



Easter 2017

Dear supporter and friend of Fundatia New Life

The spring has come again and that means it's time to write to all of our friends.

Writing a newsletter it is always a big challenge as I have to think of which are the best things to bring to the attention of the reader. But writing the Easter newsletter it's even more challenging for me as I usually start working on it at the end of February and that is the time when we celebrate the opening of The Amara House.

On 24th of February we celebrated 14 years since the opening. 14 years since we have decided to take the step and become fully responsible for the lives of the seven abandoned children that were living, at that time, in placement centre nr. 5.

The 24th of February 2003 it's a day that I will always remember! It was the day when, with your fantastic support, the lives of seven disabled children started to change.



February 2003



Today

Each year, at the end of February, I take a moment to look back and I try to see the differences. I try to remember how the boys used to be and how they are today; what the house looked like when we moved in and how it looks today. And what do I see? I see an enormous difference!



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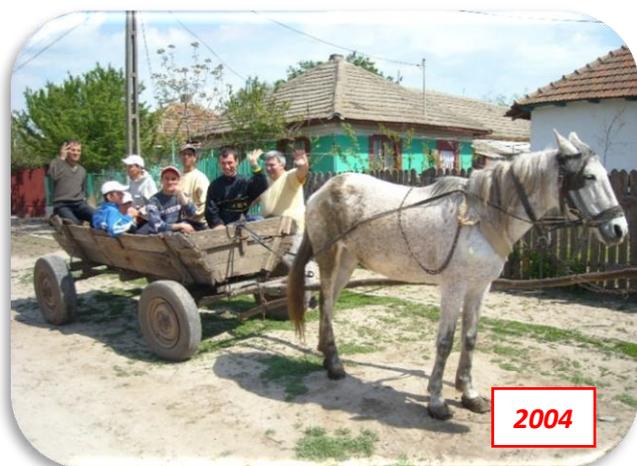
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I see a difference in each one of the boys. Now, they look healthy, well fed, happy and more like „normal“ boys of their age. They feel usefull and with a lot more confidence. They have a lot of friends that visit them regularly.

I see a difference in the house. At the moment of purchase, the house was perfect for what they needed. As they have turned from children in to young adults, their needs were different and they needed more space. Now, the house is slightly bigger and better adapted to the boys needs.



One of the most important activities at the house is going out to explore the outside world. Now, we use a minibus instead of a horse and cart, for our trips around Amara.



When I realize how much their lives have changed in the last 14 years, I instantly think of the people who have made this possible. Without your generous support none of this would have happened.

But alongside with the good things that happened over the years, I also see the difficulties. Constant changing of the law, the standards we have to meet, and the most important, the montly expenses that grow in an alarming way!

Today, 50% of the money we need comes from Romania and that is a great achievement. Even so, we continually face financial pressures as costs go up and this is why we ask you to continue to support our work. Without it, we will not be able to continue our good work and these boys will end up on the streets.

Meeting our supporters has always been a priority for us as a charity. This is why I try to visit the UK once a year. For those of you who are interested I will be available from the 20th of April to the 3rd of May. As usual, I will be based in Littlehampton and I will travel around as needed. If you wish to meet me over a cup of tea and hear more about the boys, just send me an email at amarahouse@fundationewlife.com and we will work something out.

Looking forward to meet as many of you as possible during my visit! Happy Easter!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The registered address for Fundatia New Life in UK has changed

The new address is:

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