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Dear supporter of Fundatia New Life,

As some of you might know already, beginning autumn 2009, a new trustee has joined the team due to Hugh's retirement.

Even Hannah has been to Romania before and she had contact with romanian orphanages we agreed that she must come to Amara to meet our boys and see the work we do.

Therefore, in December, Hannah came over to visit the house. We would like to offer her the possibility to tell you her impresion following the visit.

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My name is Hannah Morrell and I am the newest trustee to Fundatia New Life. I have been looking forwards to writing this newsletter to not only introduce myself to you but to tell you all about my experience at Amara House.



I am a teacher at Christ's Hospital school and I have previously been to Romania to work on a project in Bradet with the school. This is where I met Tina O'Reilly and learned all about FNL, the boys and the charities need for help. As a result I have been a trustee since September.



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Along with getting to know the fellow trustees I also knew it was hugely important for Marius, the boys and all the of the staff at the house to meet me as well as me meeting them and gaining more of an understanding of how the programme works.



Tina and I knew that it would be cold in Romania in December, we also knew there were high chances of snow, especially as there had been a few flakes here in England. What we were met with though was a winter wonderland which seemed to have transported us back in time.



The cars and buildings of Romania, as we travelled from Bucharest to Slobozia, seem to be from decades ago. Seeing this with the carts still used in Amara you realise that Romania is very much a mixture of technological development and hands on natural hard work.





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When we arrived at the house it was quite late and yet we were met with the warmest of welcomes literally as Sandu and Fanel had stayed up to greet us and we entered the house to escape from the snowy conditions. After a tour of the house, which was very open and friendly with lots of Christmas decorations, it was time to rest. The following day it was a great opportunity to meet most of the other boys Gabi, Vali, Emil and Marius we spent time making decorations, putting puzzles together laughing and taking photos.



Later we were joined by Sandu and Fanel who had been doing their chores and brought in some of the new puppies (just a few of the animals that they care for). The first thing you notice about all the boys is not their disabilities it is how happy they are and how much love they have to give, bashful at times but when given care and attention you can't help but be magnetised to them, to join them and help them. They would put a smile on anyone's face.

One of the other important things that Tina and I wanted to do was to visit the apartments where some of the older boys live in Slobozia, as well as Adrian's flat. It was very worthwhile meeting one or two of the boys, seeing the flats and witnessing how proud they are of their possessions. Along with the other boys, Adrian is incredibly proud with where he lives and has worked very hard on the premises, including saving for, buying and building his own cabinets. When you meet Adrian you really get the sense of what a success FNL can be, and just how much of difference it can make to someone's life. I felt genuinely honoured to be shown his home.





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After all the visits, playing, snowball fights, Christmas festivities and animals it was time to think about travelling back to England, the worry was whether we would be able to get to the airport and would our flight be able to take off? Well after a nerve wrecking journey and wait we were very lucky indeed and got back to England on time. I do feel that I have left a part of me in Romania and I look forward to my next visit. Amara house is a special place, full of special people and giving. It was very worthwhile to see how much

of an impact the staff has made on the lives of the boys and I hope they can continue to be happy with the help of the charity.

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As all the other visitors that came at the house, Hannah had a great time with our boys. She already misses them and she promised to do her best as a trustee so the charity can continue to support our work.

The newsletter gives me the opportunity to invite you to visit our new website, www.fundationnewlife.com. We apologise for taking such a long time to set it up but now it is done and it is updated regularly with news and photos. Comments and suggestions are welcome at all times!