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HELPING THE FORGOTTEN YOUTH OF ROMANIA TO HELP THEMSELVES

## Christmas 2012

### Dear friend and supporter of Fundatia New Life

*Another year has gone now, with its goods and bads; with some difficulties but also, with many blessings! We are blessed to have such dedicated supporters who continued to support us and our work in Amara over the past year.*

*As we did in the last newsletters, we will continue by introducing to you another member of the staff at Amara.*

*Gigica has a very interesting story to tell you! I will give her now the opportunity to share with you how she got to work for Fundatia.*

**Marius Istrate**  
Project director

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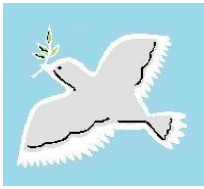


My name is Georgeta Bandrabur and I work for Fundatia New Life since 2005. The first time I came to the house was to help the staff there when the cook retired and Marius needed someone to prepare the food for the boys until a new cook was to be found. I came for 3 weeks, day by day, and I had the chance to get to know the boys living at the house.

Even though I've never worked in this field before and never had anything to do with this kind of boys, I've never felt uncomfortable or scared by them or by their health condition. During the first 3 weeks at the house, I also got to know the staff and from the very first day I've met them I realized that they all got something special, like a gift from God.

Every person that works here is a special person and they all have the strength to care for these boys, to understand them and to feel what they feel.





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In time, I got to know everyone's story and to hear all about their very hard life in different institutions and how their life has changed since they came to the house. I even had the chance to learn a lesson from one of the boys that has made me see life from a different perspective. One day, we were all sitting in the big room, chatting, as we do every day after lunch. Talking to Fanel, I asked him what does he like the most. And he said „ I like **the life**, I like **to live**”. I never expected this answer from him. Even though we think he had a very hard life, I was surprised to see how much he loves the life and to be alive!



The house they live in at the moment, their home, is the place that everyone of us can wish for. With the financial help from our supporters and a lot of dedication and passion from the staff, we've turned the place in to a wonderful home. Every day we try to bring something new in the house, like a special decoration or a craft. And, together, staff & boys, we try to keep the place clean!



Before I came to work for FNL, I used to work as a tailor in a big company. As we do have an old sewing machine at the house, I've realized that Fanel is very interested on that. He learned how to use it and now he is even able to make an apron on his own. Still, we do have a problem: we can never find enough fabric for Fanel as when he gets some, he will never stop until it is all used!!! Working for FNL has changed me and it has changed my life. I've learned to value more the small things and to give praise to God for everything I have.

In the end, I would like to thank to all of our supporters for your dedication and for making our work possible. Together, we've changed the life of the seven boys at Amara.

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*Thank you, Gigica, for sharing your story with us! And we all hope that you will be part of the Amara family for as long as possible!*

*In the name of each one of the boys living at Amara, I would like to wish a very „Happy Christmas” to all of our friends and supporters who have been with us over the years! May God bless you all and reward you for your generosity!*

*Merry Christmas and a happy 2013!*