



FUNDATIA NEW LIFE

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Christmas 2025

Dear friend and supporter of Fundatia,

As another year draws to a close, we want to extend our deepest gratitude to you — our loyal supporters who have stood with Fundatia New Life for more than 20 years. Your generosity has sustained Casa Amara through countless challenges and seasons, and we are honoured to share the progress and ongoing needs of our home in Amara.

As you might know from our previous newsletters over the years, as a Christian I do believe that God can make miracles (in situations when we do not see a solution for a problem). There are moments when you feel tired of trying and you are ready to give up! One of those moments just happened recently. In the last four years, Fundatia has tried really hard to obtain the Firefighters permit for Amara House. With the drastic changes in legislation following tragic events in the country, it felt almost impossible to obtain the permit from the Firefighters Department. We had to rebuild the ceiling with fireproof materials, we had to widen the bedroom doors and even had to instal a smoke detection sistem in order to meet the criteria.



New ceiling, made of fireproof materials



New, wider doors have been installed

It was a very difficult process that has taken a lot of money and energy. After four years of hard work, the miracle happened: we received the permit from the Firefighters departament! Why do I call that a miracle: because it came just at the right time! Very soon, our social service licence will expire. In order to apply for another five years licence, we had to have this permit!

This year continued to bring meaningful moments of growth for our young men. As always, our focus remains on dignity, routine, and purpose for them. Daily life at The House includes personal care, therapeutic activities, and opportunities for social engagement.



Visiting the local market on Amara City Days



The evolution

When we started the project, back in 2003, the total monthly running cost was less than £1000, covered 100% by UK donors. Our fantastic supporters have fully covered the costs for more than 10 years. Then, slowly, things have started to change. Romanians have learned that they must look after their own people, so now they are helping! As we speak, more than 70% of the monthly costs is covered with romanian funds! From food and medicines to toiletries and items needed for daily life, the romanians are helping!



The Challenge Ahead

After more than two decades of service, our financial challenges are still growing. Costs for food, utilities, medical care, and staffing continue to rise like never before — as do the unique demands of long-term care for adults with severe disabilities. Today, your support is just important as ever!

Unlike many large institutions, The Amara House operates with a deeply personal approach: every donation directly supports daily life and well-being for these young men. Our financial sustainability depends on supporters like you choosing to continue this journey with us.



How You Can Make a Difference This Winter

As the cold months approach, we invite you to consider:

- ***a recurring monthly gift***, to help us budget reliably through the year.
- ***a special year-end donation***, to close 2025 with strength and confidence.
- ***sharing our work with friends and family who may wish to support our mission.***

Your faithfulness has kept Amara House a place of joy, safety, and belonging for people whom society too often overlooks.

On behalf of Fundatia New Life, the staff, and the residents themselves, we thank you for standing with us through every season. This Christmas, as we reflect on the gift of love made visible through action, we invite you to continue being part of this story of hope. Together, we can ensure that Amara House remains not just a facility, but a true home — today and in the years to come.

May this holy season bring you peace, renewed faith, and the quiet joy of knowing that your generosity is changing lives.

With sincere gratitude and warm Christmas wishes,

Marius Istrate,
Project manager