



FUNDATIA NEW LIFE

Stonehall Farmhouse, Stonebow Road, Drakes Broughton, Pershore, Worcestershire

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Dear friend and supporter of Fundatia,



The time passes so quick and it is time already for another newsletter! As usual, it is my job to update you with news on the boys and on our work at the house.

In my previous newsletter I was telling you how important it is for the boys to have a life like any other boys would have in a normal family. Even though our boys were abandoned soon after their birth and they lived their entire childhood in different orphanages or care institutions, I like to believe that the last 20 years, since in the care of Fundatia New Life, they lived a happy life, with the best possible care.

In Romania, in the orthodox belief, tradition is very important. All major events in someone's life (the baptism, the wedding day, the funeral and the time after that) are carefully planned. This is why, when Fanel has passed away, I have promised to myself that Fundatia will do the best to carry on the tradition in his memory. Therefore, one year after his funeral, the wooden cross was replaced with a cement one, just like any Romanian family would do for their loved one! And we all loved Fanel!

Gabi, who was Fanel's best friend at the house, often asks if we can go to visit Fanel at the cemetery.



The boys have grown! I cannot even call them young adults anymore! They are mature adults now and their needs are different compared to 20 years ago! Their medical needs are different and the costs with medical care have raised in the last couple of years! Just to give you an idea, we are spending over £200 each month on diapers and bed sheets. It's the price we must pay to keep the boys and the house away of the urine smell! And that was one of the things that the house was always appreciated for: lack of urine smell, unlike many other similar facilities.

The boys' health was always a priority for Fundatia! Sometimes, a good health comes at a big price, especially for people like them, who have suffered from different diseases or syndromes since their birth. The best example to offer you is Emil, probably the sweetest person I have ever met!

Due to his Hurler Syndrome, his muscles are getting weak, making him unable to move and his bones are slowly twisting because the joints are affected by the syndrome. Although, from a medical point of view there is no treatment for this, a physiotherapist could help. Unfortunately, it is very difficult to find one and it is even more difficult to find one willing to come to the home.

This is the reason why, when I found someone, I just took the chance with no hesitation. I know this will add to the monthly costs but I am sure that it will improve Emil's condition. I have decided to put it all in God's hands and trust that somehow the money will be found to pay for the physiotherapy sessions. We are talking of £20/session, 2 sessions/week (8 sessions/month).



If there are people interested to help and pay for some of the costs with the physiotherapist for Emil, please, please let us know! Emil will be so grateful to you!

Meantime, I am grateful to all the local people that support our work in so many ways! I am pleased to see the Romanian students, led by their teachers, collecting food or cleaning products that are kindly donated to the house.



Every little thing helps! Food, toiletries, money... it all helps us to keep our work going! British, Romanians... we have all been working together for over twenty years to offer a home to the boys!

Your kindness reminds us that together, we can create a more inclusive and compassionate world. Your generosity and belief in our mission make a tangible difference in the lives of those we serve.

Thank you for being an essential part of our journey and for helping us build a brighter future.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year from all of us at the Amara House,

Marius Istrate,
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