

Vayots Dzor region, Arpi village Sargsyan family story

Father Hayk 37 years old Mother Zaruhi 29 years old Daughter Sofi 10 years old Daughter Mari 7 years old

The Sargsyans started their house construction in 2007 after the family's eldest son got married. They used to live with Hayk's parents and his brother's family— there were nine people in the house. For the two growing families the house was too small.

The family's income comes from cattle breeding, beekeeping, and farming, but even this amount of income is just enough to support the family and to do minor construction work.

For many years Hayk and his brother had to earn their living abroad, but Hayk's father Mayis had health issues and needed urgent heart surgery, so they came back home.

"We are a very united family; we know how to pass through difficulties by supporting each other. I would like my children keep on being united and devoted to their families when they grow up. I believe someday we'll be able to celebrate the blessing of our new home, and my children will start building their own futures, keeping our example of a strong family in their minds. And, more important, keeping in mind people of good will who are ready to help and support those in housing need and help them to build for their futures," said Hayk. "Thank you for your support. Nobody knows how many more years we would have waited to see the house of our dreams completed."

This year the Sargsyan family was selected as a FCHA partner family. Hopefully, by the end of Fall they will move into their simple, decent, and affordable house.