behalf of Habitat for Humanity International, especially on behalf of Habitat for Humanity Armenia, we would like to extend our sincere thanks and deepest appreciation to you who provided valuable contributions of funds, volunteer hours and prayers to help us fulfill the mission of Habitat for Humanity in Armenia and worldwide. We wish you a prosperous new year and are looking forward to continuing our partnership.
Habitat for Humanity Armenia staff.

Happy to Serve More Families in 2011

On November 26 2010, Habitat Armenia organized Fundraising Jazz Dinner which was dedicated to the 10th Anniversary of Habitat for Humanity's operation in Armenia. As a result of the 10 years' active functioning, Habitat Armenia has served more than 600 families and simple, decent and affordable homes for approximately 1200 children and their parents.

The event featured Malkhas Jazz Band with its wonderful music. About 100 representatives of the government, international and local organizations, as well as embassies and consulates located in Armenia joined the event and had their contribution in our mission.

The event was sponsored and supported by Armenia Marriott hotel, HSBC bank Armenia and Malkhas Jazz band, as well as by Prudence law firm, Zeppelin Armenia, Noyan juice factory, Envoy hostel and "Ayrudzi" hippodrome and individuals.

Habitat for Humanity Armenia, dedicated to its mission to provide simple, decent and affordable housing to low income families, is currently implementing housing renovation projects in Tavush, Lori, Gegharkunk regions and in Nor Kharberd village of Ararat.

The funds raised at the event (\$ 4,163) will be used to improve housing conditions of low income families in the region of Tavush.



New Year Habits in Armenia

Leyla Hovakimyan shares her feelings:

According to old Armenian customs and traditions no Armenian should lock the door and go somewhere else for the New Year. Our family remains faithful to our ancestors' traditions and stay at our home for the New Year celebration. For our family the New Year starts on December 25, when we decorate our Christmas tree. I enjoy making a variety of dishes for the New Year. I cook dolma (grape leaves or cabbage stuffed with meat, rice, and spices), quuftah (prepared from minced veal), blinchik (pies stuffed with fried meat, rice and spices), chops, salads and vegetable dishes. After we clink glasses and wish success to each other, Santa Claus knocks at the door with a large sack on his shoulder.

Since my childhood the New Year has been a holiday when all my dreams come true. The old year takes all the bad things with it and the New Year brings something new. The New Year means new hopes for me and my family.

The year 2010 was very prosperous for my family. We renovated our home. This was the biggest achievement our family had ever had. A lot has changed in our life since we renovated our home. One day my son opened his eyes and pronounced "Mum, is this our home?" We are very happy and are looking forward to welcoming the New Year in our renovated home.

May success attend Habitat for Humanity Armenia! Thank you!



A CALL TO ACTION

To be able to serve more families, HFH Armenia is seeking help among its friends and partners. We believe that together we can achieve that, thanks to your support through donations and volunteers' efforts. We welcome any size of contribution which will immediately be used towards serving families.

What you can do

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THANK YOU!

VOLUNTEER!

Come and build with a family in need.
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